



**PLANNING & ZONING MEETING  
Minutes of April 4, 2017**

Chairperson Dave Hart opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the above date, with the Pledge of Allegiance and the following members answering roll call:

Present:	Dave Hart, Chair	Sonny Markus	Ron Johnson
	Rick Neltner	Nick Reitman	Randy Nehus
Absent:	Dan Feldmann		

Also Present: Carol Hofstetter, Zoning Administrator                      Jan Johannemann, Asst. City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 21, 2017**

**MOTION:** Ron Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2017 as submitted, seconded by Nick Reitman. All in favor, the motion passed 5-0-1 with Mr. Hart abstaining.

**VISITORS & GUESTS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hart referred to a handout from Carol Hofstetter on sections of the Zoning Ordinance concerning animal control and nuisances. Other communities have things in their regulations that are not addressed in the Alexandria zoning ordinance, i.e. handling animals that defecate in neighbors' yards and the number of farm animals permitted in a residential zone. Mr. Hart would like more specific language on fowl, rabbits, and other animals. There was much discussion on what to regulate, how to regulate it, whether there should be a limit on the number of chickens, what type of animal might be considered a pet, and whether or not a permit should be required.

Carol said the Zoning Ordinance does address odor, noise, or animals running loose, but there is nothing to address what was being discussed. The Commissioners need to revise the ordinance if they want to regulate these things. Mr. Hart would like to finalize this issue at the next meeting and asked everyone to be ready to make a decision at that time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Cluster Mailboxes** – If a subdivision has cluster mailboxes, more parking spaces are available and snow removal is easier. Mr. Neltner's mail carrier told him they are paid by the number of stops they make, and if there is a cluster mailbox station, that counts as just one stop. He suggested we might want to think about this if it affects someone's salary.

**2. Signs** – Mr. Hart said off-site real estate signs are not permitted and will be removed and left at the Maintenance Barn for agents to retrieve. Employers are now putting out signs off site to advertise for hiring. He thinks this is no different than an off-site real estate sign. Carol pointed out this could be a public service issue, so if a sign would be allowed for this and a permit is required, would the 14-day limit apply? In her opinion, any off-site advertising should not be permitted at all. Hiring signs must be on the property where the business is located, and they must obtain a permit for the sign if outside the building. After some discussion, Mr. Hart summarized the Commissioners' decision as follows: Off-site signs, whether for hiring, free health care, free yoga classes, are still signs that are not permitted.

Also discussed were advertisements on vehicles and what is permitted.

ORIGINAL

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Nick Reitman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sonny Markus. All in favor, the motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Attested to and submitted by:



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Karen M. Barto, City Clerk/Treasurer

Dated 4-19-17



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Dave Hart, Chair

Dated 4/18/17