



City of Southport

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
August 16, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tish Hatem, Donnie Joyner, Marie Dailey, Martha Johnson, Fred Guerrina, Hilary Meehan, Dale McPherson, Chad Huggins

STAFF PRESENT: B. Wayne Strickland, Building Inspector
Michele Windham, Board Clerk
Jerry Haire, Contract Planner

BOARD OF ALDERMEN Buddy Barnes
LIAISON:

Mrs. Tish Hatem, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Donnie Joyner pronounced the invocation.

3. Approval of Minutes: July 19, 2012 regular meeting

Mr. Fred Guerrina motioned, second by Mr. Joyner to approve the July 19, 2012 regular meeting minutes. ***Unanimous vote; motion carried.***

4. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Joyner motioned, second by Mr. Dale McPherson to approve the agenda. ***Unanimous vote; motion carried.***

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Old Business

a. Conditional Use Permit; Home Occupation, 309 E. Bay Street for Dorothea N. Buckingham (CUP 12-0530-01)

Chairman Hatem read the committee report:

On the request for a Conditional Use Permit for 309 E. Bay Street to allow a yoga therapist home occupation, the committee met in the office of the Building Inspector, 107 E. Nash Street on August 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. John & Dorothea Buckingham discussed their application. Mr. Guerrina asked how

many customers would be at the studio at any one time and Mrs. Buckingham replied one (1) customer at a time and likely only three (3) a week.

The committee asked that Mrs. Buckingham provide a description of the services she supplies and photos showing the area to be used.

The committee was satisfied that with the additional information the application would be complete.

Chairman Hatem stated the applicant had provided the additional information requested by the committee.

Mr. Guerrina pointed out the application was complete.

Ms. Hilary Meehan motioned, second by Mr. McPherson to send the application to the Board of Adjustment with a recommendation that in the event the CUP is approved, the use be valid with the current homeowner only. ***Unanimous vote; motion carried.***

Item to be forwarded to the Board of Adjustment.

b. Howe Street Corridor Zoning Reclassification

Mr. Jerry Haire reported to the Board that the City Manager presented an overview of the Planning Board's discussions regarding a proposed zoning reclassification of the North Howe Street corridor to the Board of Aldermen during a recent workshop. Mr. Haire indicated that the Board of Aldermen consensus was that the proposed zoning reclassification is reasonable, no non-conforming uses will be created and it will provide flexibility in preserving the city's entry corridor. Mr. Haire stated the Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing on the proposal during the September regular Board meeting.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

Mrs. Johnson asked about the status of the way-finding signs. Chairman Hatem stated that Downtown Southport Inc. (DSI) offered to pay for the signs, she is the DSI liaison, the Planning Board will remain involved, and the City Manager will present a proposal at a future meeting.

8. Announcements

There were no announcements

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McPherson, second by Mr. Guerrina. ***Unanimous vote; motion carried.*** The August meeting of the Planning Board adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by Michele Windham
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