

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Marion Planning Commission held in the Municipal Building at 5:15 p.m. on November 9, 2009.

INVOCATION: Mr. Hicks rendered the invocation

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wolfe called the meeting to order.

VISITORS: Ralph Price

PRESENT: Chairman Cameron Wolfe, Mel Leaman, Alice Freeman, Shirley Spencer, James Barker, Bob Ramsey, Larry Carter, Town Engineer Cecil Hicks.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: The meeting was called to order, and with six voting members present, the Commission has a quorum.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mrs. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Ramsey and vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the last meeting were approved with the following amendments Change Vice-Chairman Wolfe to Chairman Wolfe, Change all R-1 rezoning pertaining to 1103 Culbert Drive to R-2, and condition #4 of staff recommendation should be 10,000 square feet instead of 1,000 square feet.

REPORT OF SECRETARY: Mr. Hicks distributed copies of area Town and County Ordinances addressing Dog Kennels for Planning Commission members to review and discuss at the next regular meeting.

QUARTERLY MEETING: Mr. Ramsey moved that Planning Commission meet January 11, 2010 for the first quarterly meeting of 2010. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Freeman and carried by a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES.

REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1103 CULBERT DRIVE FROM R-2 TO M-A, OWNERS RALPH & DIANA PRICE: This request was presented at the meeting of October 12, 2009, however the public hearing information was not published in the newspaper, therefore a joint public hearing has been rescheduled. Mrs. Freeman moved that Planning Commission recommend that Town Council to set a joint Public Hearing for November 16, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ramsey and carried by a vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES.

Mr. Hicks stated that VDOT has performed an average daily traffic count for Park Blvd. near the area for rezoning. During peak hours, about 570 vehicles are in the area per hour. He also added that an informational sign has been erected at the rezoning site stating the date, time and rezoning request for the public hearing. Mr. Hicks stated the only concerns he has from the public is a possible increase of traffic in the area.

Mr. Price stated that, in his opinion, he was failed by Council and Planning Commission. There was no opposition to the rezoning at the Public Hearing on October 22, 2009. He added that each day the rezoning is delayed results in a loss of money for him. He felt he was not considered in the issues that arose.

Upon motion, duly seconded, and vote of 6 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

Secretary