

**AMHERST COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016  
MINUTES**

**VIRGINIA**

A public meeting for the Amherst County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, June 16, 2016, in the School Board Room located in the Administration Building at 153 Washington Street, Amherst, VA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Beverly Jones, Chairman  
George Brine, Vice Chairman  
Les Irvin  
Lillian Floyd  
Derin Foor  
Michael Martineau

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Pugh, Board of Supervisors Liaison

**STAFF PRESENT:** Austin Mitchell, Assistant Zoning Administrator/Planner  
Stacey Stinnett, Administrative Assistant

**STAFF ABSENT:** Jeremy Bryant, Director of Planning/Zoning

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizens Comments
4. Public Hearing
  - A. 2016-07 James & Kathryn Bryant
5. Route 29 Business Beautification Committee – Charter
6. Old/New Business
7. Approval of Minutes for May 19, 2016
8. Adjournment

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Mitchell asked to add the Plat Vacation for Dogwood Creek Estates as Item Number six (6).

### **Planning Commission Action:**

**Motion:** Irvin                      Motion to approve the amended agenda.

**Second:** Martineau

**The motion carried by a 6-0 vote**

## **3. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

There were none.

## **4. PUBLIC HEARING**

A.        2016-07        James C. & Kathryn C. Bryant

Request by James & Kathryn Bryant for a special exception in the B-2 General Commercial District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow for the storage of equipment (James River Equipment – John Deer Dealership).

Mr. Mitchell presented the Staff report and concluded his comments by stating that Staff recommends the following conditions.

1.        Trash Disposal: If an outdoor trash facility is used, the trash disposal facility shall be placed in an area that is not visible from a public right-of-way and in an area that is not objectionable to neighboring properties. If it is visible from a public right-of-way (as determined by the Zoning Administrator) or objectionable to a neighboring property owner, a wooden privacy fence shall be erected around the trash facility.

2.        Lighting facilities shall be so arranged that light is reflected away from adjacent properties and streets.

3.        Sight Distance: The placement of all equipment for sale shall be located in an area that does not affect any vehicular sight distance.

Ms. Jones opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or opposition; therefore, Ms. Jones closed the public hearing.

**Planning Commission Recommendation:**

**Motion:** Foor                      Motion to approve special exception request 2016-07 for James C. & Kathryn C. Bryant.

**Second:** Brine

**Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

**5. ROUTE 29 BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE - CHARTER**

Mr. Mitchell briefly explained that the purpose of this Committee is to work towards promoting the attraction of customers to the 29 Business corridor and provide citizens an opportunity to take an active role in the appearance of our community.

Mr. Irvin suggested adding the Route 210 and Route 130 Connector corridors to the geographic boundaries.

There was also discussion about the need for 9 members but it was pointed out that only 5 are really from the community at-large.

Mr. Mitchell asked the Planning Commission to review and at the next meeting in July the Planning Commission will decide whether or not to adopt.

**6. DOGWOOD CREEK ESTATES VACATIN OF SUBDIVISION PLAT**

Mr. Mitchell briefly stated that since no lots had been sold for Dogwood Creek Estates, Thomas Road Baptist Church wished to vacate the subdivision plat. The County code states that if no lots have been sold in a subdivision that with the consent of the Planning Commission an owner can then vacate the subdivision.

**Planning Commission Recommendation:**

**Motion:** Foor                      Motion to vacate subdivision lots for Dogwood Creek Estates.

**Second:** Martineau

**Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

## **7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Jones notified the Planning Commission about the two (2) Economic Development Strategic Plan Presentations on:

- Wednesday, June 22 at 7 pm at the Amherst County High School Lecture Hall
- Thursday, June 23 at 7 pm at Monelison Middle School Library

## **8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 19, 2016**

### **Planning Commission Recommendation:**

**Motion:** Irvin                      Motion to approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2016 with one change.

**Second:** Floyd

**Motion carried by a 5-0 vote. (Martineau abstained)**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

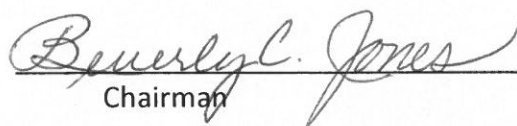
### **Planning Commission Recommendation:**

**Motion:** Brine                      Motion to adjourn.

**Second:** Foor

**The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

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Chairman