

BURNSVILLE PLANNING BOARD
Special Meeting
Monday, October 8, 2012

The Burnsville Planning Board, with members Chuck Aldridge, Randy Banks, Dean Gates, Schell McCall and Harrison Tyner present, held a regular meeting on Monday, October 8, 2012, in the Town Hall. Also in attendance were town staff members Anthony Hensley, Jeanne Martin, and Ronnie Tipton; Town Councilors Judy Buchanan and Bill Wheeler; and many visitors. Vice Chair Chuck Aldridge, who presided, called the meeting to order, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to consider regular business for the month of October, 2012.

- Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the Regular Planning Board meeting held September 17, 2012 were available. Harrison Tyner made a motion to approve said minutes as written. Motion carried.
- Nomination and Election of Planning Board Chair – After learning that Dean Gates was reappointed to the Planning Board by the Burnsville Town Council at its October 4th meeting, Schell McCall made a motion to reappoint Mr. Gates as Chairman of the Planning Board. Motion carried.
- Public Comment – Chairman Dean Gates introduced the members of the Planning Board to the large crowd in attendance. He provided background on the work of the Board and its accomplishments over the past year. He explained that a main focus of the Planning Board at the meeting would be extraterritorial jurisdiction, and explained the concept and process to those attending. Information on extraterritorial jurisdiction was available for review. Mr. Gates dispelled the misperception that the Planning Board was pursuing annexation as many in the crowd thought, according to rumor.

Four individuals signed up to comment:

Anthony Robinson
David Howell
Bobby Decola
Michele Presnell

Others who had not formally signed up conveyed their thoughts on annexation and extraterritorial jurisdiction, among other topics.

Planning Board members took turns assuring the crowd that the Planning Board is merely gathering information and that the ETJ process is being considered as a measure to protect businesses and property values.

Chuck Aldridge made a motion to recess. Motion carried.

Planning Board members discussed the future direction for research of extraterritorial jurisdiction after having heard mostly negative comments from the large group who had gathered earlier in the meeting. One board member said there are too many people opposed to ETJ and so many other issues needing attention. Another member commented that in the not too distant future there will be things people will not like, but at that point it will be up to the county commission to address.

One board member shared concerns about the asphalt plant, which in part led to consideration of ETJ as an alternative to helplessness.

Chairman Gates said he has had conversations with the County Manager and Planner and they support the town's efforts. He said the ETJ process does not provide for a protest petition, but it tends to alienate your neighbors. It was mentioned that the majority of the crowd that gathered had some vested interest in the Highway 19 corridor, which is the target area for ETJ.

Harrison Tyner made a motion to table consideration of ETJ pending the update of the town's ordinances. He later withdrew his motion.

There was a discussion about postponing consideration of the issue until the county is involved, which would give property owners better representation.

Dean Gates made a motion to make no recommendation on ETJ to the Town Council at this time as the Planning Board's investigation is incomplete. Motion carried.

▪ Reports – Chairman Gates reported:

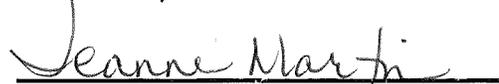
- ✓ The variance request from Habitat for Humanity was presented to Town Council and approved at its October meeting.
- ✓ Council has approved the Planning Board's plan to research ETJ.
- ✓ Betsy Kane's Zoning Repair Report was adopted by Town Council for use by the Planning Board as a reference document.
- ✓ The contract with *Destination by Design* has been signed. Board members discussed options to coordinate meetings and the design work schedule.

▪ Old Business – Board members continued work on the proposed sign ordinance:

- ✓ As to Residential Signs – The group discussed residential signage related to "snipe" or "bandit" signs. Schell McCall made a motion to prohibit any signs attached to public-owned poles such as traffic signal, power, or utility poles.
- ✓ As to political signs – Anthony Hensley agreed to research political signage and report at a later date.

▪ Next Regular Planning Meeting - There being no further business, Chuck Aldridge made a motion to adjourn, and the motion carried.

Recorded by:



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Town Clerk