

MINUTES
CITY OF GAINESVILLE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
CIVIC CENTER
311 S. WEAVER ST. GAINESVILLE, TEXAS
Tuesday, January 11, 2005
4:00P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. John Gage, Lupe Lozano, Jan Russell, Bill Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Jones and David Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Glenn Loch, Carlos Vigil, Marcia McLaughlin

VISITORS PRESENT: Steve Schmitz, Rick Hanning, Ronnie Brooks,
Representative for Lamar Advertising, Danny Walterscheid

MEETING OPENED: 4:02 P.M. **MEETING ADJOURNED:** 5:35 P.M.

ITEM # 1 – Call the meeting to order and declare a quorum.

ITEM # 2 – Citizen Comments – none were presented.

ITEM # 3 – Approval of the Board Minutes for the meeting of December 14, 2004 and Special Called meeting of January 4, 2005.

A motion was made by Ms. Lozano to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Russell.

The motion carried by the following vote:

4 YES: 0 NAYS: 2 ABSENT: 0 ABSTENTIONS:

ITEM # 4 – Executive Session – Opening announcement. The Planning and Zoning Commission adjourned into closed or executive session at 4:03 p.m. in compliance with Vernon’s Texas Codes Annotated, Government Code, Chapter 551 (Open Meetings Act).

ITEM # 5 – Open Session – Closing announcement. The Planning and Zoning Commission convened into open session at 4:36 p.m. with no action being taken during executive session.

ITEM # 6 – Sign Variance

To consider and make a recommendation for a two-sided billboard to be installed at 1415 N. Grand Ave. for Lamar Advertising Company. Case # PZ-27-04.

After a presentation by staff, and brief discussion, Mr. Vigil informed the Planning and Zoning Commissioners that TXDOT did not recommend approval of the sign variance at this location because of the traffic patterns and visibility. The staff also recommended that the sign variance not be approved because of the new Sign Code and the traffic.

Ms. Russell made a motion to deny the sign variance for Health and Safety reasons and the new Sign Code regulations, seconded by Ms. Lozano.

The motion carried by the following vote:

4 AYES: 0 NAYS: 2 ABSENT: 0 ABSTENTIONS

ITEM # 7 – Sign Variance

To consider and make a recommendation for a 8 foot variance from the 10 foot requirement of the Sign Ordinance, for property located at the corner of 3200 E. Hwy. 82. Case # PZ-27-04.

After a presentation and discussion with staff about the possibility of the setback, height, and location of sign where it can be seen from both directions, the staff recommended the sign variance not be approved.

Ms. Russell made a motion to deny the sign variance, seconded by Ms. Lozano.

The motion carried by the following vote:

3 AYES: 1 NAYS: 2 ABSENT: 0 ABSTENTIONS

ITEM # 8 – Sign Variance

To consider and make a recommendation for a billboard installation at 801 N. I-35. Case # PZ-29-04.

After a presentation by staff and discussion by the Commissioners,

Ms. Russell made a motion to approve the sign variance with the following stipulations:

- The height variance must meet the current Ordinance and the benchmark elevation of the Braum’s sign.
- The monument sign should meet current Ordinances.

- The landscaping shall be installed as promised.

ITEM # 8 - continued

The motion carried by the following vote:

 4 **AYES:** 0 **NAYS:** 2 **ABSENT:** 0 **ABSTENTIONS**

ITEM # 9 – Sign Variance

To consider and make a recommendation for the signs painted on the building located at 201 West California for B-29 Investments, L.P. Case # PZ-3004.

After a presentation by the staff and discussion by the Commissioners,

Dr. Gage made a motion to approve the sign variance, with a second by Ms. Lozano. A suggestion was also made to send a copy of the Sign Ordinance to all the sign painters in Gainesville. This has been done.

The motion carried by the following vote:

 4 **AYES** 0 **NAYS** 2 **ABSENT** 0 **ABSTENTIONS**

ITEM # 10 – Amendment to the Nuisance Enforcement Code –

To consider and make a recommendation to amend the Nuisance Ordinance.

Staff reviewed the main objectives of the Ordinance and asked the Commissioners for additional input. There was some discussion about enforcement procedures. A revised draft will be presented at the next meeting. No action was taken.

ITEM 11 # STAFF REPORT

Update on personnel hiring.

ITEM # 12 Adjournment of meeting at 5:35 P.M.