

BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2017

Members Present:

Meagan Bradshaw, Jim Baker, John Dodson, Wade Hall, Steve Hermansen, Elmer Chewning, Jerry Mercer, Randy Johnson

Members Absent:

Guy Boone

Others Present:

Eric Workman, County Administrator
Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 PM, Joel Cagle called the meeting of the Bland County Planning Commission to order at the Bland County School Board Office; Bastian, Virginia. The Invocation was given and allegiance was pledged to the flag of our country by everyone present.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission Secretary Cagle took the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Joel Cagle called for nominations for the office of Chairman. A motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw to nominate Jerry Mercer as the Chairman, a second was provided by Commissioner Baker. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Mercer called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman. A motion was made by Commissioner Baker to nominate Meagan Bradshaw as the Vice-Chairman, a second was provided by Commissioner Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Mercer called for nominations for the office of Secretary and Vice-Secretary. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to nominate Joel Cagle as the Secretary, and Eric Workman as Vice-Secretary a second was provided by Commissioner Hermansen. The motion passed unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Mercer invited a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 28, 2016. Commissioner Hall made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 30, 2016; Commissioner Bradshaw provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

-CUP Application for The Urantia Garden Foundation, Inc. Cindy Stuart spoke on the purposed use of the four parcels of land. The buyer of the four parcels wishes to ensure zoning compliance prior to the purchase of the land. They purpose to develop a retreat center and offer trainings and retreats on site. They plan to cultivate botanical gardens and ;have organic vegetable gardens. Average attendance is expected to be between 10-20 people. They envision an open air amphitheater, as well as possibly building cabins to house the participants. The Commission requested that a representative of the Urantia Foundation be present at the public hearing. Commissioner Dodson made a motion to hold a public hearing on the CUP Application for The Urantia Garden Foundation, Inc. to operate a Recreational Facility on February 6, 2017. A second was provided by Commissioner Hall, with the motion passing unanimously.

-CUP Application for East River Baptist Association. Dee Dee Hoosier spoke on the purposed use of the action. They have outgrown the storage capacity of their Clothes Closet, where people donate the clothing and furniture items. The purposed site will have a 50'x70' building constructed to have the storage relocated from it's present location. Commissioner Baker made a motion to hold a public hearing on the CUP Application for East River Baptist Association to operate Warehouse Storage on February 6, 2017. A second was provided by Commissioner Bradshaw, with the motion passing unanimously.

-Doctor Workman notified the Commission on two upcoming training events. The first is an in house training, to have a Q & A session with council at the Courthouse on January 19. Also training is being offered at Bristol with Jonah Fogel (Virginia Tech) on January 26.

OLD BUSINESS

-None

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ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

CONTINUED

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to continue the meeting to January 19, at the Bland County Courthouse, 2nd floor conference room at 6PM; Commissioner Hermansen provided the second, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel K. Cagle- Secretary
Planning Commission
County of Bland