

**SPALDING COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 27, 2015**

The Spalding County Planning Commission held its regular monthly meeting on January 27, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in Room 108 of the Spalding County Courthouse Annex. Members present were: John Youmans, Vice-Chair, presiding; Bruce Ballard; Walter Cox; Sonny Eubanks; and Frank Harris.

Also present were: Chad Jacobs, Community Development Director; and Yvonne Langford to record the minutes. Zoning Attorney Newton Galloway was not present.

Mr. Youmans called the meeting to order and invited those present wanting to address the Board regarding any matter to sign in on the appropriate form.

Mr. Youmans recognized Mr. Walter Cox as a new member of the Planning Commission.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Mr. Youmans opened the floor for nominations for a chair.

Mr. Eubanks nominated Mr. Youmans. Mr. Harris seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

**MOTION**

Mr. Cox made a motion to close the nominations and elect Mr. Youmans by acclamation. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Ballard with Mr. Ballard, Mr. Cox, Mr. Eubanks, and Mr. Harris voting for the motion and Mr. Youmans abstaining.

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Mr. Youmans opened the floor for nominations for a Vice-Chair.

Mr. Youmans nominated Mr. Ballard. Mr. Harris seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

**MOTION**

Mr. Youmans made a motion to close the nominations and declare Mr. Ballard elected by acclamation. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Harris with Mr. Cox, Mr. Eubanks, Mr. Harris and Mr. Youmans voting for the motion and Mr. Ballard abstaining.

**S/D 06-09:** Consider extension of preliminary plat for Walker's Creek Subdivision – G-4 Investments, Owner – current preliminary plat expires January 30, 2015

Mr. Jacobs said this is the usual application for renewal of a preliminary plat. The Staff recommendation is for approval for a two-year extension.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ballard made a motion to approve a two-year extension for S/D 06-09. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Eubanks with Mr. Ballard, Mr. Cox, Mr. Eubanks, Mr. Harris and Mr. Youmans voting for the motion.

**S/D 06-10:** Consider extension of preliminary plat for Big Pines Farm Subdivision – Big Pines Farm, LLLP, Owner – current preliminary plat expires January 30, 2015.

Mr. Andy Welch – 2200 Keys Ferry Road – McDonough, Georgia

Mr. Welch is an attorney representing Big Pines Farm, LLLP, Owner, regarding this application. He said he and Mr. Hockett were present to answer any questions regarding the extension. On question, he discussed the status of this project.

Mr. Jacobs said there is a condition on this preliminary plat for them to obtain sanitary sewer and that condition remains with the renewal of the plat. The staff recommendation is for approval with the condition as stated.

**MOTION**

Mr. Harris made a motion to conditionally approve S/D 06-10. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Ballard with Mr. Ballard, Mr. Cox, Mr. Eubanks, Mr. Harris and Mr. Youmans voting for the motion.

Mr. Jacobs said he had e-mailed information to the Planning Commission members regarding the plans for the North Hill Street corridor. There was a workshop regarding these plans due to some concerns Commissioner Flowers-Taylor had. There are proposed intersection improvements at 6th Street, Tuskegee and East McIntosh. The City of Griffin is moving forward with the one on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. A joint 50-50 split between the City and County engineering has been done for the one at Tuskegee. This corridor is becoming a focus again. The plan has been dormant. There was a tie vote with the City approving and the County not approving. They are now trying to re-visit the project. There will probably be some ordinances and/or overlays for the Planning Commission to consider in the future.

The Planning Commission will probably go paperless by March or April. The plan is to purchase five iPads for the Planning Commission and Appeals Board to use jointly. It is possible they will have separate Pads for each Board. The plan is to e-mail the information to all of the members and then have the iPads at the meetings.

There has been some further research regarding Urban Agriculture and there will probably be further information for the March meeting.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Eubanks made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting. The motion passed on a second by Mr. Harris with Mr. Ballard, Mr. Eubanks, Mr. Harris and Mr. Youmans voting for the motion and Mr. Cox abstaining because he was not present.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Ballard and a second by Mr. Youmans with Mr. Ballard, Mr. Cox, Mr. Eubanks, Mr. Harris and Mr. Youmans voting for the motion.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
John Youmans – Chair

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Yvonne M. Langford - Recorder