

Burnsville Planning Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2014

The Burnsville Planning Board, with members Dean Gates, Jana Bartleson, Woody Ryan, Randy Banks and Harrison Tyner present held their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, in the Town Hall. Also in attendance were town staff members Anthony Hensley, Ronnie Tipton and Kim Johnson; Town Mayor Theresa Coletta; and visitors Ron Hancock and Ginger Johnson. 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 regular meeting held on March 18, 2014 were available. Jana Bartleson made a motion to approve the minutes, Randy Banks seconded and all agreed.
- Public Comment- There were no public comments.
- Staff Reports- Ronnie Tipton shared that he felt the process went very well concerning the Design Guidelines and Zoning Ordinance with the contractors working on the Mountain Energy building.
- Main Street Conference Report- Dean Gates reported about the Main Street Conference he attended in New Bern. He gained lots of helpful information he feels will help with the growth of the town. Some things he mentioned were how to handle empty store fronts and establishing a Historical District in downtown.
- Resolution of Appreciation- Dean Gates read and presented Ron Hancock with a resolution of appreciation for his work with the Town of Burnsville. Mayor Coletta presented Ron with the certificate and also thanked him for his work and dedication.
- Old Business- Board members discussed their concerns about conditional use permits. Dean Gates presented the board with materials he would like for them to review and discuss at their May meeting.
- New Business- There was discussion among the board members about shopping centers and office complex's. Board members asked if Ronnie Tipton could measure square footage on several different shopping centers and office complex's around town to give them a better idea of the actual size of these buildings.
- Commissioners Comments- Woody Ryan commented on how important it is to preserve the town and positive impact it will have on development and growth. Randy Banks feels that the planning commission has good views and needs to keep the future in mind. Anthony Hensley mentioned that the town has a good Public Art program that should be encouraged in the design criteria. Ron Hancock presented board members with handouts addressing the shopping

center regulations and the sign ordinance text. After discussion, Harrison Tyner made a motion to recommend to Town Council to add the following language to the Sign Ordinance. Under Section 1.6 B 6 Non-Conforming Signs to read as “ (6) retained, re-established, or remain as a non-conforming sign subsequent to the remodeling and reconstruction of a building, or redevelopment of a commercial site, when the expense of the project exceeds fifty percent of tax value”, Randy Banks seconded and all agreed. Ginger Johnson informed the board about a project in progress to establish gateways at the three entrances to town.

- Next Planning Meeting- The next meeting of the Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 6:15pm. Being no further business Randy Banks made the motion to adjourn, Woody Ryan seconded, meeting adjourned.

Recorded By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kim Johnson

Assistant to Public Works Director