

Minutes of the
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
For the Regular Meeting
City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia
Tuesday, February 10, 2015

PRESIDING: Planning Chairman Earl Carstens

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Keith Sanford; Planning Commission Members, Arch Willingham, Jimmy Campbell, Thompson Pettway, Cindy Whitaker, Building Official Larry Reed and City Clerk Cindy Roberts.

ABSENT: Planning Commission Members David DeVaney, Glenn Sutherland and Chip Corley.

CALLED TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Municipal Planning Commission was called to order on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at City Hall, 1214 Lula Lake Road, Lookout Mountain, Georgia, at 5:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

FAIRYLAND SCHOOL – GROWING DOME- JEREMY ROERDINK: Chairman Earl Carstens addressed Mr. Roerdink principle of the Fairyland School. Mr. Roerdink presented the MPC with a slide show on a one of a kind Steam Aquaponics Project. (Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math) being the future of education. Aquaponics food production system that combines conventional aquaculture raising aquatic animals such as snails and fish and adding hydroponics the cultivation plants in water a greenhouse environment. Mr. Roerdink added this will be known as a growing dome to be installed over the pond located beside the Faiyland Elementary School. Mr. John Parker from Walker County School central office was also present. Mr. Roerdink informed the MPC the plans involve installing a 12 feet tall and 26 foot dome over the pond located at the Fairyland School attaching it to the dock using the cable system allowing floating and buoyance. Decking will be installed allowing students to perform monitoring of the self-sustaining Aquaponics to study harvest of strawberry all the way to selling the strawberry at a farmers market. Mr. Roerdink also made mention on the bottom of the dome will be cages with donated fish to complete the Aquaponics Project. Mr. Parker also informed the MPC the project provides academics in engineering ranging from elementary students to college students. Mr. Roerdink also mentioned Chris Jones Director of Facilities and Operations for Walker County will oversee the project making it safe for the children and has contacted the EPA in order to meet all state requirements. After discussing the project at great length Chairman Earl Carstens recommended each member address the project with any concerns or questions and stated a consult with City Attorney Bill Pickering will be necessary due to the request to build a growing dome over the Pond. Planning Commission Member Cindy Whitaker addressed the aesthetic of the growing dome and weather it would be allowed and possibility of placing the Steam Aquaponics out of sight. Mr. Roerdink addressed the possibility of relocating over tanks and made mention it would be costly. Building Official Larry Reed submitted his

concerns stating safety issue dealing with children working over water and the design shows only one exit, also, the pond is active water and wet land issues that the state will need to approve. Building Official Larry Reed also informed the MPC the city may not have jurisdiction due to the owner of the property being Walker County and the active body of water the design will be constructed on top of the water which will require approval from the state. Chairman Earl Carstens advised direction from the City Attorney Bill Pickering on this unusual project would be necessary.

1217 PETER PAN – DECK- WARREN COLE: Mr. Warren Cole was present to address the MPC on the two decks to be constructed at 1217 Peter Pan Road. Mr. Cole recently purchased the property and is remodeling the master suite and adding a laundry room. Building Official Larry Reed reviewed the plans and recommended redesigning the deck allowing for more room and reconfiguring the front porch for more curb appeal. Planning Commission Member Keith Sanford made a motion to approve the front porch and deck subject to Mr. Reed's approval of design. Arch Willingham seconded the motion all were in favor.

PAUL SIMS – SIMS PROPERTY: The Sims family was present to address the MPC due to Planning Commission Member Jimmy Campbell contacting the Sims family. Mr. Campbell stated after hearing an appraisal was performed on the Sims Property he felt it necessary to contact the Sims family with their plans for the property. Mr. Sims made mention the Zoning was changed to residential after Fairyland Court was no longer in operation. Mr. Sims stated in order to sell the property he would like to change the zoning back to multi-family. Chairman Earl Carstens informed the Sims will need to follow City Ordinances in order to apply for a zoning change. MPC member Jimmy Campbell informed the Planning Commission needs to have a plan for the future. MPC member Cindy Whitaker stated the Phil Walker plan addressed the future for the city. Chairman Earl Carstens agreed the Walker plan was caught up in the Chapel Brow, PUD and the recession and it might be a good time to revive the Phil Walker plan. Building Official Larry Reed made a recommendation to revive the City of Lookout Mountain, Georgia the city needs to allow smaller lots allowing for smaller homes with in the Sims property. The Sims family stated they would like to sell the property under the multifamily zoning. The Sims family also ask the city include their property in a plan to involve the future of the City. Jimmy Campbell stated he will form a committee to address the future development of the city.

There was no further business so the meeting was adjured.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Roberts
City Clerk