

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF PIGEON FORGE PLANNING COMMISSION
AND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
TUESDAY JANUARY 22, 2013, 3:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Bradley, Chairman
Robert Young, Vice Chair
Jay Ogle
Judy Harrell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jerry Clark
Kevin McClure

OTHERS PRESENT

David Taylor, Karl Kreis, Mark Miller, Mike Suttles, Jerry Hanson, Danny King, Bruce Rutherford, Mary Brown, Mimi Kulp, Ward Hamilton, and others.

Jim Gass
Midge Jessiman

PLANNING COMMISSION

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bradley noted that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting December 11, 2012 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Harrell. Commissioner McClure seconded and all voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

City of Pigeon Forge Items

A. Special events

- 1. Keep Sevier Beautiful – 3rd Annual Preserving the Mountain in Me 5K run/walk, Saturday, April 27th, 2013, City Parking lot and Greenway, Laura Howard.**

Ms. Howard was not present.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommended in favor of the request.

ACTION TAKEN

Commissioner Young recommended in favor of the request.
Commissioner Harrell seconded and all voted in favor.

2. 5K in May – Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Ministries, Veterans Blvd from Dollywood to City of Sevierville and back, Saturday, May 4th, 2013, Elise Collier-Massey.

Mr. Dan King and Ms. Collier-Massey were present.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommended in favor

ACTION TAKEN

Commissioner Young recommended in favor of the request.
Commissioner Ogle seconded and all voted in favor.

3. Heritage Carriage Rides, February 1st – February 28th, 2013, Walden's Landing, Peggy Wilson.

Mike Suttles was present.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommended in favor of the request for one more month. Mr. Mike Suttles explained that the event will be turned in as a commercial site plan revision next month. Staff Planner Taylor explained they submitted a site plan revision, but a few details need to be worked out before it could go before the Commission.

ACTION TAKEN

Commissioner Young recommended in favor of the request.
Commissioner Harrell seconded and all voted in favor.

B. Subdivisions

1. None.

C. Planned Unit Developments (PUD)

1. None.

D. Site Plans

1. None.

E. Requests for Rezoning

1. None.

F. Miscellaneous Requests or Required Actions

1. Review of Plan of Services for the annexation of Wear Farm City Park, Staff.

STAFF REVIEW

Commissioner Harrell asked about schools since it would be a park. Staff Planner Taylor stated it was a fairly standard Plan of Services that fulfills state law requirements.

ACTION TAKEN

Commissioner Harrell recommended in favor of the request. Commissioner Young seconded and all voted in favor.

Planning Region Items

A. Subdivisions

1. None.

B. Planned Unit Developments (PUD)

1. None.

C. Site Plans

1. None.

D. Requests for Rezoning

1. None.

E. Miscellaneous Requests or Required Actions.

1. Election for 2013 officers for Planning Commission.

Ms. Harrell recommended that Chairman Bradley, Vice Chairman Young and Secretary Ogle be re-elected.

ACTION TAKEN

Commissioner Harrell made a motion to approve the officers. Commissioner Ogle seconded and all voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bradley opened the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ross Ogle's Gem Mine and Gift Shop, Interpretation regarding the use of "theming" in a C-6 district per Sections 711.4.7 and 317(a).1, Wears Valley road, Bruce Rutherford, SRA Architects.

Mr. Rutherford, Attorney Ward Hamilton, and Ross Ogle, Jr. were there to represent the request. They also had a court stenographer to record this item. Mr. Rutherford told the Board they have removed the airplane statue and writing on wall from the original request. He said that live goats should not be counted as signage.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff Planner Taylor said this was deferred from last month while more information was gathered. He explained in detail sections of the ordinance and reminded the Board that all "theming" must be counted towards signage in a C-6 district. Commissioner Harrell stated that the goats have nothing to do with a gem mine business and felt the goats will be used to attract attention and therefore a "sign." Staff Planner Taylor showed pictures on this type of business in Georgia. One of the pictures showed goats walking around a billboard type sign, which said "goats" on it. He read the ordinance definition of a "sign" and pointed out it included "a device" (to) "attract attention." Discussion ensued. Other Commissioners felt that live goats are not signs and should not be counted as such.

ACTION TAKEN

Commissioner Young made a motion to interpretation that live goats are not signs under the zoning ordinance and should not be counted as theming or signage. Commissioner Ogle seconded adding that the feeding silos will not count as signage as long as there is no writing on them. Commissioner Harrell voted against.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Bill Bradley, Chairman

Attest:_____