

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JACKSONVILLE, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

The Planning Commission of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met in regular session February 16, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the Jacksonville Community Center, 301-A Alexandria Road, SW. Members present were: Chairman Jimmy L. Howard, Kelly Ryan, Ron Thomas, T. L. Thompson, Penn Wilson and Melanie Raulerson, Secretary. City Attorney Grant Paris was not present. Mark Stephens of Jones, Blair, Waldrup and Tucker, Inc., the City's consultant engineer, was not present. City staff members present were Mark Williams, Building Inspector and Lynn Causey, City Planner.

MINUTES. A motion was made by Ron Thomas and seconded by Kelly Ryan to dispense with the reading of the November 17, 2009 regular meeting and acknowledge there were no meetings in December, 2009 and January, 2010, and approve them as distributed. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 5, Nays: 0. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

Penn Wilson joined the quorum.

JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 200 PELHAM ROAD, SOUTH – DEVELOPMENT REVIEW OF AWNING COVER REPLACEMENT. City staff presented the project, which involves the repainting of the existing east awning frame. A replacement awning on the east entrance will be 64" x 46" x 48". The new awning at the north entrance will be 72" x 42" x 47". The fabric color will be burgundy.

Staff recommended approval of the project.

After discussion, a motion was made by Melanie Raulerson, seconded by Ron Thomas that the development review of the Jacksonville Public Library awning project be approved. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 6, Nays: 0. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

JACKSONVILLE SKATE BOARD PARK PAVILION, 271 COFFEE STREET, SW – DEVELOPMENT REVIEW OF PAVILION PROJECT. City staff presented the project, which includes the construction of a 4" concrete pad, sidewalk, and a 20' x 20' wooden pavilion with a metal pitched roof. Picnic tables will be placed under the pavilion to provide a spectator/rest area for the Skate Board Park.

Staff recommended approval of this project.

After discussion, a motion was made by T. L. Thompson, seconded by Penn Wilson to approve the development review of the pavilion and associative related improvements for

the Skate Board Park. Upon vote the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 6, Nays: 0. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

PLANNING, ZONING DENSITY TOPIC. At their February 8, 2010 work session, the Mayor and City Council referred the following issue to the Planning Commission:
“The issue of population density seems to have a negative impact on crime, safety and other matters. Investigate the density requirements for apartments in our Residential-3 and Business-2 Zoning Districts to allow more open space.”

General discussion ensued. Councilmember George Areno participated in the discussion. The City staff was asked to do research.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS. None were received.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Melanie Raulerson
Secretary

Jimmy L. Howard
Chairman