

The special meeting of the Beaufort County Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Thursday, September 18, 2008, in Council Chambers, Beaufort County Administration Building, at 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, South Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Thomas Gasparini, Chairman
Mr. Edgar Williams, Vice Chairman
Mr. Kevin Mack

Mr. Bill Bootle
Mr. Claude Dinkins
Mr. Phillip LeRoy

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Chester Williams

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Hillary Austin, Zoning Administrator
Mrs. Lisa Glover, Zoning Analyst III

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Gasparini called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mr. Gasparini led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence in honor of our country's military service members.

REVIEW OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Mr. Edgar Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda as submitted. Mr. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (FOR: Bootle, Dinkins, Gasparini, LeRoy, Mack, and E. Williams).

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Mr. Gasparini stated, that he nor Mr. Mack was at the July 24th, 2008 meeting. Mr. Gasparini stated, that as chairman of the board, he proposes that the agenda be postponed until the regularly scheduled September meeting, because Mr. Chester Williams did not have a chance to review the minutes in its entirety.

The board members agreed to the postponement of the adoption of the July 24th, 2008 minutes.

DALE GROCERY STORE (VARIANCE/SPECIAL USE AMENDMENT) – REVISIT

Mr. Gasparini stated, that he understands that Mr. Albany has met with Ms. Austin and they reached a resolution in regards to the landscaping for the property for the convenience store. Mr. Gasparini stated, that the proposal is subject to the proposed amended landscape plan.

Mr. Albany stated, that Mr. Gasparini is correct.

Mr. Gasparini showed Mr. Albany the proposed plan, and asked Mr. Albany, “Is this the amended landscape plan?”

Mr. Albany answered, “Yes sir”.

Mr. Gasparini asked Mr. Albany, “Do you agree to put the plants and trees that are on the landscape plan on the property?”

Mr. Albany answered, “Yes sir”.

MOTION: Mr. Edgar Williams made a motion to approve the variance to reduce the amount of landscaping for the trees and bushes on site, and to amend the special use permit to modify the landscaping on site. Mr. LeRoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (FOR: Bootle, Dinkins, Gasparini, LeRoy, Mack, and E. Williams).

RULES & PROCEDURES

Mr. Gasparini stated, that the board is not prepared to discuss the Rules & Procedures at this time, but he would like to review the Rules & Procedures before the end of this year. Mr. Gasparini stated, that the board can continue this part of the meeting until another day; but it has to be a regular public meeting with minutes, etc. Mr. Gasparini stated, that he will not be at the regularly scheduled September meeting, but he proposes that the board meets early at the regularly scheduled October meeting, to discuss the Rules & Procedures. Mr. Gasparini informed the board, that he spoke with Mr. Summerville, Vice Chairman of the Land Management Committee, and he proposed a couple of modifications; one modification was the procedure for missing three consecutive meetings.

Mr. Bootle asked Mr. Gasparini, “What’s the date of the meeting to approve the Rules & Procedures?”

Mr. Gasparini stated, that they will pick a date at the October meeting, because Mr. Chester Williams is not present. Mr. Gasparini stated, that the board could continue the meeting for the Rules & Procedures, at 3:00 p.m. on the date of the regularly scheduled November meeting.

Ms. Austin stated, that staff will reserve the room for the early meeting. Ms. Austin stated, that the date for the October meeting is Thursday, October 23rd, 2008, and the date of the November meeting is Thursday, November 13th, 2008.

Mr. Gasparini stated, that the board can set the date at this meeting, and next week if Mr. Chester Williams have a problem with that date, the date can be changed at the meeting on next week. Mr. Gasparini stated, that the board will postpone the discussion of item #7, ZBOA Rules & Procedure to October 23rd, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Edgar Williams made a motion to adjourn until the meeting of October 23rd, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Bootle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (FOR: Bootle, Dinkins, Gasparini, LeRoy, Mack, and E. Williams).

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:27 p.m.