

Denton Planning Commission

Minutes

Town of Denton

March 29, 2011

Planning Commission Members:

Doris Walls, Chairperson*
William Quick*
Ummu Bradley Thomas*
Sue Cruickshank*
Marina Dowdall*
Brian Tyler**

* Those Present
** Excused

Visitors:

Don Mulrine
Rodney Dobson

Agnes Case

Recording:

William Kastning

1 PROCEEDINGS

2 **Call to Order:**

3 The regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Walls at 6:00 p.m., on March 29,
4 2011, at the Denton Town Office and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

5 Chairperson Walls asked for any corrections, deletions, or additions to the February 22,
6 2011, Planning Commission meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

7 **New Business #1 – Dobson's Dogs - Simplified Site Plan:**

8 This agenda item was brought forward to allow the applicant, Mr. Dobson, to be heard
9 early and not be inconvenienced by waiting. Mr. Dobson presented his plan to sell hot dogs,
10 chips, sausages, chili, and sodas on the Town-owned site of the former Dollar General store. He
11 indicated the days of operation would be Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
12 however not necessarily every day. He provided pictures of his truck, trailer, and food cart. The
13 applicant indicated he has a Caroline County Board of Health license and a Peddlers license and
14 provided the expiration dates of both. When asked about parking the truck/trailer it was
15 discussed and determined that along Gay Street would be the preferred location and not in the
16 nearby Town-owned parking lot. Given that his days and times of operation are mid-day on
17 weekdays; his operation will not conflict with Spring Gala, Summerfest, or the weekly summer
18 car show.

19 After a brief discussion Chairperson Walls entertained a motion. Commissioner Thomas
20 made the motion to approve the application with conditions: 1) limiting the days and time of
21 operation to those requested, 2) the location requested, 3) not to conflict with Town or County
22 sponsored events, 4) maintaining necessary licenses, 5) parking of truck and trailer along Gay
23 Street and 6) obtaining Town Council permission to use the site requested. Commissioner
24 Dowdall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1 **Old Business #1 – Discussion of proposed Peddlers License Ordinance:**

2 Commission members discussed the draft Peddlers License Ordinance developed by
3 planning staff (a compilation of various local Maryland ordinances). Proposed changes were
4 recommended by the Commissioners. Planning staff will incorporate into a second draft for
5 consideration at the Commission's April 26, 2011. Once approved with or without additional
6 changes, the ordinance will be considered for introduction by the Town Council at its June 6,
7 2011, regular meeting.

8 **Old Business #2 – Priority Funding Area Map:**

9 The Town Council Members, who had been given a brief overview of the proposed
10 Priority Funding Areas at their March 21, 2011, working session, requested input from the
11 Planning Commission. The proposed planning staff PFA changes were presented by Planning
12 Director Kastning and were found to be acceptable by the Planning Commission. Further
13 discussion will ensue at the April 18, 2011, Town Council working session.

14 **New Business #2 – Annual Report:**

15 The annual report previously distributed to the Planning Commissioners was found
16 acceptable and approved unanimously by the Commissioners signing the resolution.

17 **Staff Items:**

18 Planning Director Kastning thanked the Commissioners for responding to emails sent by
19 Town Staff, especially those requesting notification of attendance at meetings.

20 Upcoming applications were briefly discussed: Minamoto and Edenton Manor. Status of
21 Walmart was also discussed.

22 **Adjournment:**

23 The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.