

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Marion Planning Commission held in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building on February 8, 2016 at 5:15 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman Bob Ramsey called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Mr. Hicks rendered the invocation.

VISITORS: Bill Huber, Dr. Douglas Armbrister.

PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Bob Ramsey, Jim Barker, Ben Reedy, Alice Freeman, Dan Surface and Trey White Planning Commission Members, Town Engineer/Zoning Administrator Cecil Hicks, Town Attorney Mark Fenyk, Town Manager Bill Rush and Deputy Clerk Anita Catron.

ABSENT: Chairman Cameron Wolfe.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: The meeting was called to order, and with 5 voting members present, the Commission has a quorum.

MINUTES: Upon motion Mr. Reedy, seconded by Mrs. Freeman and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the minutes of the meeting held January 11, 2016 were approved as written. Messrs Barker, Reedy, Freeman, Surface and White voted affirmatively.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: None.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES: None.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

Mrs. Freeman requested clarification from Mr. Rush or Mr. Hicks on an item from the Town Council meeting held February 1, 2016. She informed members at this meeting Mr. Harrington stated the Terrace Drive project was not thru Crown Development but thru the Marion Housing Authority. In the last Planning Commission meeting, this request for rezoning was presented as being thru Crown Development a subsidiary for the Marion Housing Authority. Mr. Rush explained this error, stating this was not how this request was presented. A portion of the request could not be completed with Crown Development LLC, but could work as Marion Housing Authority. He stated corrections were presented to Town Council. After discussion, it was stated this apartment project will not be classified as section eight even with Marion Housing Authority involvement.

Mrs. Freeman recused herself from the following review.

REVIEW REQUEST FOR REZONING OF 1112, 1114, 1116, 1118, & 1120 SNIDER STREET FROM MEDICAL ARTS (MA) TO RESIDENTIAL (R-3): Vice-Chairman Ramsey stated a request for rezoning of this property has been received by Mr. Rush from Dr. Douglas Armbrister. The property owners are Smith-Armbrister Partnership and the potential buyer is Mr. Bill Huber. The property is currently know as the Snider Street Medical Arts Building. He requested Mr. Hicks to review the request. Mr. Hicks stated this request was made in writing from Dr. Armbrister. A site plan, and a letter of support from Louise Fincher, Dean of School of Health Sciences, Emory & Henry College was included in the information packet. Parking, storm water drainage and water/sewer services are not an issue for this property. Mr. Hicks will notify adjacent property owners tomorrow. The sale of this property is contingent upon rezoning approval. Mr. Huber stated he has already spoken with some of the neighbors, and the only concern they have is with noise. He stated all required buffers and lighting will be in place also.

Upon motion of Mr. Surface, seconded by Mr. Barker, and a vote of 4 AYES, 0 NOES and 1 ABSTENTION (Freeman), Marion Planning Commission recommends this request be sent back to Marion Town Council for the Joint Public Hearing which has been set for Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 5:30 pm in Town Council Chambers. Messrs Reedy, Surface, Barker and White voted affirmatively. Marion Planning Commissioners will make their recommendation to Town Council at that meeting.

With no other discussion, Vice-Chairman Ramsey stated if there is a need for a March meeting it will be March 14, 2016.

Upon motion Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Barker and a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NOES, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary