

MINUTES

CITY OF DICKINSON Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting May 19, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Dickinson, Texas was held on May 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1621 FM 517 East, for the purpose of considering the following items:

SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSION MEMEBERS

New Board members Paul Slater, Jack Neal and alternate John Overton were sworn in.

ITEM 1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R.G. Reeder called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

Board members present were Chairman R.G. Reeder, Jack Neal, Chris Tucker, Greg Smith, Matt Pena, Paul Slater, Jeff Adams, John Overton. City staff present were Building Official Kevin Byal, Community Development Coordinator Samson Babalola and Community Development Assistant Renee Wilson.

ITEM 2) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING: Approval of Minutes for the November 18, 2008, Regular Meeting.

Paul Slater made a motion to approve the minutes. Matt Pena seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 3) PUBLIC HEARING:

ZC2009-1, to hear comments and testimony regarding a request to rezone approximately 0.400 acres from "CR" (Conventional Residential) to "GC" (General Commercial), legally described as lot 9, Block 24 of the High School Addition, generally located north of Bank Street and west of Dockrell Street with the approximate address being 2919 Bank Street.

A. Staff Report

- a. Staff report provided to Commission

B. Applicant's Statement

- a. Donna Morton, Gulf Coast Realtors, spoke on behalf of the Galveston Government Credit Union. She expressed GGCU's desire to operate a credit union. Ms. Morton asked the board to vote in favor of the zoning change.

C. Those in Favor

- a. No one from the public spoke in favor of the zoning change.

D. Those Opposed

- a. Pete Donly stated he is concerned about the neighborhood and worries about the children and the traffic.

- b. Rocky Martino is also concerned about changing the neighborhood. He stated that he worried about the impact on the residents. He is also concerned about traffic.
- c. Ms. Mary Martino is opposed to the zone change. Her residence is next door to the proposed location. She is concerned about traffic, security, and that this property will remain general commercial allowing “any” business to move in after the bank moves out.
- d. Ms. Rodriguez is opposed to the zone change. She is concerned about being “bought out” and the development of the rest of the subdivision. Ms. Rodriguez is also concerned that if they are bought out will funds be provided to assist with the move.

E. Applicant’s Rebuttal

- a. Ms. Rachel Jones spoke on behalf of GGCU and advised that they want to purchase the corner lot. She stated that the bank’s hours would be Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – 5:30 pm and Saturday from 9 am – 1 pm. She stated that since these are the hours of operation there should not be a concern about traffic and she is excited to bring business to the City of Dickinson. Ms. Jones wanted the public to know that during times of economic hardship their bank is here for the people quoting their motto, “People are worth more than money.”
- b. Mr. Ted Ricketson described the building design to the public.

F. Close Public Hearing

- a. Hearing was closed at 6:52 pm.

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Matt Pena made a motion to approve the rezoning of the property to “GC” (General Commercial). Jeff Adams seconded the motion.

Vote:

For: (Pena, Slater and Adams)

Against: (Reeder, Neil, Smith and Tucker)

MOTION DENIED.

ITEM 8)

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman R.G. Reeder adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.



 Planning & Zoning Chairman