

Meeting of the Sandy Springs Planning Commission was held on December 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Chair Reed Haggard presiding.

I. Call to Order

Chair Reed Haggard called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call and General Announcements

Members Present: Chair Reed Haggard, Vice Chair Andy Porter, Commissioner Robin Conklin, Commissioner Elizabeth Kelly, Commissioner Dave Nickles, Commissioner Andrea Settles, Commissioner Karen Trylovich.

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Commissioner Elizabeth Kelly**, seconded by **Commissioner Andrea Settles** to approve the **December 18, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda**. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. October 16, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Commissioner Andrea Settles**, seconded by **Vice Chair Andy Porter** to approve the **October 16, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Cases

U-24-3 – 510 Mount Vernon – Request for a Conditional Use Permit to amend conditions of a previous Use Permit to allow illumination of the existing athletic field.

(Presented by LaQuita Williams, Planner II)

Chair Reed Haggard opened the public hearing for comments.

Support

1. Jordan Edwards (The Gallaway Law Group – on behalf of applicant) – 4062 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, Ga
2. Kristy Lunstrom (Head of School for Mount Vernon)

THE FOLLOWING SIGNED UP BUT DID NOT SPEAK

3. Carl Streck (Board of Trustees for Mount Vernon)
4. Ken Wood (Board of Trustees for Mount Vernon)
5. Chip Collins (Co Council for The Gallaway Law Group)
6. Brad Huff – 1450 Northwood Drive, Atlanta, Ga
7. Elise & Charles Thomason IV – 74 River Park Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga
8. John Robbins – 3965 Vermont Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga
9. Patrick Malloy – 3177 Windsor Lake Drive, 30319
10. Kate Burks – 983 Dumbarton Court, Atlanta, Ga 30327
11. Anna Collins – 967 Backingham Circle, Atlanta, Ga 30327

12. Andrew Walker – 4290 Raintree Lane, Atlanta, Ga
13. Matthew Gephardt – 5595 Whitner Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30327
14. Billy Catano – 6215 Hunting Creek Road, Atlanta, Ga 30328
15. Cooper Hellein – 88 Pine Lake Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30327
16. Alexis Casale Savage- 88 Pine Lake Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30327
17. Dylan Parker Hellein – 88 Pine Lake Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30327
18. Tamika Taylor – 3114 Grayfield Trace, Marietta, Ga 30067
19. Kris Manning – 4217 Navajo Trail, Brookhaven, Ga 30319
20. T.J. Newton – 1674 Manhasset Drive, Dunwoody, Ga 30338

Opposition

1. Kimberly Oliver (Mount Vernon Woods Community Association) – 6485 Williamson Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
2. Steve Leeds (President of the Aria West Homeowners Association) – 6410 Radiant Trace, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
3. Paul Plsek – 650 Carriage Dr, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
4. Carl Westmoreland (Aria West & Mount Vernon Woods Subdivision)– 908 West Wesley Road, Sandy Springs, Ga 30327
5. Ronda Smith (President of the Sandy Springs Council of Neighborhoods) – 76 Long Island Place, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
6. Ree Howard – 6499 Williamson Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
7. Katerina (Catherine) Quintero (Aria West Resident) – 6463 Meridian Way, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
8. Ian Kelly – 700 Glengate Place, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
9. Susan Kicak – 6497 Cherry Tree Lane, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
10. Charlotte Connah – 6422 Cherry Tree Lane, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328

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11. Chris Weissman - 6422 Lucent Lane, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
12. Craig Johns – 6515 Canopy Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
13. Amy Kanderis – 430 Bridges Creek Trail, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
14. Todd Garlitz – 560 Carriage Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
15. Cathy Shanks – 6429 Vernon Woods Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
16. Kim Wright – 6532 Cherry Tree Lane, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
17. Kimberlee Dubovsky- 6450 Vernon Woods Drive, Atlanta, Ga 30328
18. John Snodgrass – 599 Carriage Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
19. Mary Ellen Snodgrass – 599 Carriage Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
20. Zvia Shever – 445 Bridge Creek Trail, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
21. Andrew Schwartz – 6645 Williamson Drive, Atlanta, Ga 30328
22. Rishi Kapur – 609 Carriage Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
23. Adi Sthanunathan – 735 Glengate Place, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
24. Patricia Szall – 6453 Lucent Lane, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
25. Christine Kapur – 609 Carriage Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
26. Peggy Devoney – 579 Carriage Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
27. Katerina Quintero (2nd submission) - 6463 Meridian Way, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
28. Joachim Hinzen – 550 Carriage Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
29. Katherine Kelly – 700 Glengate Place, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
30. Susan Linnihan – 555 Carriage Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328

31. Brian Linnihan – 555 Carriage Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
32. Michael Votta – 6370 Lucent Lane, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
33. Carmen Weissman – 6422 Lucent Lane, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
34. Mark Mittenenthal – 6519 Canopy Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
35. Andrea Shapiro – 6519 Canopy Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
36. Brent F – 6640 Williamson Drive
37. David Fagin – 6514 Canopy Drive, Atlanta, Ga 30328
38. Amanda Rose – 461 Carriage Drive, Atlanta, Ga 30328
39. Laura Pugh – 6515 Williamson Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
40. Donald & Laura Wroble – 6350 Lucent Lane, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
41. Erin Poole – 6445 Meridian Way, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328

Chair Reed Haggard closed the public hearing and opened the floor for discussion.

Motion: A motion was made by **Commissioner Dave Nickles**, seconded by **Vice Chair Andy Porter** to **deny U-24-3** a request for a Conditional Use Permit to amend the conditions of a previous Use Permit to allow illumination of the existing athletic field. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Discussion:

Commissioner Dave Nickles stated the purpose of the motion was that the board has heard many times that the schools agreed to a condition not to have lights. He states that he was on the Commission board when they did the first Conditional Use Permit to build the field, and they readily accepted that condition that they would not put lights on the field and now several years later they have changed their minds, now they want lights. That's going back on everything the school promised the commission and city council to pass the Conditional Use Permit and to have turned their backs on the neighborhoods. He goes on to say that he was appointed by Mayor Galambos several years back, and he remembered she outlined the job of the commission and the most important thing she said was that your job is to protect our neighbors and neighborhoods, and the best way for the commission to do that is hold the school to the conditions they agreed too and not allow lights.

VI. Work Session

A. North Springs MARTA Corridor Study LCI Presentation

Planning & Zoning Manager Michele McIntosh-Ross states that this is for information for the commissioners and that this is a work session item and no formal action is required. She wanted to make the Planning Commission aware of the plans that they have been doing within the city.

VII. Ongoing Business

VIII. New Business

Planning & Zoning Manager Michele McIntosh-Ross made mention that there will be no Planning Commission meeting for the month of January but the board can expect to hear a case in February.

IX. Adjournment

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Commissioner Andrea Settles**, seconded by **Commissioner Elizabeth Kelly**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved by: March 19, 2025



Reed Haggard, Chair

Samantha Brown, Planning & Zoning Clerk