

**Planning Commission
Minutes
December 13, 2010**

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. Moore made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 01, 2010 Special Call meeting as presented. Mr. Strickland seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Merrill added an item that had come up at a previous meeting regarding the requirements to advertise Planning Commission meeting dates. Mr. Billew stated that after some research, he found that there is no requirement to advertise the Planning Commission meeting dates as long as they are to be held at the regular place and time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Amendment to Zoning Ordinance
Electronic Message Centers

Article X Signs

Mr. Merrill called on Dennis Billew to give the presentation from the Planning Department.

Mr. Billew stated that he spent time researching the plans of other municipalities as well as holding meetings with representatives in the sign industry prior to his proposal of the ordinance amendment. Mr. Billew invited two representatives of the sign industry, Mr. Mike Reedy and Mr. Eric Johansen to be involved in the Planning Commission discussion of the amendment. Mr. Reedy, who is also a member of the Lawrenceville Downtown Development Authority, would also give input from the Authority's perspective.

Mr. Billew stated that if it pleased the Commissioners, it was his desire to read through each proposed change and discuss in an open format. Mr. Merrill agreed.

Mr. Billew read the sections to be amended. After much discussion, Mr. Merrill called on Mr. Reedy to give the pleasure of the LDDA. Mr. Reedy stated the LDDA wished to restrict the use of EMC's in the 9 block area of downtown only to Civic and Not-for-profit applicants. The Planning Commission members made additions and deletions to the amendment and asked Mr. Billew to present a revised ordinance at the January meeting.

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

John Merrill, Chairman
Planning Commission

Dennis Billew, Director
Planning and Zoning