



PLANNING & ZONING MEETING  
Minutes of November 17, 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 and the following members answering roll call:

Present: Dave Hart, Chair                      Sonny Markus                      Rick Neltner  
            Ron Johnson                              Marty Hipple                      Dan Feldmann  
            James Glahn

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 3, 2015

Mr. Neltner asked if there was an answer yet on the Constable sewer question. Mr. Hart said no. Also, the State has control over when a traffic study would be done, so the city wouldn't have much luck requesting our own study.

**MOTION:** Marty Hipple made a motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2015, seconded by Dan Feldmann. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-2 with Mr. Hart and Mr. Glahn abstaining.

**VISITORS & GUESTS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hart said right now, when a new business moves into a particular location where there is a pre-existing, non-conforming sign, that business would not be permitted to change the sign, or to bring it up to today's signage regulations. According to the ordinance, if any attempt is made to change the sign, it must come down. He thinks this is wrong, especially if someone is going to improve the sign. He would like to see some language in the zoning ordinance to address this and asked the commissioners to think about how this can be changed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Continued Discussion of Comprehensive Plan Update:**

Mr. Hart asked for a motion to set a public hearing date for the re-adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. He would like to get it done by the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, if possible.

**MOTION:** Dan Feldmann made a motion to schedule a public hearing on the re-adoption of the Comprehensive Plan for December 1<sup>st</sup> if possible, or as soon as possible, seconded by Sonny Markus. All in favor, the motion passed 6-0-1 with Mr. Hart abstaining.

Mayor Rachford asked if P&Z was planning on a second meeting in December if the public hearing could not be scheduled by the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Mr. Hart said yes, he would like to have this done by the end of the year.

Mr. Hart again reminded everyone about his plan to discuss the sign ordinance at the next meeting. Mr. Feldmann pointed out there is already language in the Zoning Ordinance that references non-conforming signs. Mr. Hart said the language states "changed in any manner", which is the language that needs updating. "In any manner" could simply mean changing a light bulb.

Mr. Johnson asked for an update on the Baptist Home. Mr. Hart said it was not on the agenda because the engineers didn't feel it was ready yet.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Dan Feldmann made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marty Hipple. All in favor, the motion passed with a 6-0-1 vote with Mr. Hart abstaining. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Attested to and submitted by:



Karen M. Barto  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Dated 12/8/15



Dave Hart, Chair  
Planning and Zoning

Dated 12/1/15