



**PLANNING & ZONING MEETING
Minutes of March 3, 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 Susie Thomas
 Marty Hipple

Also: Jan Johannemann, Asst. City Clerk Wm. T. Rachford, Jr., Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 17, 2015

MOTION: Sonny Markus made a motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2015, seconded by Susie Thomas. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-1 with Mr. Hart abstaining.

VISITORS & GUESTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

There was discussion at the last meeting about externally-lit signs at businesses along US 27. Mr. Hart did confirm that these signs are not permitted anywhere in the city according to the ordinance. Mr. Neltner asked if an illuminated sign would be okay but with a different lighting application to it. The ones in question were not supposed to have been lit externally. If there are three externally-lit signs already in the city, Mr. Neltner wondered if they could just re-position the lighting and allow these. Since the ordinance states no externally-lit signs, then the answer is no. Ms. Thomas agrees they should not be allowed if that is what the ordinance says. Maybe when the zoning ordinances are updated, this can be looked at. They would like Carol to give them an update at the next meeting. Mr. Neltner pointed out we are a business-friendly city and we should try to be fair and make everybody happy.

Mr. Hart has forwarded the Commissioners' concerns to the City Engineer about the Whistler's Pointe drainage concerns discussed at the last meeting.

Mayor Rachford said Thriftway has been sold. It will be renovated for The Bridge, which is a church now located in Wilder. They are working with an architectural firm who specializes in converting big box stores into religious buildings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Duncan is getting materials together on the changes to the zoning ordinance that had been discussed. Mr. Hart should have something for the next meeting.

Mr. Neltner asked if there is an ordinance on paint colors or building appearances, referring to the new cell phone business next to the Middle School that was painted orange. Mayor Rachford said he didn't know about colors, but the Code Enforcement Officer did cite them for code violations on the number of banners they had out. Mr. Hart said to his knowledge there is nothing about colors. Ms. Thomas said it is important that the city abide by the regulations.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Marty Hipple made a motion to adjourn, seconded by James Glahn. All in favor, the motion passed with a 6-0-1 vote with Mr. Hart abstaining. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Attested to and submitted by:



Karen M. Barto
City Clerk/Treasurer

Dated 3/18/15



Dave Hart, Chair
Planning and Zoning

Dated 3/17/15