

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

September 17, 2007

	Present
Chairman Richard Johnson	X
Mr. Eron Moore	X
Mr. John Merrill	X
Mr. Charles Mathis	X
Mr. Dennis Norton	X

Chairman Richard Johnson called the September 17, 2007 regular meeting of the Lawrenceville Planning Commission to order at 7:00 P.M. Chairman Johnson declared a quorum.

Chairman Johnson then entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. John Merrill made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Eron Moore. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Johnson then asked for a motion to approve the August 13th regular session minutes. After much discussion the minute's approval was tabled.

The first item of new business was a rezoning request by Sudhir Malhota RZ-07-12 for the property located at 435 Scenic Hwy. (5-116-093) RS -180 to O&I. The applicant was not present. Mr. John Merrill made a motion to table. Mr. Eron Moore seconded it. It carried 4-0

The next item of business was a rezoning request by Crown Point Properties LLC. RZ-07-13 for the property located at 1091 Grayson Hwy (5-139-005) RS-100 (County) to BG. Mr. Brad Leonard gave his report including the fact that the property notification proof was not submitted. The applicant Mr. Larry Chessman made the presentation, stated he had a change in the site plan and gave a brief description of the project. A motion to table was made by Mr. Dennis Norton. Seconded by Mr. Charles Mathis. Carried 4-0

The applicant for item number 1 arrived and the Planning Commissioners agreed to reopen case number RZ-07-12. Mr. Sudhir Malhota gave his presentation. After much discussion a motion was made to approve the request with the stipulations from the Planning Department. The motion was made by Mr. Dennis Norton. Seconded by Mr. John Merrill. An amendment to the motion was made by Mr. John Merrill to require keeping the addition consistent with the existing architecture. Seconded by Mr. Charles Mathis. The amendment passed 4-0 Returning to the original motion with the amendment included that vote also passed 4-0

The next item was a rezoning request change of conditions by Mr. Mark Smith RZ-07-14 for the property located at 963 Buford Dr. There was no report as it was only a change of stipulations. Presentation was made by Mr. Gene Smith. After some discussion Mr. John

Merrill made a motion to approve as requested. It was seconded by Mr. Eron Moore. An amendment to that motion was made by Mr. Dennis Norton to reduce the landscape stripe from 10' to 3' instead of 0'. Seconded by Mr. John Merrill and carried 4-0 Returning to the original motion with the amendment included that motion carried 4-0

The next item is a Special Use request for A Better Way Rent-A-Car SU-07-06 For the property located at 395 W Pike Street (5-144-034 & 107). For the purpose of automobile and truck rental facility. The Planning Director gave his report. Mr. Casey Bach made the presentation. He stated they planned to convert the existing restaurant into the leasing facility. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Dennis Norton. Seconded by Mr. John Merrill. Carried 4-0

The last item on the agenda was an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Sections 6.2, 7.16 and 7.17. The removal of the historical overlay zone. Mr. Mike Reedy Chairman of the DDA made the presentation. Others that spoke included Mr. Bob Clark, Ms. Mary Thompson and Mr. Jerry Moore. After much discussion Mr. John Merrill made a motion not to discontinue the overlay zone until a professional expert could be hired to review preservation ordinances for Lawrenceville. There was no second. Mr. Charles Mathis made a motion to delete the historic zone and architectural standards from section 6.2, 7.16 and 7.17. It was seconded by Mr. Eron Moore. Motion carried 3-1. Mr. John Merrill voted against.

Mr. Dennis Norton then requested that the Planning Commission recommend to the City Council that the Georgia DCA preservation Department be contacted to assist the city in creating a preservation ordinance. By consensus it was agreed.

Having no further business Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Richard Johnson, Chairman
Planning Commission

Bradford P. Leonard, Director
Planning, Zoning & Inspections