

MINUTES

Levy County Planning Commission

May 2, 2011

6:30 p.m.

The Levy County Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Thad Barber. Other members present were:

Vaughn Lee
Thomas Harper
Toni Collins
Ron Grant

Also present was County Attorney, Mrs. Anne Brown and Development Director, Mr. Rob Corbitt.

Chair Barber called for a motion to approve or deny the minutes from March 7, 2011 as presented. Mr. Harper motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Collins seconded the motion. All members voted "aye." Motion carried.

Chair Barber then called for anyone giving testimony for the item listed on the agenda to be sworn in by the county attorney. Attorney Brown officially swore in anyone that wished to speak or present themselves as an expert witness.

Chair Barber called for the board to disclose any ex-parte communications related to the petition being presented. Mrs. Collins, Mr. Lee, Mr. Barber, Mr. Grant and Mr. Harper had received phone calls regarding SE 1-11 from opposition.

Chair Barber asked Mr. Corbitt to begin with the items of business.

PETITION NO. SE 1-11 Mark Swain representing Todd Hubbard, petitioning the board to allow On-Premise Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in a business best described as a "sports pub," on a parcel of land lying in the NW corner of Section 14 and the NE corner of Section 15, Township 11S, Range 14E, Levy County. Said parcel contains 2 acres more or less and is located within a "C-3" Moderately Intensive Commercial zone. Situs Address: 7050 NW 140th Street.

Mr. Corbitt briefly went over his staff report and focused on the high points of the application.

Both Mark and Stacy Swain were present for their application.

Mr. and Mrs. Swain stated that the proposed restaurant would have a family atmosphere, creating a place for families to go especially during youth sport activities to celebrate winning a game. They said their restaurant would be a clean operation. Mr. Swain also stated that he realizes that they would need a variance for the distance separation from the restaurant and adjacent charter school.

Chair Barber called for any opposition or support for this item.

Support: Mr. Corbitt read into the record a letter of support from Mr. D.W. King. Todd Hubbard, Murray Tillis, Eddie Baron, and Russell Fulmer voiced their support for the Special Exception

saying this proposed use would increase jobs and build a better tax base. They also stated that Mr. Swain would operate a very clean business.

Oppose: Marie Strange and Juanita Melchoir stated that alcohol affects children, individuals driving and promotes crime. They also stated that alcohol destroys homes and by allowing alcohol consumption in a “family” restaurant, presents poor role modeling for the children.

Chair Barber closed the floor to discussion.

After discussion Chair Barber called for a motion to this item. Mrs. Collins motioned to recommend approval of Special Exception No. SE 1-11 with the conditions as described in the Order of Approval to the Board of County Commissioners.. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. Mrs. Collins, Mr. Lee, Mr. Barber and Mr. Grant voted “aye.” Mr. Harper voted “ney.” MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business for the Levy County Planning Commission, Mrs. Collins motioned to adjourn. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. All members voted “aye.” Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Chairman