

CITY OF DUQUESNE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date: 2 June 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Ray Brown.

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Ray Brown, Vice-Chairman/Secretary Ken Ayton, Roland Harmon, Cathy Hudson, Gary Jackson, Gerald Keller, George Reeve, Barbara Welch, Denny White. Absent: None.

A motion was made by Denny White and seconded by George Reeve to accept the agenda as written. Ayes: Ayton, Brown, Harmon, Hudson, Jackson, Keller, Reeve, Welch and White. Nays: None. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Denny White and seconded by Gary Jackson to accept the May 5, 2014 minutes as written. Ayes: Ayton, Brown, Harmon, Hudson, Jackson, Keller, Reeve, Welch and White. Nays: None. The motion passed.

A motion was made by George Reeve and seconded by Gerald Keller to open the Rezoning Public Hearing: 808 Walnut Ridge (Single-Family Residential to C-1 Commercial). Ayes: Ayton, Brown, Harmon, Hudson, Jackson, Keller, Reeve, Welch and White. Nays: None. The motion passed.

Clarence L. Garman explained how he planned to use the property. No one from the public spoke for or against the proposal.

A motion was made by George Reeve and seconded by Gerald Keller to recommend approval of the rezoning request for 808 Walnut Ridge from R-1 Single-Family Residential to C-1 Commercial. Ayes: Ayton, Brown, Harmon, Hudson, Jackson, Keller, Reeve, Welch and White. Nays: None. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Denny White and seconded by George Reeve to close the public hearing to request to rezone property at 808 Walnut Ridge. Ayes: Ayton, Brown, Harmon, Hudson, Jackson, Keller, Reeve, Welch and White. Nays: None. The motion passed.

A motion was made by George Reeve and seconded by Barbara Welch that the recommendation for Minimum Lot Size in the EDR Area (suspended 6-2012) be tabled for further review. Ayes: Ayton, Brown, Harmon, Hudson, Jackson, Keller, Reeve, Welch and White. Nays: None. The motion passed.

A motion was made by George Reeve and seconded by Cathy Hudson that the Recommendation for more than one occupied structure on property – Commercial and/or Residential be left as written in the code. Ayes: Ayton, Brown, Harmon,

Hudson, Jackson, Keller, Reeve, Welch and White. Nays: None. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Denny White and seconded by George Reeve that all current members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and all current officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary remain the same. Ayes: Ayton, Brown, Harmon, Hudson, Jackson, Keller, Reeve, Welch and White. Nays: None. The motion passed.

After discussion and input from Mike Talley, City Attorney, a motion was made by George Reeve and seconded by Denny White to initiate a tiered rotation for terms of service for Planning and Zoning Commission members starting retroactively to 1-1-14. In addition, two members are elected officials – the mayor and a city council official. The tiered schedule for current member terms of service that was agreed upon appears as an attachment to these minutes. The chairmanship is elected annually. Ayes: Ayton, Brown, Harmon, Hudson, Jackson, Keller, Reeve, Welch and White. Nays: None. The motion passed.

Public Comments:

- David Weaver gave an update on housing progress.
- Roger Sapp (4410 East 25th Street) asked if the Future Use Map for the City of Duquesne is still in progress. He was told yes. He also had questions regarding the arteries coming into the city (20th, 13th and 7th Streets). He was wondering what we could do to help businesses come back to fill in empty lots and buildings. He also brought up the idea of having a city park, a memorial to people who died in the 2011 tornado in our city, and expressed that he feels that we are not doing enough things to help our city grow.

Chairman Brown opened the Rezoning Public Hearing: Katherine Estates Tract 2 from R-1 Single-Family Residential to R-3 Multi-Family Residential at 8:00 PM. Bryan Jones explained the purpose of the request.

- City Attorney Mike Talley said he sees no rational reason not to recommend approval of the request.
- Cynda Sweet (3711 East 13th Street) stated that she felt that the public was being lied to regarding this request.
- Tony Storie (3502 Bunny Lane) complained about a notice sent by the city had incorrect information.
- Opal Miller (1481 Katherine) complained about the city notice being sent with the wrong information.
- Tina Low (3726 East 16th Street) asked a question concerning the city building inspector. She was told that since he answers to the City Council, she would have to ask the city council the question.

After discussion, Chairman Brown closed the public hearing section of this meeting. A motion was made by Denny White and seconded by George Reeve to recommend

approval of the rezoning request for Katherine Estates Tract 2 from R-1 Single-Family Residential to R-3 Multi-Family Residential status. Ayes: Ayton, Brown, Harmon, Hudson, Jackson, Keller, Reeve, Welch and White. Nays: None. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Denny White and seconded by George Reeve to adjourn. Ayes: Ayton, Brown, Harmon, Hudson, Jackson, Keller, Reeve, Welch and White. Nays: None. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45P.M.

The next scheduled meeting is set for Monday, July 7, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Ken Ayton, Secretary

Attachment To Minutes 6-2-14:

Current members and their position onthe Planning & Zoning Commission-City of Duquesne-(followed by term tiered service expiration dates):

Ray Brown (Chairman) 12-31-14

Roland Harmon (Member) 12-31-14

Ken Ayton (Vice-Chair/Secretary) 12-31-15

George Reeve (Member) 12-31-15

Gerald Keller (Member) 12-31-16

Cathy Hudson (Member) 12-31-16

Gary Jackson (Member) 12-31-17

Elected Officials:
Mayor (Denny White)
City Council Member (Barbara Welch)

NOTE: These terms are tiered from a retroactive starting date of 1-1-14.