

MEETING REPORT
LOUISVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Louisville Town Hall
June 29, 2010
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Swicegood
Jim Brown
Johnny Kizer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dexter Onks
Lance Campbell*

OTHERS

Kathy Lovingood
Mike Waller
Dan Caldwell
Steve McGrew
Julie Hamlin
Other Citizens**

* Term begins July 1, 2010

LPO Staff Representative: Karen Tominey

CALL TO ORDER

John Loope introduced the BZA and staff planner as there was no chairman at the onset of this meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman: Jim Brown nominated Tom Swicegood to be the Chairman of the BZA. Johnny Kizer seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

Action Taken: Tom Swicegood was unanimously elected Chairman of the BZA.

Secretary: Tom Swicegood nominated Jim Brown to be the Secretary of the BZA. Johnny Kizer seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

Action Taken: Jim Brown was unanimously elected Secretary of the BZA.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Newly-elected chairman Tom Swicegood introduced the BZA members, and briefly discussed his intentions as chairman. Essentially Mr. Swicegood stated that he would strive to direct a well-organized board and conduct meetings as outlined in the Tennessee Code Annotated, and he stressed the importance of public notice and transparency.

Mr. Swicegood stated that there were some problems with the public notice for tonight's meeting, including the lack of posted signs and the insufficiency of the public notice in the paper. He vowed to, as chairman, ensure that future meetings were properly advertised.

Staff asked if the board wished to continue using her meeting report as the official minutes of the BZA, as had been done in the past, or if they would use the city recorder's notes as their official minutes. The BZA generally agreed to use staff's meeting report as their official minutes.

Special Exception Use in the R-1 Residential Use District: Cornerstone of Recovery Campus, Considering Special Exception Use Criteria Outlined in Louisville Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 7, 11.701 2. Subsection a: “Residential facilities used for the care of aged or physically handicapped persons.” Proposed Campus Location: Blount County Tax Map 071, Parcel 201.01; Mike Waller, Vision Engineering; BankEast, Property Owner; Scott Anderson, Strategic Partners, LLC, Owner.

Mike Waller requested that the item be postponed since there were issues that still needed to be addressed and since the applicant’s council was not able to attend this meeting.

The prospective development of Cornerstone of Recovery was still discussed at length, with Dan Caldwell explaining the history of the business and Tom Bickers explaining the history of the site plan proposal as it moved from the planning commission to the Board of Mayor and Alderman and back again.

Many residents near the proposed development expressed concern about the town’s hearing notification process and with the proposed development itself.

Action Taken: No action taken, request withdrawn by applicant with the knowledge that they may be back to the BZA in the future.

Adjournment: With no further business before the BZA, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 on a motion by Tom Swicegood and seconded by Jim Brown.

** Other citizens in attendance include:

Sharon Williams
Clarence Williams
James Prigmore, Sr.
James Prigmore, Jr.
Joe Gallagher
Steve Young
Elizabeth Campbell Young
William Pace
Georgia Pace
Bonnie Garner
Joe Garner
Harriet Hutchinson
William Hutchinson
Walter Thompson
John Loope
Tom Bickers
Mary Ann James
Larry DeMarcus
Geraldine Anderson
Jere Ingram