

Burnsville Planning Board
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2013

The Burnsville Planning Board, with members Dean Gates, Chuck Aldridge, Jana Bartleson, Randy Banks and Harrison Tyner present held a regular meeting on Monday, February 25, 2013, in the Town Hall. Also in attendance were town staff members Anthony Hensley, Ronnie Tipton, Jeanne Martin, and Kim Johnson; Town Council members Ron Powell, and Bill Wheeler; Town Major Danny McIntosh; and several visitors, including Ron Hancock, Eric Woolridge, Teresa Buckwalter, Ginger Johnson, Wanda Proffitt, Ellen Denker, and Bill Baker. Chairman Dean Gates, who presided, called the meeting to order, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to consider regular business.

- Approval of Minutes- Minutes from the Special Planning Board meeting held January 28, 2013 were available. Chuck Aldridge made motion to approve minutes, Randy Banks seconded and all approved.
- Public Comment- There were no public comments.
- Staff Reports- There were no staff reports.
- Old Business- Dean Gates reported that a respectful group of people shared comments and concerns at the public hearing to discuss the sign ordinance. He also made the board aware of the changes made by the attorney. He stated that the sign ordinance will not be a stand-alone document but will be included in the zoning ordinance. After discussion about the attorneys concerns, Chuck Aldridge made the motion to remove the last sentence under Regulations #4 on page 9 concerning illuminated signs, Jana Bartleson seconded and all agreed. In reference to landscaping the board discussed they need to be flexible, and landscape designs should be brought before the review board for approval. Randy Banks made the motion to accept changes to the landscaping section, Chuck Aldridge seconded and all agreed. Dean Gates wanted to confirm with the board the meaning of non-conforming signs. After discussion Chuck Aldridge made the motion to accept the sign ordinance with changes, Jana Bartleson seconded and all approved. Dean Gates asked Ron Hancock to include the changes to the sign ordinance, Ron agreed. A town hearing will be scheduled on April 4, 2013 to adopt the sign ordinance.
- New Business
 - ✓ Eric Woolridge and Teresa Buckwalter discussed the Visual Preference Survey that was sent to the planning board. Concerns and comments were made by the board members. All agreed they would like to see more directional guidance. Teresa provided sample images for building lines and arrangements. The board would like to hold a public meeting when the designs are 50% complete.

- ✓ Ron Hancock presented the board choices in design elements and definitions.

- ✓ Harrison Tyner talked about the NC Main Street Conference he attended. One thing he learned was that “branding” was critical to the success of downtown. There was discussion among the board members about the branding the town was already assigned. All members expressed their appreciation of Harrison’s willingness to go to this conference.

- Next Planning Meeting- The next meeting of the Planning Board will be held on Thursday, March 14, 3013. Being no further business Dean Gates made the motion to adjourn, Chuck Aldridge seconded, meeting adjourned.

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