

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Minutes

November 25, 2013

Eron Moore, Chairman	Present
Ronnie Allen	Present
Mark Burson	Present
John Pentecost	Present
Bill Perkins	Present

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and declared a quorum present.

Mr. Moore asked for the approval of the prior meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Allen to approve the prior meeting minutes of October 28, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perkins. The motion carried. 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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| 1. Wright Yoga | Appeal of an Administrative |
| Valerie Wright | Decision - denial of a Yoga Business |
| R+S Development, Property Owner | in an OI zoning classification |
| 755 Longleaf Boulevard | |
| Lawrenceville, GA 30046 | |
| 5-116-358 | |

Mr. Moore asked for a presentation from the Planning Department. Mr. Ferguson gave a report and stated that the applicant was denied an Occupational Tax Certificate for a Yoga business at the subject location because as the Zoning Ordinance states, the purpose of the OI District is "to provide for a wide range of office and institutional establishments, not involving the sale, storage or processing of merchandise". Mr. Ferguson explained that the applicant desired for the use to be seen as an accessory use in the OI zoning classification. Mr. Ferguson stated that a Yoga business is not of a nature customarily and subordinate to a CPA business and therefore should not be allowed as an accessory use. Furthermore, Mr. Ferguson stated that the use is most appropriate in a BG zoning classification because the proposed use is a retail or service store which most closely resembles either a gymnastics academy or martial arts studio.

Mr. Moore asked if the Board Members had any questions for Mr. Ferguson. There were none.

Mr. Moore asked if the applicant was present. Ms. Valerie Wright gave a presentation. Ms. Wright outlined her business model and explained the differences between her business and the traditional gym or fitness center. Ms. Wright stated that her classes would be minimal in size and focus more on mental and emotional healing. Ms. Sharlene

Randolf, a representative of the property owner, also spoke on behalf of the applicant. Ms. Randolph expressed that Ms. Wright was a good potential tenant for her and wished that the Board Members would consider granting the appeal.

Mr. Moore asked if the Board Members had any questions of the applicant. There were none. Mr. Moore asked if there was any opposition to the appeal. There was none. Mr. Moore then called for a motion. Mr. Allen made a motion to deny the appeal of an administrative decision. Mr. Pentecost seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0

Mr. Moore asked if there were any other reports from staff or Board members. Mr. Ferguson stated that the Board would be meeting in December.

Mr. Moore then called for a motion for adjournment. Mr. Pentecost made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Allen.0 seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0

Eron Moore, Chairman

Joshua M. Ferguson, Director
Planning and Zoning Department