

**CLARKE COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
2007 June 20 – 9:00 a.m.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROOM**

A special meeting of the Planning Commission of Clarke County, Virginia was held in the Board of Supervisors Room, 102 North Church Street, Berryville, Virginia, on Wednesday, 2007 June 20.

ATTENDANCE

Beverly McKay, Chair; Jay Arnold, Barbara Batterton, Anne Caldwell, Mary Daniel, A. R. Dunning, Jr., Pat McKelvy, Cliff Nelson, Kathy Smart and Bob Wade

ABSENT

George L. Ohrstrom, II

STAFF

Charles Johnston, Planning Administrator; Jesse Russell, Zoning Administrator; Debbie Bean, Recording Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McKay stated the meeting would start as soon as an expected letter is delivered from the School Board. The letter was delivered at 9:13 a.m. and copies were given to the Planning Commission and the audience. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

MAJOR SUBDIVISION/BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT

PUBLIC USE IN ACCORD WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

SPECIAL USE

SITE PLAN

The Clarke County School Board (The Salvation Army, property owner) requests approval of a:

- (1) Major Subdivision and Boundary Line Adjustment,
- (2) Determination that the proposed new High School is “substantially in accord with the adopted Comprehensive Plan” per Virginia Code Section 2232,
- (3) Special Use for an 800 student new High School (with future expansion to 1000 students) in the AOC Zoning District, and
- (4) Site Plan for an 800 student new High School (with future expansion to 1000 students), located at 642 Westwood Road, Tax Map Parcels 13-((A))-13, 56, 59 & 59A, Longmarsh Magisterial District, zoned Agricultural Open-Space-Conservation (AOC). SUP-07-01, S-07-02

Robert Mitchell, the County’s land use attorney, was present and read the letter from the School Board. He stated the Planning Commission has 100 days to make a decision unless the applicant files an extension. He said the School Board has requested an extension until 2007 July 16. He stated that this may or may not be enough time for the Planning Commission to act on this matter. He said that currently there is a meeting taking place in the Staunton office of DCR, with DCR staff, the School Board engineer and administrators, and Planning Commissioner George Ohrstrom, Rick Travers, the County’s engineering consultant, Chuck Johnston, Planning Administrator. Mr. Mitchell stated the Salvation Army has the right to pull their deed of gift for this property if the site plan is not approved by November 4th.

Commissioner Wade stated the Commission is going the extra mile by waiting on this project. Commissioner Daniel stated this started at the beginning of the year and in her notes it was stated at that time the deadline would be 100 days after Commission acceptance of the application.

Chip Schutte, School Board member, was present and stated that he would give a progress report to the Planning Commission at the 2007 July 6 regular meeting. He stated he would bring in items to staff on each individual item as they become available.

There be no further discussion, Chair McKay called for a motion.

The Planning Commission voted to approve the request for an extension, as requested by the applicant in writing, until 2007 July 16 for the above four items.

Yes: Arnold, Batterton, Caldwell (moved), Daniel, Dunning, McKay, McKelvy, Nelson (seconded), and Smart

No: Wade

Absent: Ohrstrom

OTHER

There was a brief discussion regarding moving the time of the briefing meeting scheduled for July 3. The Planning Commission agreed to start the briefing meeting on July 3 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss non-site plan related issues of the high school application.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Beverly B. McKay, Chair

Charles Johnston, Clerk to the Commission

Minutes prepared by
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