

GRANT COUNTY AREA PLAN COMMISSION
GRANT COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX
Minutes

February 5, 2018

7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Mr. Bothwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with all members present except Mr. Brankle, and Mr. Nuckols.

2. Approval of Minutes

Following invocation by Mr. Bonham and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Maynard moved, Mr. McWhirt seconded a motion to approve minutes of the December 4, 2017 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

3. Rezoning/Public Hearing

3.1 Public Hearings

Docket #03Z-17 (Public Hearing) Jasper & Brian Downam rezoning

Mr. Bothwell opened the public hearing noting that action following the hearing, if any, would be a recommendation to the Upland Town Council as a) favorable; b) unfavorable; or c) no recommendation as per code. Mr. Bothwell asked Mr. Strange to read the proposed rezoning.

Mr. Andrew Rossell, AR Engineering, was present representing the petition.

Following the reading it was noted proof of publication was on file.

Two emails from neighbors voicing concerns were read. (Copies attached) Mrs. Lois Jones was present and voiced her concerns. Noting no additional public comment or rebuttal, Mr. Bothwell closed the public hearing and opened the floor to discussion among Commission members. Concerns raised were: (a) neighbor objections; (b) site appropriateness; (c) ingress/egress; (d) drainage; (e) traffic issues; (f) slope of site; (g) future use should current business quit the site.

3.2 Recommendation

Mr. Bonham moved and Mr. Treon seconded a motion to send the rezoning to the Upland Town Council for action with a favorable recommendation. All aye. Motion carried.

4. Correspondence and other business

4.1 Mr. Strange

Mr. Strange noted the current status of demolitions in Fairmount; permits issued to problematic properties and a massive request from Jonesboro for legal assistance for sixty-two new cases. Mr. Strange confirmed Mr. Bothwell's concern that the funds in the unsafe structures account are almost depleted.

4.2 Mr. Elliott

Commission attorney, Mr. Elliott, noted an agreement between the commission and a non-member community should be complete in the immediate future.

5. Staff Development

Mr. Bothwell advised commission members the Executive Committee is developing the annual summative staff development process for Mr. Strange and asked for any input commission members may have.

6. Permit Fees and Fines Restructure

Mr. Bothwell noted the structure for permit fees and fines is under review and welcomed input from commission members

7. Correspondence and other business

7.1 No one in the audience spoke on any issue when invited to do so.

8. Adjournment

Business completed Mr. Bothwell adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Robert J. Bothwell, APC President