

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JACKSONVILLE, ALABAMA
September 18, 2014

The Planning Commission of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met in regular session September 18, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall Annex #1, 300 Church Avenue, SE. Members present were: Acting Chairman Penn Wilson, Secretary Kelly Ryan, Richard Turner, T. L. Thompson, Ronnie Thomas, Mark Jones and Zach Hood, who joined the quorum during the special business district discussion. City staff members in attendance were Lynn Causey, City Planner; Mark Williams, Building Inspector and Jason Taylor, Planning and Building Assistant.

MINUTES. A motion was made by Ronnie Thomas, seconded by Richard Turner to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2014 and approve them as distributed. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 6; Nays: 0. The Acting Chairman announced the motion carried.

GERMANIA SPRINGS, 2293 AL HWY 21, NORTH, DEVELOPMENT REVIEW OF DOG PARK. City of Jacksonville, property owner, was represented by Janis Burns of the Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department.

Mrs. Burns presented the plans which include the construction of a 6' high X 150' length X 80' width chain link fence attached to the existing fence on the small baseball field to create a dog park. The dog park will also include a water station, doggy pick-up supplies, bench/picnic table for owners, trash can and a rules sign. Staff concerns were also addressed.

Concerns from the staff were regarding the isolated location and liability concerns.

After discussion, a motion was made by Kelly Ryan, seconded by T. L. Thompson that the development review of the dog park for Germania Springs be approved. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: 4; Nays: 2. The Acting Chairman announced the motion carried.

PLANNING: SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

Items for discussion of the special business district were presented to the commission for review. Discussion ensued regarding creating a new set of rules and regulations or reviewing the B-2 General Business District current legislation to determine what might need to be altered to reach the spirit of the Council's resolution # R-1837-14.

After discussion it was decided to present the Development and Planning Council Committee with the B-2 District regulations so that they may determine how they want the proposed special business district to differ from the existing B-2 District.

Zach Hood joined the quorum during this discussion.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS.

Klaus Duncan: Asked who would be paying for architects and if they were consulted to assist in the creation of the new special business district.

BOARD OF EDUCATION PLAN PRESENTATION

The Jacksonville School Board did not present plans for the new elementary school at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Kelly W. Ryan
Secretary

Penn Wilson
Acting Chairman