



Planning Commission December 17, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present	Wayne Thatcher (Vice Chair), Roger Rupnow, Susan Maziar, David Rubenstein, and Al Pond
Board Members Absent	Lee Duncan (Chair), Don Boyken
Staff Present	Nancy Leathers, Patrice Ruffin, Linda Abaray, Cecil McLendon, Mark Moore, Doug Trettin, Nathan Ippolito, and Terry Robinson

CALL to Order	Wayne Thatcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA	
	ACTION: Pond moved to recommend approval of the Agenda. Rupnow seconded. Maziar requested an amendment to the recommendation to add a second item for discussion about the Comprehensive Plan. Pond accepted the recommended amendment. Seconded by Rupnow. Approved (4-0, Maziar, Rupnow, Pond, and Rubenstein for; Thatcher not voting; Duncan and Boyken absent).
PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment	
PREVIOUS MINUTES	
	ACTION: Rubenstein moved to recommend approval of the Minutes. Rupnow seconded. Approved as corrected (4-0, Maziar, Rupnow, Pond, and Rubenstein for; Thatcher not voting; Duncan and Boyken absent).
REZONING	
1.	RZ09-006/CV09-015 1105 Mount Vernon Highway SUMMARY/STAFF PRESENTATION: To rezone the subject property from C-1 (Community Business District) conditional to C-1 (Community Business District) conditional, with concurrent variance(s), to allow a new fast food restaurant. Applicant Presentation: Brian Arnold, 35 Technology Pkwy S. Ste 170, Norcross, GA. 30305 Mark Newman, 475 Swanson Rd. Suite, C, Tyrone, GA. 30290 (Invitation for public comment in support of and in opposition to the petition) • Support for the Petition: None • Against the Petition: Bill Grossman, 5061 Hidden Branches Dr, Dunwoody, GA. 30338 Anthony Capodicasa, 1155 Mt. Vernon Hwy, Dunwoody, GA. 30338 Anthony Ricci, 1155 Mt. Vernon Hwy, Dunwoody, GA. 30338 (Close of public hearing. Planning Commission questions and discussion) ACTION: Rupnow motioned to recommend for denial of RZ09-009/CV09-015. Maziar seconded. Approved (4-0,

	Maziar, Rupnow, Pond, and Rubenstein for; Thatcher not voting; Duncan and Boyken absent). The Commission expressed the following concerns: 1) Traffic flow within the Perimeter Pointe Shopping Center and vehicular traffic flow to and from the shopping center and Perimeter Center West may be negatively impacted, 2) The proposed project and overall shopping center lack sufficient Green Space, 3) An additional fast-food restaurant having a drive-thru window would not promote pedestrian activity, 4) The overall shopping center design was not planned to include the proposed project.
DISCUSSION ITEM	
2.	Comprehensive Plan Discussion ACTION: Maziar motioned to recommend a request to the City Council to direct Staff to review and consider the following during the up dating of the Comprehensive Plan: Increase the desired Green Space and how it is considered in Living-Working Future Land Use Categories. Rupnow requested an amendment to the recommendation to include the following items to review and consider: 1) Measuring and reviewing the accomplishment of the Policies and Objectives set forth in the Comprehensive Plan, 2) Providing accurate data regarding current & projected population and regarding details of rezoning occurring since the latest adopted Comprehensive Plan, 3) Establishing a formalized vision of and for Sandy Springs that includes direction as to how the City should look, feel, and exist. Maziar accepted the recommended amendment. Seconded by Rupnow. Approved (4-0, Maziar, Rupnow, Pond, and Rubenstein for; Thatcher not voting; Duncan and Boyken absent).
Meeting Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.	

Approval Signatures	
Date Approved	01-21-10
Lee Duncan, Chairman	<i>Lee Duncan</i>
Wayne Thatcher, Vice Chairman	<i>Wayne Thatcher</i>
Patrice Ruffin, Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning	<i>P. Ruffin</i>
Gloria Goins, Administrative Coordinator/Transcriber	<i>Gloria Goins</i>