

**GEORGETOWN-SCOTT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**October 13, 2011**

The regular meeting was held in the Scott County Courthouse on October 13, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Lacy at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Greg Hampton, Rob Jones, Jimmy Richardson, Ralph Tackett, and Melissa Waite, Planners Brian Shorkey and Joe Kane, Engineer Brent Combs, and Attorney Charlie Perkins. Absent were Commissioners Janet Holland, Bias Tilford, and Horace Wynn, and Planning Director Earl Smith.

Motion by Hampton, second by Waite, to approve the September invoices. Motion carried.

Motion by Tackett, second by Richardson, to approve the September 8, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

With the addition of Georgetown Cultural District and Main Street Program under New Business, motion by Waite, second by Jones, to approve the October agenda. Motion carried.

Postponements/Withdrawals

There were no items for postponement or withdrawal.

Consent Agenda

Representatives of the McIntosh Property application agreed to their conditions of approval and there were no concerns expressed by the Commission or public. Motion by Richardson, second by Tackett, to approve the one item on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Those intending to speak before the Commission were sworn in by Mr. Perkins.

PDP-2011-23 Thompson/Mitchell Building (Scott Mitchell and Brian Thompson) – Preliminary Development Plan for a two-front commercial suite and underground gun range on 0.94 acres, located on the southwest corner of Eastside Drive and Roach Street.

Mr. Shorkey reviewed the staff report. He noted that any future expansion will require an amended development plan. He discussed the traffic issue, shooting range safety,

landscaping, signage, and the request for a 5' reduction in the setback along Roach Street.

Scott Mitchell, applicant, clarified that some of the existing vegetation along the railroad can be eliminated. Mr. Shorkey agreed, stating that only 15' of the existing buffer needs to remain.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the shooting range will be underground, which resolves many potential problems. He discussed how it will be constructed to ensure safety, including the placement of tire treads to lessen the impact of the bullets, and a steel plate ceiling to protect first floor occupants.

State and/or federal compliance inspections and outside lighting was briefly discussed.

Motion by Richardson, second by Waite, to approve the Preliminary Development Plan, including the requested setback variance, subject to the ten (10) conditions of approval. Motion carried.

#### Georgetown Cultural District

Mr. Shorkey reported that the State began a program recognizing official cultural districts, including arts, music, and historical preservation resources. City Council authorized the Main Street Director to apply for an official designation for the City of Georgetown. A steering committee, of which Mr. Shorkey is a co-chair, has been meeting to complete the application which is due November 1. He identified the area and described some of the work that has been done. He stated that various arts organizations are submitting letters of support to be included with the application. He asked the Commission for a vote of support of the idea of Georgetown as a cultural district.

**Motion by Tackett, second by Jones, to support the Georgetown Cultural District. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### Main Street Program

Mr. Kane, as a Board member of Historic Georgetown, Inc. and a member of the Design Committee, stated that the first priority of the Design Committee is to have Georgetown be recognized as a Certified Local Government by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In order to achieve that designation, Georgetown must have an Historic Preservation ordinance, design guidelines, and procedures to designate local districts and landmarks.

He stated that currently, any design review is submitted to the Main Street Design Committee, but no formal procedures are in place. Mr. Kane wanted the Commission to know that the Main Street Design Committee has asked Planning Commission staff to

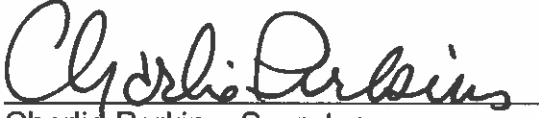
help in drafting an Historic Preservation ordinance and with the formalization of the process.

**Motion was made to adjourn. Motion carried.**

Respectfully,

  
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John Lacy, Chairperson

Attest:

  
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Charlie Perkins, Secretary