PLANNING & ZONING MEETING
Minutes of June 16, 2015

The Alexandria Planning & Zoning Commission met in regular session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Dave Hart opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members answered roll call:

Present:  Dave Hart, Chair  James Glahn  Sonny Markus
           Ron Johnson  Rick Neltner

Absent:  Marty Hipple

Also:  Jan Johannemann, Asst. City Clerk  Carol Hofstetter, Zoning Admin.
       William T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  June 2, 2015

James Glahn questioned the outcome of the discussion on grass height section 3.8 under Old Business. Mr. Hart said the grass height has been changed from 10 to 8 inches with the new wording Mr. Duncan had provided them. Mr. Johnson said this wasn’t a new ordinance, just a change to an existing ordinance.

MOTION:  Ron Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rick Neltner. The motion passed 4-0-1. Mr. Glahn abstained.

VISITORS & GUESTS:  None

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Hart told the Commission that Dan Feldmann has been nominated by the Mayor and approved by Council for the Planning and Zoning Commission. He should join them for the first meeting in July. Dave Hart also said they need a Treasurer.

MOTION:  Rick Neltner nominated James Glahn, seconded by Ron Johnson.

MOTION:  Ron Johnson made a motion to close the nomination, seconded by Sonny Markus. The motion to nominate James Glahn as Treasurer passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Glahn abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Zoning Ordinances –

Dave Hart informed the Commission about sheds. If a shed is under 120 square feet, it could be placed three (3) feet from the rear and three (3) feet from the side property line. If it is 120 square feet or over, it must meet the setbacks of that zone. In most zones that’s 10 feet from the side line and all are 25 feet from the rear property line.

There was much discussion regarding the distance sheds should be from the property line. Three (3) feet was discussed as well as five (5) feet. Also it was discussed to have Carol review on an individual basis. Jamie Glahn would like to have five (5) feet from each property line, the rear and the side yard. The entire Commission agreed to amend the Ordinance for all sheds to be five (5) foot from the rear property line and five (5) foot from the side property line.

Carol Hofstetter said Mike Duncan will have more items for them to discuss for future meetings. Chairman Dave Hart said the Planning and Zoning Commission will get back into reviewing the Zoning Ordinances starting with signs and taking a thorough look at them. There was discussion
on window signs. Carol Hofstetter said she can't make anyone change what's existing. Carol Hofstetter asked the Commission to make a note of anything they think is in question.

INTERNAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Hart stated there were currently three invoices to be paid.

MOTION: Jamie Glahn made a motion for Karen Barto to pay the invoices, seconded by Sonny Markus. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Hart abstaining.

Council Report: Dave Hart again mentioned that Dan Feldmann will be their new member who will join them July 7th.

Correspondence: None

Other Items: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: James Glahn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rick Neltner. All in favor, the motion passed with a 4-0-1 vote with Mr. Hart abstaining. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Attested to and submitted by:

Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Dated 7-8-15

Dave Hart, Chair
Planning and Zoning

Dated 7/15