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Planning Board and Zoning Board Meeting

Town Hall - 8590 Park Drive Mount Pleasant, NC

Monday, October 23, 2017

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Recognition of Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - September 25, 2017
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Public Comment Period
6. Planning and Zoning Board Cases
 - **TA 2017-04 Amusement Arcades, Electronic Gaming**
Administrative text amendment to more clearly define amusement arcades and electronic gaming operations and prohibit them within the Town's jurisdiction. Applicable Sections of UDO: Section 4.6 (Table 4.6-1), Appendix A Definitions
 - **TA 2017-05 Building Design Standards (Discussion only)**
Administrative text amendment to update building design standards. Applicable Sections of UDO: Article 11, Appendix A, Appendix E & Appendix F
7. Other
8. Reports
 - Planning Report for September/October 2017
9. Planning and Zoning Board Comment Period
10. Adjourn

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TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT, NORTH CAROLINA

Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

October 23, 2017

Members Present: John Murdock, Chair; Whit Moose, Shirley Freeman, Mike Steiner, Jeff Helmintoller

Members Absent: Rick Burleyson, Alternate

Staff Present: Erin Burris, Town Planner; Crystal Smith, Jennifer Blake

Call to Order: Chairman Murdock called the meeting of the Town of Mount Pleasant Planning and Zoning Board to order at 6:00 pm.

Recognition of Quorum: Chairman Murdock stated a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Murdock entertained a motion to approve the September 25, 2017 minutes. Motion was made by Whit Moose to approve the minutes with second by Shirley Freeman. All members were in favor (4-0).

Approval of Agenda: Chairman Murdock entertained a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion was made by Jeff Helmintoller and second was made by Whit Moose. All members (4-0) were in favor.

Public Comment: No public comment

Planning and Zoning Board Cases:

TA 2017-04 Amusement Arcades, Electronic Gaming

Administrative text amendment to more clearly define amusement arcades and electronic gaming operations and prohibit them within the Town's jurisdiction. Applicable Sections of UDO: Section 4.6 (Table 4.6-1), Appendix A Definitions

The proposed amendment is intended to more clearly define amusement arcades and electronic gaming operations and prohibit such uses within the Town of Mount Pleasant.

A simple majority vote is required to make a recommendation for approval to the Town Board of Commissioners.

Erin Burris began the discussion stating she had spoken with a party interested in operating a skills-based electronic gaming operation. Currently, amusements are allowed in the C2 district only. The proposed amendment would more clearly define amusement arcades and electronic gaming and not allow them within the Town's jurisdiction. Loopholes in current state allow for skills-based gaming, as

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they are not considered gambling under the current state law. The loophole allows game of skill and not of chance. The Town does not, however, have to permit this type of gaming as a land use within its jurisdiction. After reading the staff report, Mrs. Burris is asked for recommendation to allow approval, recommend denial or deferral.

The planning board had discussions on how amusement establishments follow under NC law. After no further discussion, Chairman Murdock called for a motion.

Motion was made by Whit Moose for approval as there are no relevant strategies or recommendations in the Eastern Area Land Use Plan regarding the proposed amendments, therefore they are not inconsistent with the adopted plan. The Planning and Zoning Board finds that amusement arcades and electronic gaming operations are not compatible with the Town of Mount Pleasant, and recommend excluding them as permitted use within the Town's jurisdiction. Second by Jeff Helmintoller. Motion was passed (4-0).

TA 2017-05 Building Design Standards (Discussion Only)

Administrative text amendment to update building design standards. Applicable Sections of UDO: Article 11, Appendix A, Appendix E and Appendix F

Erin Burris distributed Appendix E Commercial Design Standards, Appendix F Design Standards for Religious Institutions and Civic Uses, and an example of Building Design Standards she wrote for another municipality. Board members are asked to review these documents for future discussion. Mrs. Burris stated there will be more discussion and possibly a draft in January.

Other:

None

Planning & Zoning Report:

Mrs. Burris presented the Report.

Board Comments:

No board comments.

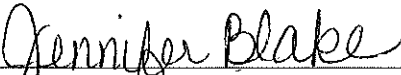
Adjournment:

With no further discussion, Chairman Murdock moved to adjourn with a second by Mike Steiner. All members were in favor (5-0).

The Planning and Zoning Board will meet jointly with the Town Board of Commissioners and Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee on Monday, November 27, 2017, 6 pm at Town Hall.



John C. Murdock, III, Chairman



Jennifer Blake, Clerk to Board