

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
JACKSONVILLE, ALABAMA  
AUGUST 18, 2009**

The Planning Commission of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met in regular session August 18, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Members present were: Chairman Jimmy L. Howard, Ann Herndon, T.L. Thompson, Ronnie Thomas, Penn Wilson, and Melanie Raulerson, Secretary. City Attorney Grant Paris was present. Mark Stephens, Jones, Blair, Waldrup and Tucker, the City's consultant engineer, was not in attendance. City staff members present were: Mark Williams, Building Inspector and Lynn Causey, City Planner.

**MINUTES.** A motion was made by Penn Wilson, seconded by Ann Herndon to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2009, and approve them as distributed. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 6. Nays: 0. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

**JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL FIELD AND ASSOCIATIVE IMPROVEMENTS, 1000 GEORGE DOUTHIT DRIVE, SW – DEVELOPMENT**

**REVIEW.** Jacksonville Board of Education, the property owner, was represented by Dr. Eric Mackey. Jay Jenkins, Munroe & Jenkins Architects, the project architect, was not present.

Dr. Mackey made the presentation requesting approval of the new construction plans for 1000 George Douthit Drive, SW, west of the school and east of the south curve of George Douthit Drive, SE. The property is located within a B-2 zoning district.

The plans include the construction of a softball field, home and visitor's dugouts, two-story concession building with pressbox and restrooms. Also a retention pond is proposed.

After discussion, the applicant requested that the development review be tabled in order to address the issues noted in the Staff Review meeting. A motion was made by Penn Wilson, seconded by T.L. Thompson to table at the request of the applicant, the development review of the new construction plans for the Jacksonville High School Girls Softball Field. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 6. Nays: 0. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

**PLANNING.** No information was presented.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS.** Jennifer Bacchus, reporter for The Jacksonville News announced this would be her last evening as she has taken a position at Anniston Army Depot. The Commission thanked her and wished her well.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Melanie Raulerson  
Secretary

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Jimmy L. Howard  
Chairman