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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
CITY HALL, 16860 MAIN STREET, WILDWOOD, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 21, 2015

The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Bopp, at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, December 21, 2015, at Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri.

I. Welcome to Attendees and Roll Call of Commission Members

Chair Bopp requested a roll call be taken. The roll call was taken, with the following results:

PRESENT – (8)	ABSENT- (2)
Chair Bopp	Commissioner Renner
Commissioner Archeski	Commissioner Bauer
Commissioner Peasley	Council Member Manton
Commissioner Lee	
Commissioner Gragnani	
Commissioner Liddy	
Mayor Woerther	

Other City Officials present: Director of Planning Vujnich, City Attorney Golterman, Planner Newberry, and Assistant Director of Planning and Parks Arnett.

II. Review Tonight's Agenda / Questions or Comments

There were no questions or comments on the agenda.

III. Approval of Minutes from the December 7, 2015 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Gragnani, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2015 meeting. A voice vote was taken regarding the motion for approval of the minutes. Hearing no objections, Chair Bopp declared the motion approved.

IV. Department of Planning Opening Remarks

The Department did not have any opening remarks.

V. Public Hearings – Two (2) Items for Consideration

(a.) **P.Z. 23-15 Pond Athletic Association, c/o Keith Ellis, 17131 Lafayette Trails Drive, Wildwood, Missouri 63038** - A request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in the NU Non-Urban Residence District and FPNU Floodplain Non-Urban Residence District for the installation of sponsorship type banners on existing fencing associated with the athletic fields that are part of the Pond Athletic Association. This facility is located on the west side of Pond Road, north of Hohmann Road (Locator Numbers: 22W330042 and 22W330051/Street

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Address: 1725 and 1613 Pond Road). **Proposed Use: Sponsorship type banners for a not-for-profit use, with a minimum of two (2) operational athletic fields on the same lot. (Ward One)**

Chair Bopp gave an overview of the public hearing process for all in attendance and requested the advertisement be read into the record.

Assistant Director Arnett read the request into the record.

Director Vujnich entered a number of items into the record, including the following: the City's Zoning Code, the Master Plan, and the Charter. He then narrated a slide show of photographs describing the subject site and the surrounding roadways and adjacent properties.

Keith Ellis, 17131 Lafayette Trails Drive, speaking in representation of Pond Athletic Association, noted 2016 will be PAA's 53rd year and today there are six (6) ballfields on the site. The Association is requesting a CUP be granted to allow for banners to be hung inside the park and not visible from the road.

Discussion was held among the Commission Members regarding the following: the length of time the Conditional Use Permit would be authorized; and the past use of sponsorship banners, prior to the City's incorporation, and as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2013.

Gregg Maryniak, 1518 Scofield Valley Lane, noted he has been a resident of Portland Cove for sixteen (16) years and had two (2) children that played at PAA. He stated he is opposed to the use of banners, which would change the appearance of the ballpark and the fencing into an opaque visual barrier.

Discussion was then held among the Commission Members regarding the following: the number of signs that were installed, as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2013, which was sixty (60); the extent of evergreen trees planted along Pond Road and the potential for additional trees near the main entrance into the ballpark to block the view of the signs, when traveling north along it; the number of ballfields, four (4), which back to Pond Road or the neighboring property; the Athletic Association's agreement to adhere to suggestions to preserve the character of the ballpark; the location of the banners installed in 2013; the Board of Adjustment variance that was granted in 2013; the ability to limit the number and location of banners, as part of the CUP process; the use of windscreening currently on fencing, which prevents seeing through it; and the potential for making the backs of signs green, so the visual impact of the banners is minimized.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peasley, seconded by Commissioner Archeski, to close the public hearing. A voice vote was taken regarding the motion. Hearing no objections, Chair Bopp declared the motion approved and the public hearing closed.

(b.) **P.Z. 19-15 1971 Pond Road, Payne Family Homes L.L.C., 10407 Baur Boulevard, Suite B, St. Louis, Missouri, 63132 –** A request for the application of a Planned Residential Development Overlay District (PRD), within the NU Non-Urban Residence District for a 78.0 acre tract of land that is located on the north side of State Route 100, west of Pond Road (Locator Number: 23W520053/Street Address: 1971 Pond Road). **Proposed Use: A total of twenty-six (26) individual lots, with common ground, and required public space areas. Lots would range in size from one (1) acre to four and one-half (4.5) acres. (Ward One)**

Assistant Director Arnett read the request into the record.

Director Vujnich referenced items that were provided to the Commission, including the Preliminary Development Plan and Sight Distance Study. He then narrated a slide show of photographs describing the subject site and the surrounding roadways and adjacent properties.

Tom Cummings, 10407 Baur Boulevard, 63132, noted he is representing Payne Family Homes. He provided an overview of the proposed subdivision for twenty-six (26) homes on seventy-eight (78) acres. He then provided the petitioner's rationales for requesting the PRD, including the preservation of thirty-five (35) acres of contiguous open space, the proposed amount of tree removal, which is less than a traditional subdivision, and the use of low impact development practices. He also noted the petitioner is in agreement to conduct a traffic study, if required.

Discussion was then held among the Commission Members regarding the following: the location of the cemetery on the site; the rationales used in selecting the location of the access point to the property; and the ability for the City to direct the location of the curb cut, since Pond Road is a City-maintained roadway.

Gregg Maryniak, 1518 Scofield Valley Lane, noted his main concern with this development is the location of the access point, where historically there have been a significant number of accidents and traffic issues in this location.

Maureen Maryniak, 1518 Scofield Valley Lane, noted her concern with the location of the entrance. She supported the extent of open space preserved along Pond Road, but would like the entrance moved to a safer location. She also noted her concern with the smaller lot sizes, which she believes is in opposition to the Master Plan, and questioned the location for a construction entrance.

John Gragnani, 1510 Scofield Valley Lane, noted he has lived off Pond Road for over 25 years and he believes the PRD is the best way to deal with the topography of this land. He stated his concerns with Bonhomme Creek flooding along the front of the Portland Cove Subdivision and noted that, if this subdivision causes an increase in flow within the creek, it could damage the ballpark. He also noted his concern with the placement of the sewage treatment facility and with the access drive's proposed location.

Lynda Jayne Keller, 2000 Lynda Jayne Lane, noted two (2) sides of her property border this subdivision and she would like to see an alternative plan that shows lot sizes of a three (3) acre minimum, especially since the vast majority (twenty-two (22)) lots are only one (1) acre in size). She also noted her concerns the developer may request at a later date to add more homes in the common ground area, the proposed emergency access to Lynda Jayne Lane, which she opposes, and the lack of confirmation on who owns and maintains that road. She requested it be in writing the common ground area can't be developed.

Tom Smith, 17221 Portland Crest Court, noted he is concerned with the location of the access drive to this subdivision, given he believes it is at a dangerous location. He is also concerned with the size of the lots proposed on this subdivision and believes it is in contradiction to the Master Plan and will set a precedent.

Jan Sprunger, 1547 Pond View Drive, noted her property adjoins this project and her access from her home is to Pond Road. She is concerned that she has no way to walk to the Community Park, given there is no trail along Pond Road, and none proposed as part of this development. She added that Pond Road has a high amount of traffic and it is too dangerous to walk on the shoulder. She also noted that she values the three (3) acre minimum lot size, and is concerned with the loss of trees on this property, which will increase the level of noise from State Route 100. She questioned if the subdivision would be served by public water or wells. Finally, she noted her concern with the location of the access drive and she asked that a trail be installed along Pond Road.

Josh Sprunger, 1548 Pond View Drive, noted his opposition to this plan because of safety concerns with the access drive location and the increased traffic on Pond Road, environmental concerns with the percentage of tree removal and the additional water runoff from increased impervious surfaces, and the decrease in quality of life, with the reduction in lot sizes below three (3) acres, and the increased noise from construction.

Tom Finocchio, 1633 Pond Road, noted he is concerned with the safety along Pond Road and, specifically, the location of the access drive.

Tom Cummings noted the petitioner is listening attentively and they will evaluate the location of the access drive.

Discussion was then held among the Commission Members regarding the following: the access to the locking mechanism on the bollards at the fire access area; the purpose of the PRD and its history and creation, as part of the Master Plan; the other applications of the PRD in other NU Non-Urban Residence District zoned areas, such as Shepard Oaks, which will be included in the Department's report on this request at a future meeting; the lack of service by Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District in this area, but the City's application of the Phase II stormwater requirements, which will treat the majority of runoff onsite; the possibility of improving Lynda Jayne Lane and using it for access to this development; the type and location of the sanitary sewage treatment facility; the limited access rights on State Route 100, but the City will contact MoDOT to inquire if they will consider an access point; the potential for trails, especially along State Route 100 and, at least, an easement for public trail use through the common ground area; the need for any traffic study to take into consideration the traffic from the ballfields; and the potential for existing traffic data completed on previous City road projects along Pond Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Archeski, seconded by Commissioner Liddy, to close the public hearing. A voice vote was taken regarding the motion. Hearing no objections, Chair Bopp declared the motion approved and the public hearing closed.

VI. <u>Old Business</u> – One (1) Item for Consideration

<u>Letter of Recommendations – One (1) Item for Consideration</u>

(a.) **P.Z. 10-15 St. Charles Tower, c/o Kathryn Roderique, 4 West Drive, Suite 100, Chesterfield, Missouri, 63017** - A request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) within the NU Non-Urban Residence District for a 10.6 acre tract of land, of which two thousand (2,000) square feet of this total lot's area is to be utilized for a telecommunications tower facility and encumbered by a lease area established for this purpose. This tract of land is generally located northwest of the intersection of Babler Park Drive and Old Eatherton Road (Locator Number 21W310270/Street Addresses: 1400 Babler Park Drive – Lifepointe Church). **Proposed Use - A one hundred twenty (120) foot telecommunications tower and related equipment shelter area.** The tower is proposed to be a monopole type, with exterior antenna arrays. **(Ward Three)**

Assistant Director Arnett read the request into the record.

Director Vujnich provided an overview of the draft of the Commission's Letter of Recommendation, which reflected the vote approving a one hundred ten (110) foot monopole tower. He then reviewed an Addendum to the Letter of Recommendation provided to the Commission tonight, which addresses the type of platform for the mounting of the antennas to provide a greater level of service, which is in demand from smart phones and tablets.

A motion was made by Commissioner Archeski, seconded by Commissioner Peasley, to accept the Letter of Recommendation.

Discussion was then held among the Commission Members regarding the following: the telecommunication tower approvals on other properties in the City, which have not been installed; the timing for construction of the tower; the fact that two (2) carriers are interested in this tower; the sight line studies that were requested from the Garden Valley Farms Subdivision; and the coverage this tower will provide to the area.

Kathryn Roderique, representing the petitioner, noted their agreement with the conditions, as proposed.

Greg Yocum, RF Engineer for the petitioner, provided the following: an RF coverage map showing the expected coverage from this tower; the reasons for the decline the in use of flush-mounted antennas on monopole towers due to the need of the triangular arrays to meet the needs of today's smartphones and tablet demands; and a sight analysis from the Garden Valley Farms Subdivision.

Chair Bopp called the question.

A roll call vote was taken, with the following results:
Ayes: Commissioner Archeski, Commissioner Peasley, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Gragnani, Commissioner Liddy, and Chair Bopp.
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Renner, Commissioner Bauer, and Council Member Manton.
Abstain: Mayor Woerther
Whereupon, Chair Bopp declared the motion approved by a vote of 6-0, with one (1) abstention.

VII. <u>New Business</u> – One (1) Item for Consideration

(a.) A response to a communication from Jenny Mitchell, Director of Property Management for the Desco Group, which is dated October 20, 2015, that seeks a change to the Amended MXD Mixed-Use Development District Ordinance that governs the Schnucks Wildwood Crossing Center to allow for a third freestanding monument sign along the property's Manchester Road frontage - **St. Louis County's P.C. 219-85 Alfred L. Hicks and J.L. Mason of Missouri, Inc. (Ward – Seven)**

Assistant Director Arnett read the request into the record.

Director Vujnich reviewed the request for an additional sign at the Wildwood Crossing development. He provided the history of sign compliance on this property, since shortly after the City's incorporation, including the addition of two (2) monument signs in lieu of an advertising sign along State Route 100 and the addition of a sign, as part of the Mobil on the Run redevelopment project. He noted there are a total of four (4) freestanding signs along this frontage, including those displays for Jack in the Box and Electro Savings Credit Union. He stated the Department understands that signage is important and the City has modified regulations to assist in this regard over the years. He noted, however, the Department opposed this additional sign due to the existence of other options, in lieu of the addition of another freestanding sign.

Discussion was then held among the Commission Members regarding the following: the option of changing the existing signs to multi-tenant signs to achieve this same end; and the potential of adding signage to the existing retaining wall.

Jim Treis, Superior Building Group, noted that he is the general contractor who would be installing the sign and that the Desco Group, the property owner, has selected a sign that is similar in appearance to the other signs in this development. He also noted his wife owns Puppingham Palace and needs the additional signage for business visibility.

Director Vujnich requested a postponement, so the Department can discuss this situation with its sign consultant and continue with some research on other options.

A motion was made by Mayor Woerther, seconded by Commissioner Gragnani, to postpone the request. A voice vote was taken regarding the motion. Hearing no objections, Chair Bopp declared the motion approved and the item postponed.

VIII. <u>Site Development Plans-Public Space Plans-Record Plats</u> – One (1) Item for Consideration

(a.) A recommendation report on a Site Development Plan (SDP) package for **P.Z. 7-13 ButlerDurrel Security, c/o Dennis Tacchi and Associates - Architects;** C-8 Planned Commercial District; north side of Manchester Road, east of Woods Road; which supports the reuse of the historic bungalow located on this site for an office in association with the petitioner's business. **(Ward Eight)**

Assistant Director Arnett read the request into the record.

Director Vujnich reviewed the key elements of this property's reuse as a commercial business and noted the Site Plan Subcommittee found the submitted plan to be in compliance with the site-specific ordinance and other requirements and recommended approval of it. He then reviewed details regarding the reuse of the building, the location of parking, landscaping, lighting, the large amount of open space on the back portion of the property, and other site improvements associated with it. He also noted, as part of the listing on the historic registry, the petitioner is requesting zoning incentives, which include the waiver of public space dedication and Manchester Road escrow contribution.

A motion was made by Mayor Woerther, seconded by Commissioner Archeski, to approve the Site Development Plan.

Chair Bopp called the question.

A roll call vote was taken, with the following results:
Ayes: Commissioner Peasley, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Archeski, Commissioner Gragnani, Commissioner Liddy, Mayor Woerther, and Chair Bopp.
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Renner, Commissioner Bauer, and Council Member Manton.
Abstain: None
Whereupon, Chair Bopp declared the motion approved by a vote of 7-0.

IX. <u>Other</u> – No Items for Consideration

Department staff and Mayor Woerther thanked all of the Commission Members for their service and wished everyone happy holidays.

Per Chair Bopp's request, Mayor Woerther outlined the City Council action on the Villages at Bright Leaf proposal from its meeting the previous week.

Commissioner Archeski questioned if signs within a business, which can be seen from the outside, are regulated. Director Vujnich noted the City can apply the Outdoor Lighting requirements, if these signs are illuminated, and also do count as part of the calculable sign square footage.

Director Vujnich then outlined the Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting schedule for January and the cancellation of the January 4th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

X. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Archeski, seconded by Commissioner Peasley, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken. Hearing no objections, Chair Bopp adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Approved by:

Secretary – City of Wildwood Planning and Zoning Commission

Note: Recordation of the opinions, statements, and/or other meeting participation in these minutes shall not be deemed to be an acknowledgement or endorsement by the Commission of the factual accuracy, relevance, or propriety thereof.

* If comment cards were submitted indicating they did not wish to speak at tonight's meeting, they have been attached and made part of the official record.

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