

Planning/Development Committee Minutes February 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Ann DeSmith in Room 103J of the Henry County Courthouse with members Dennis Sullivan and Rick Livesay present. Member Jon Zahm was absent. Zoning/Building Department Manager Kyle Stromquist, County Administrator Colleen Gillaspie, Deputy County Administrator Naomi Stahl and Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson Lloyd Carlson were also present. Gabriele Duke, Attorney Jon Singer and other neighbors were present. Diana DeMarlie, Jim and Joanne Boggs and other neighbors were also present.

Agenda:

1. Public Comment: Attorney Jon Singer spoke for client Gabriele Duke. He stated the county zoning ordinance limits residents to three dogs. He also stated the county does allow applications for special use permits and that is what Ms. Duke is seeking to keep her 10 dogs. Mr. Singer said these dogs are not easily adoptable and are a difficult financial undertaking for most people. He also stated that by not allowing Ms. Duke to keep her dogs until their natural end could cause these dogs to be put to death. Mr. Singer said it would be difficult for Ms. Duke to move in order to keep her dogs. He also mentioned Ms. Duke's realtor was informed there wasn't anything in the animal control ordinance that restricts the number of dogs to three, not realizing the restriction was in the zoning ordinance. Mr. Singer stated Ms. Duke takes better care of her dogs than most people do with their children. He felt the county would be the poorer if the county did not recognize the special circumstances in this situation.
2. Ms. DeSmith requested the review of the draft proposal for revised standing committees be added to the agenda. Rick Livesay made a motion to approve the revised meeting agenda, seconded by Dennis Sullivan. Motion carried. Dennis Sullivan made a motion to approve the January 4, 2012 minutes as printed, Rick Livesay seconded. Motion carried.
3. County Board Zoning Agenda: Dennis Sullivan made a motion to send 12-01 SU for a rural small business for R. Rutherford and 12-02 SU for a kennel for G. Duke onto County Board for vote. Rick Livesay seconded. Motion carried.

4. Invenergy Review: Kyle Stromquist updated the committee on Invenergy progress and updates.
5. Monthly Income Summary and Expenses were reviewed for the Zoning/Building Department and Solid Waste Management.
6. Request by Executive Committee to review draft revisions to Standing Committees: After review of draft revisions, the committee stated they could see problems with combining the Highway Department and Planning/Development Committees. The committee will bring further comments to next month's meeting.
7. Miscellaneous: Open meeting act training was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 in Room 103J of the Henry County Courthouse.

Respectfully,

Kyle Stromquist
Zoning/Building Manager