

GEORGETOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The Georgetown Planning Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 in the Georgetown Town Hall, 404 6th Street. Chairman Sarah Kaminski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Answering the roll were Chairman Sarah Kaminski, Vice Chairman Paul Nisler, Commissioners Malcolm Schaefer and Greg Sterett and Alternate Member Jerry Fabyanic. Also in attendance was Recording Secretary/Town Clerk Merinel Williams.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as written.

AUDIENCE BUSINESS - None.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING to consider an amendment to Chapter 17 of the Georgetown Municipal Code (land use) to add dark sky (outdoor lighting) regulations (Ordinance No. 03, Series 2007)

Ms. Kaminski opened the continued public hearing to consider draft Ordinance No. 03 which would add outdoor lighting regulations to the land use title of the municipal code.

Mr. Sterett clarified his concerns expressed at the last meeting. He stated it would be hypocritical for the Town to make private property owners comply with these new regulations if the Town's lights don't comply.

Mr. Nisler and Ms. Kaminski explained that the proposed regulations require compliance by both private and public property owners only if new projects are proposed. Mr. Schaefer added that the concept is to not impose an immediate financial burden on any property owner, but to require gradual change over time.

The Commission members agreed to amend section 17.48.040(b) to clarify that the Town's existing street lights should be brought into conformance as funding permits.

Cindy Neely spoke in support of amending the draft regulations to allow the use of induction lighting, which is an electrode-less fluorescent light bulb that will last 50,000 to 100,000 hours, uses 15% less power, is compatible with metal halide fixtures, and can accommodate power fluctuations. She also commented that the adoption of dark sky

regulations might assist the Town when it discusses lighting for truck chain-up areas on the interstate with CDOT.

Mr. Schaefer moved to recommend to the Board of Selectmen approval of Ordinance No. 03 with the amendments as agreed upon tonight and at the last hearing. Mr. Nisler seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Minutes of February 14, 2007

Mr. Nisler moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2007 meeting as corrected. Mr. Sterett seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kaminski adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION

The Commission conducted a work session to discuss draft changes to the Planned Unit Development regulations in Title 17 of the Code. They also discussed members' attendance at an up-coming DRCOG workshop for planning commissioners. The work session was concluded at 8:00 p.m.

Sarah Kaminski, Chairman

Merinel Williams, Town Clerk