

City of Dawsonville
December 15, 2008
Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission

Claire Sharp, Chairperson, called the December 15th City of Dawsonville Planning Commission regular meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Present were Planning Commission Members: Claire Sharp, B.J. Farley, Pam Bragg, Ken Breeden and Jimmy Castleberry, City of Dawsonville Planning Dept.: Steve Holder and Bonnie Warne, City Council Members Jonathan Cox and Linda Grant and concerned citizens of the City of Dawsonville and Dawson County.

Invocation and Pledge: BJ Farley gave the invocation and led the pledge.

Announcement of the Next Meeting Date: Claire Sharp announced that the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 26, 2009 at Dawsonville City Hall.

Approval of the minutes: BJ Farley motioned to approve the June 16, 2008 Planning Commission minutes. Jimmy Castleberry seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: 2009 Planning Commission calendar was presented for approval. Pam Bragg motioned to approve the calendar. Jimmy Castleberry seconded. Vote unanimous to approve.

Public Hearing:

Motion made by BJ Farley to give each side 30 minutes for and against to speak; seconded by Jimmy Castleberry

ZA-11-08-1763: Jeremy Porter has requested a Zoning Map Amendment for 152.139 acres off Duck Thurmond Road, TMP 070-049. Current zoning is R1; the applicant has requested a rezoning of CIR (Restricted Industrial District) for proposed country club motorsports complex.

Jeremy Porter spoke on this application with a power point presentation of the AMP project.

3 others spoke in favor of the application: Charlie Auvermann (Dev Auth of Dawson Cnty) power point presentation, Miquel Caparros (Nat. Auto Sports Assoc.), Jim Traner (Advisory Board Mbr. for AMP).

- Positive for City/County/Schools (NPV)
- High Wealth Tourism Project
- Family Oriented & Low Impact Business
- Consistent with City Future Land Use Plan
- High Performance Driving Events
- Training people to drive their own cars supervised by professionals

10 spoke of concerns or in opposition, some with a handout / power point presentation. Concerns were:

- Wild life
- Environmental Impact Study
- Noise & light pollution
- DRI with mixed use
- Horses sensitive to sound – horse farm adj.
- Impact existing business – riding lessons/horse training
- Needs to be in an established industrial area not adj. to RES
- Altered application
- Natural beauty & quality of life
- Police protection
- Seen a variety of site plans
- Huge zoning change R1-CIR

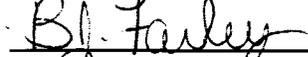
Approximately 110 were in attendance. Steve Holder read the Planning Department staff recommendation (attached). Claire Sharpe stated, before asking for a motion, that they did receive changes and may need to explore the project more and check into the DRI further. Motion made by BJ Farley to TABLE the application until the next Planning Commission meeting to follow up on all of the information; seconded by Pam Bragg.

Adjournment: With no further business, Claire Sharp asked for a motion to adjourn. BJ Farley motioned. Pam Bragg seconded. Motion carried unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes approved this 26th day of January 2009.



Claire Sharp, Chairperson

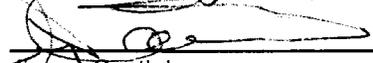


B.J. Farley, Vice-Chairperson



Ken Breeden

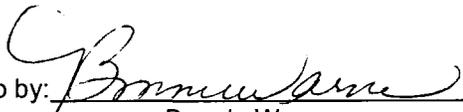
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Jimmy Castleberry



Pam Bragg

Attested to by: 

Bonnie Warne
Zoning Administrator