

October 6, 2009

The Union County Planning Board met in regular session on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Union County Board of Commissioner's Board Room, located on the First Floor of the Union County Government Center, 500 North Main Street, Monroe, NC, 28112.

PRESENT: John Darsey, Mark DiBiasio, Patricia Freeman, Jeff Gerber, Jim King

ABSENT: Kathy Broom, Scott Heslink, Thomas Steffen

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Black, Roger Horton, and Lee Jenson

ITEM NUMBER ONE

Call to Order

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM NUMBER TWO

Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

There were no Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

ITEM NUMBER THREE

Approval of the Agenda

Motion was made by John Darsey and seconded by Mark DiBiasio to approve the agenda. The vote was 5 to 0.

ITEM NUMBER FOUR

Approval of the July 27, 2009 & September 1, 2009 minutes

Motion was made by John Darsey and seconded by Patricia Freeman to approve the July 27, 2009 minutes. The vote was 5 to 0.

Motion was made by John Darsey and seconded by Jeff Gerber to approve the September 1, 2009 minutes. The vote was 5 to 0.

ITEM NUMBER FIVE

Acknowledgement and Action on Receipt of Planning Board Member Resignation

Chairman King read to the Board the email from Board member Jerry Nolan of his resignation. Motion was made by Jeff Gerber and seconded by John Darsey that the Board has received acknowledgement of resignation and to forward to the Board of County Commissioners. The vote was 5 to 0.

ITEM NUMBER SIX

Planning Board/Board of Education Facilities Committee Recommendation

Mr. Black went over with the Board the proposed Text Amendment that was discussed at the October 5, 2009 Board of County Commissioners meeting. Vice-Chairman Kim Rogers made the motion to deny the Text Amendment and the motion passed 5 to 0.

The Board of Education stated that there will be a checklist and guidelines for new construction and once staff gets a copy of this checklist it will be sent to all Planning Board members.

Chairman King stated that the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners Lanny Openshaw had called him and wanted him to let the Board know that he appreciates their diligence and efforts to protect the citizens and tax dollars of Union County and that the Planning Board did bring this to light about the stormwater issues associated with the Marvin Ridge schools.

Chairman Openshaw also stated that he appreciated Jeff Gerbers comments and that this issue did not waste the Board of County Commissioners time.

Jeff Gerber stated that he appreciated Chairman Openshaws comments and that he respects the hard work the Planning Board does. Jeff Gerber also stated that the Planning Board did what they were supposed to do even though it did not go the way they wanted it to.

Jeff Gerber stated that he did not appreciate the comment that was made by Commissioner Parker Mills that the Planning Board had wasted the Board of County Commissioners time and that this was very disrespectful and an insult to the Planning Board. Jeff Gerber also stated that if Parker Mills would agree to it he would sit down with him and let him know what the Planning Board does.

ITEM NUMBER SEVEN

Floodplain Text Amendment

Lee Jenson went over with the Board the Floodplain Text Amendment and read a letter from the state with their comments.

Motion was made by Mark DiBiasio and seconded by John Darsey to approve the Floodplain Text Amendment and add golf courses back in to the amendment and forward to the Board of County Commissioners. The vote was 5 to 0.

ITEM NUMBER EIGHT

Review and Discuss of the Table of Uses, Appendix I pages I-1 thru I-17

The Board began their Discussion of the Table of Uses starting with page #2. The review of the Table of Uses will continue at the next regular meeting of the Planning Board.

ITEM NUMBER NINE

Review of Draft Union County Comprehensive Plan

This item was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

ITEM NUMBER TEN

Planning Staff Report (Work in Progress)

Chairman King stated to the Board that the Board needed to decide if they wanted to have their work session scheduled for 12-28-09 because of the holidays. The Board decided that they would not have their work session scheduled for 12-28-09

Mr. Black stated that staff has been working with the Census to provide addresses for housing units for which construction began during or after March 2009 and completion is expected by Census Day, April 1, 2010.

Mr. Black stated that the Short Term Water Allocation Plan for the County had been approved and also he attended a meeting in the Town of Weddington for the kick-off of their Town Core Plan.

ITEM NUMBER ELEVEN

Brief Comments

Patricia Freeman No Comment

John Darsey No Comment

Mark DiBiasio No Comment

Jeff Gerber I have a lot of respect for the majority of the Board of County Commissioners. I thought the Planning Board did a good job even though they turned it down that's ok. I am very disappointed with the minority of the Board of County Commissioners they need to be more responsible and work with the Planning Board.

Jim King No Comment

ITEM NUMBER FIFTEEN

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.