

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JACKSONVILLE, ALABAMA
April 19, 2011

The Planning Commission of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met in regular session April 19, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jacksonville Community Center. Members present were: Chairman Jimmy L. Howard, Ronnie Thomas, T.L. Thompson, Menzo Parker, Ann Herndon, Councilmember Mark Jones, and Penn Wilson, Acting Secretary. Grant Paris, City Attorney, and Mark Stephens of Jones, Blair, Waldrup and Tucker, Inc., the City's consultant engineer, was not in attendance. City staff members in attendance were: Mark Williams, Building Inspector and Lynn Causey, City Planner.

MINUTES. A motion was made by Ronnie Thomas, seconded by Ann Herndon to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 2011, and approve them as distributed. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 7; Nays: 0. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

HENRY FARM BASEBALL FIELD (JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL), 350 Henry Road, SW, Development Review of baseball field improvements. City of Jacksonville, property owner; Jacksonville High School Baseball Parents, Applicant; Luke Hurst, Representative was not in attendance. The City staff made the presentation.

Jacksonville High School leases a baseball field from the City. The JHS Baseball parents have closed in the covered hitting structures with grey metal walls. Walls were the only thing added at this time. Construction of portable seating was also completed.

The Commission expressed frustration that the school system does not follow the procedure for having plans reviewed prior to construction. It was decided that a letter should be sent to the Superintendent of the Board of Education about the City's regulation to be included in the training policy and procedure manual for all employees, coaches, athletic booster clubs, etc. so that this situation will not happen again.

After discussion, a motion was made by T. L. Thompson, seconded by Ann Herndon that the development review of the baseball field improvements be approved with a letter sent to Dr. Jon Paul Campbell, Board of Education Superintendent. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 6; Nays 1. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

POWER OF PRAISE, 202 Spring Avenue, SW; Development Review of room addition project. Clyde Lane, property owner; M.D. Ponder, Ponder Construction, Contractor were in attendance; B. G. Bailey, Bailey Engineering, project engineer was not in attendance.

Plans involve removing a 9' x 11' shed and building a 9.9 ft. x 11.6 ft. permanent addition to the building for use as a baptistry.

After discussion, a motion was made by T. L. Thompson, seconded by Ronnie Thomas that the development review of the room addition project be tabled pending the submittal of architectural plans indicating the exact building elevations. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 7; Nays 0. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

JAVA JOLT COFFEE HOUSE, 5 Public Square, East; Development Review of exterior painting. Fred Woods, property owner; Cynthia B. Young, Applicant and Representative.

Mrs. Cynthia B. Young explained the plans involve painting the exterior store front and back. The background will be grey, the awning will be black, and the four (4) lights located at the top of the front will be painted black. There will also be a replacement of rotten wood and signage to be permitted separately by the Building Inspector.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Mark Jones, seconded by Ann Herndon that the development review of the exterior painting be approved. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 7; Nays 0. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

JACKSONVILLE POCKET PARK, 206 Ladiga Street, SE; Development Review of Arbor Addition. City of Jacksonville, property owner; Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department, Applicant; City Staff, Representative.

City Staff explained the plans which involve constructing and placing a metal arbor to the north side of the Pocket Park. This arbor will be 13 ½' in length, 10' in height, and 18" in width.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Mark Jones, seconded by Ronnie Thomas that the development review of the Arbor addition project be approved with the use of rust prevention paint only. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 7; Nays 0. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

PLANNING: Councilmember Mark Jones encouraged the Commission to begin thinking of providing a zoning area close to the campus which would allow rental property with more than two unrelated persons.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS. None received.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Penn Wilson
Acting Secretary

Jimmy L. Howard
Chairman