

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LURAY PLANNING COMMISSION
JUNE 9, 2010**

The Luray Planning Commission met on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in regular session. The meeting was held in the Luray Town Council Chambers at 45 East Main Street, Luray, Virginia at which time there were present the following:

Commissioners Present:

Tom Potts
Clifton Campbell
Larry Hakel
John Meaney
Mary Menefee
Sam McNeely

Others Present:

Ligon Webb, Town Planner

Chairman Tom Potts called the meeting to order and everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hakel and seconded by Commissioner Campbell that the minutes of May 12, 2010 be accepted as presented. The vote was as follows:
YEA: Commissioners Hakel, Campbell, Potts, Meaney, Menefee and McNeely.

APPROVED: 6-0

Mr. Webb opened the meeting explaining the meeting has officially been advertised as a “joint public hearing” between the Town’s Planning Commission and Town Council, and the recommendations for the public hearings would be forwarded on to Council, which is scheduled to meet on Monday, June 14, 2010. Mr. Webb stated that traditionally “joint public hearings” between the two bodies usually take place on the same evening/meeting, but the current circumstances necessitated having the two meetings on different days. Mr. Webb stated that the Code of Virginia does not contain language which stated that such joint hearing had to be on the same day, but rather the times and dates of the meetings had to be advertised.

The first public hearing was to consider the adoption of three definitions to the Appendix A, Article II, Section 202 (specific definitions) of the Town Code. The three terms advertised to be defined were Amusement or Recreation Center, Poolroom or Billiard Room, and the Commercial Recreation. Mr. Webb read the definitions to the entire Planning Commission and one deletion was made to the definition of the term “amusement or recreation center” the words “five or more” was eliminated. With no public comments, the public hearing was closed. A motion was made by Commissioner

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Mary Menefee to accept the definitions as presented, with the one minor deletion as noted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Campbell and the vote was as follows: YEA: Commissioners Hakel, Campbell, Potts, Meaney, Menefee and McNeely. **APPROVED: 6-0**

The second public hearing was to amend Appendix A (zoning), Article IV (district regulations), Section 406 (business district – B1), 406.2 (uses permitted by-right), letter “z” be amended to delete the term “commercial recreation” as “uses permitted by right”. No public comments being heard, Commissioner Menefee made a motion to amend the code as stated. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McNeeley. The vote was as follows: YEA: Commissioners Hakel, Campbell, Potts, Meaney, Menefee and McNeely. **APPROVED: 6-0**

The final public hearing was Mr. Karl Bakken’s special use permit application to operate an amusement center on a B-1 zoned parcel. The subject parcel address was 32 W. Main Street, Suite B. Mr. Bakken spoke before the Commission and briefly described his proposed operation, and Mr. Webb referred Commissioners to a list of proffers submitted by Mr. Bakken. Mr. Webb stated that the proffers would be binding and “enforceable” by the Town. Mr. Webb stated he believed the proposed operation would be a good use of the current vacant space, and he also noted that Mr. Bakken has put a lot of work into improving the space as well. Mr. Bakken thanked town staff and the Planning Commission for their help and input during this process. The public hearing was opened, and there being no formal comments, Chairman Potts closed the public hearing. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve Mr. Bakken’s special use permit request, and Commissioner Hakel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: YEA: Commissioners Hakel, Campbell, Potts, Meaney, Menefee and McNeely. **APPROVED: 6-0**

In closing the meeting, Mr. Webb thanked Commissioner McNeely for his service and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

There being no further business, Chairman Potts adjourned the meeting at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

W. Ligon Webb
Town Planner
