

City of Dawsonville
May 15, 2006
Meeting of the Planning Commission

Claire Sharp, chairperson, called the May 15th City of Dawsonville Planning Commission regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Those present were Planning Commission Members: Claire Sharp, B.J. Farley, and Jimmy Castleberry (absent: Ken Breeden), City of Dawsonville Planning Department: Steve Holder and Bonnie Warne, and concerned citizens of the City of Dawsonville and Dawson County.

Invocation and Pledge: Jimmy Castleberry gave the invocation and led the pledge.

Announcement of the Next Meeting Date: Claire Sharp announced that the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall in Dawsonville.

Approval of the minutes: B.J. Farley made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 17th, 2006. Jimmy Castleberry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: Steve Holder, Planning Director, announced that the City of Dawsonville has contracted with the Georgia Mountain Regional Development Center (GMRDC) to assist with the creation of the new Comprehensive Plan. This will be a complete update as required by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and provide for the projection of growth and change within Dawsonville reaching 2030. This timeline and process for this update will be expedited for the purpose of trying to complete the update before the due date of Oct. 31, 2006. A basic plan will be prepared to meet this deadline through the assistance of our local RDC. This will involve meetings and correspondence with stakeholders, and the Planning and the City Council Members through July and August, with the community invited. A Vision Based Plan will be created of what the stakeholders and community wish the City to look like in the future.

Public Hearing:

VAR-10-05-1181: Ted Bearden has requested a Variance for TMP D04-017 located at 334 Hwy. 53 East. The applicant has requested a setback variance.

Ted Bearden was present to speak of his application. This expansion would go into the setback area, which is 25 ft. for commercial buildings. He plans to add on to the funeral home – approx. 6500 sq. ft. expansion with a formal chapel, more common area, and a garage. Both Mr. Bearden and Steve Holder have spoken with the adjoining property owner, who has no objections and would be willing to testify to this if needed. The Planning Department recommends approval of this setback variance.

B.J. Farley motioned to recommend approval of this variance request. Jimmy Castleberry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously to approve the setback variance.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Claire Sharp asked for a motion to adjourn. B.J. Farley motioned. Jimmy Castleberry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes approved this 19th day of June, 2006.

Claire Sharp

B.J. Farley

Ken Breeden

Jimmy Castleberry

Attested _____
Bonnie Warne
Zoning Administrator