

**Planning Commission
Minutes
January 23, 2012**

John Merrill	Present
Eron Moore	Present
Larry Still	Present
Bob Strickland	Present
Charlie Roberts	Present

Mr. Merrill called the meeting to order.

Mr. Merrill determined that a quorum was present.

Mr. Merrill called for approval of prior minutes. Mr. Roberts made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2011 meeting as presented. Mr. Strickland seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

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| 1. | SU-11-02
Lamar Advertising
365 Reynolds Road
7/012/035 | Allowance of a Billboard |
| 2. | SU-11-03
Lamar Advertising
185 Park Access Drive
7/011/138 | Allowance of a Billboard |

Mr. Merrill asked for a report from the Planning Department regarding the two items under Old Business. Mr. Billew stated that the two items were part of a settlement agreement between Lamar Advertising and the City Council. An agreement has taken place and the applicant withdrew the applications. No action by the Planning Commission is required.

NEW BUSINESS

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| 1. | RZ-11-04
Atlanta Church of God
395 West Pike Street
5/144/107 | LM to BG |
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Mr. Merrill asked for a report from the Planning Department. Mr. Ferguson gave the report and stated that because the lot is currently two different zoning classifications, in a preliminary meeting with the applicant staff encouraged the applicant to rezone the rear LM portion to BG to create a more uniform condition. Staff recommendation of the rezoning is for approval.

Mr. Merrill asked if the applicant was present. Mr. Gregory J. Dechko gave the presentation on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Dechko stated that the applicant, who is a division of the Lawrenceville Church of God, desires to locate a church on the property and plans to make significant upgrades to the building and property pursuant to the zoning ordinance requirements. Mr. Dechko reiterated that the rezoning request was in response to the Planning Department request.

Mr. Merrill asked if there were any questions from the Commissioners. The Commissioners asked several questions. Mr. Merrill asked about the days and times of services, the size of the congregation and if there was adequate parking on the property. The applicant stated that the congregation was around 40 families and the current parking count was 135 which met the City requirement.

Mr. Merrill then asked if there was anyone in opposition to the rezoning. There was none. Mr. Merrill then called for a motion. Mr. Strickland made a motion to approve. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0

Mr. Merrill asked if there were any reports from staff or the commissioners. Mr. Ferguson stated that there had been no applications received in the Planning Department and there would be no February meeting unless there was a City Council initiated item.

Mr. Merrill asked that the election of Planning Commission officers be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

Mr. Merrill then took a moment to thank Mr. Still for his service on the Planning Commission as his term had expired.

Mr. Merrill entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Moore made a motion for adjournment. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0

John Merrill, Chairman
Planning Commission

Dennis Billew, Director
Planning and Zoning