

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**JACKSONVILLE, ALABAMA**  
**January 18, 2011**

The Planning Commission of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met in regular session January 18, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jacksonville Community Center. Members present were: Chairman Jimmy L. Howard, Ann Herndon, Ronnie Thomas, T.L. Thompson, Penn Wilson, Councilmember Mark Jones, Menzo Parker, Kelly Ryan and Melanie Raulerson, Secretary. City Attorney Grant Paris was in attendance. 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, and Karen Langley Peeler.

**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 December 21, 2010, and approve them as distributed. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 9; Nays: 0. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

**LADIGA MANOR, 1116 James Hopkins Road, SW; Development Review of the fence project.** Muddu Revanna, a property owner, was present to discuss the plans.

Plans involve the construction of a 37' x 42' six foot high chain link fence with one door adjacent to the southernmost building on the north side. The 5' sidewalk plus 3 feet of open space is left between the proposed fence and the next building. This fenced area will create a secure area for residents.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Mark Jones, seconded by Ronnie Thomas that the development review of the Ladiga manor fence project be approved. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 9; Nays 0. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING - Family Definition and Occupancy.** The Chairman announced it was the time and place to conduct the public hearing to obtain citizen input on the family definition and occupancy issue.

Many views were expressed, some favored 2 unrelated persons, a few suggested 3 unrelated persons, others expressed concern that the City should not try to regulate. A few suggested other ways of handling the issues of off-street parking, noise, and other grievances.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Mark Jones, seconded by Melanie Raulerson that the public hearing be closed at 7:23 p.m. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 9; Nays 0. The Chairman announced the motion carried.

A ten minute recess was called.

The Chairman called the meeting back to order.

**PLANNING: No information.**

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS.** Ms. Amy Franklin encouraged the Planning Commission not to assume if the number of unrelated persons is reduced to two that there would be a reduction in parties and parking problems. Mr. Jose Martinez spoke about organized groups the fairness of such and democracy.

After discussion, a motion was made by Kelly Ryan, seconded by Penn Wilson to approve the City Attorney's draft zoning amendments regarding the family definition, occupancy, and dwelling unit occupancy be approved. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 7; Nays 2. The Chairman announced the motion carried. A report of this action will be forwarded to the Mayor and City Council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Melanie Raulerson  
Secretary

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Jimmy L. Howard  
Chairman