

Denton Planning Commission

Minutes

Town of Denton

January 26, 2010

Planning Commission Members:

Doris Walls, Chairperson*
Valerie Miller*
William Quick**
Ummu Bradley Thomas*
Sue Cruickshank*
Marina Dowdall*

* Those Present
** Excused

Visitors:

Sharon VanEmburch	Robert Clendaniel
John Murray, KEI	Alan Kercher, KEI
Judy Ireland	Scott Getchell
Janice Clere	Leslie Grunden
Dean Danielson	Ann Jacobs

Recording:

Bill Kastning
Erich Herrmann
Janice Henderson

1 PROCEEDINGS

2 The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Walls at 6:00 p.m., on January 26, 2010,
3 at the Denton Police Facility and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

4 Election of Officers proceeded. Planning Commissioner Ummu Bradley Thomas
5 nominated Doris Walls for Chairperson, seconded by Planning Commissioner Valerie Miller.
6 There were no other nominations presented for this position and Doris Walls was approved
7 unanimously. Planning Commissioner Ummu Bradley Thomas nominated Valerie Miller for
8 Vice-Chairperson; Planning Commissioner Miller stated that she was resigning effective January
9 27, 2010. Planning Commissioner Ummu Bradley Thomas nominated Sue Cruickshank for Vice-
10 Chairperson, seconded by Planning Commissioner Marina Dowdall. There were no other
11 nominations presented for this position and Sue Cruickshank was approved unanimously.

12 Chairwoman Walls asked for any corrections, deletions, or additions to the November 24,
13 2010, Planning Commission meeting minutes and the January 13, 2010, Working Session
14 minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.

15 Public Hearing 2010 Comprehensive Plan, Municipal Growth Element & Water
16 Resources Element – Director William Kastning announced that the meeting was a courtesy
17 public hearing for two sections in the Town of Denton’s Comprehensive Plan. The two sections
18 to be discussed were the “Municipal Growth and Water Resource” elements, both elements will
19 be sent to the Maryland Department of Planning for review and comments. After comments are
20 received from MDP, a public hearing will be held in April for the complete Comprehensive Plan
21 update. The Town’s Comprehensive Rezoning will be introduced most likely in April, to
22 coincide with Comprehensive Plan approval timeline. Director Kastning presented a power point
23 discussion regarding both chapters and the public was encouraged to ask questions.

24 Mr. John Murray, Kercher Engineering, Inc. presented a discussion concerning the Water
25 Resource element, Non-Point source considerations. The public was also encouraged to ask

1 questions. After both presentations were complete, comments and questions were received from
2 the public. Chairperson Walls proceeded to close the public hearing.

3 Old Business #1 – Sign Ordinance No. 594 - Director Kastning discussed proposed
4 changes to the Town of Denton’s Sign Ordinance. Director Kastning asked Commission
5 members for their comments and any suggested changes with the revised sign ordinance
6 document. Planning Commissioner Thomas stated that she is a business owner in the
7 Commercial Business District and is able to review the document with no bias.

8 Planning Commissioner Thomas motioned to propose a favorable
9 recommendation of the ordinance contingent upon insertion of changes suggested by
10 Commission. Planning Commissioner Cruickshank seconded the motion.

11 New Business #1 – Comprehensive Plan – Director Kastning reiterated the timeline of
12 the Comprehensive Plan update. The Commission discussed the two elements that were
13 presented earlier in the evening and public comments. The Commission requested an electronic
14 and hard copy of the two elements when completed.

15 New Business #2 – Fortner De-annexation. – Director Kastning discussed the request for
16 the Planning Commission to make a recommendation concerning the de-annexation of the
17 Fortner, Gosnell and Davidson properties to the Town Council. These parcels are part of the
18 properties included in the annexation Resolution No. 681. Director Kastning stated that a de-
19 annexation has never been proposed in Denton, the process should be similar as an annexation
20 request. Chairperson Walls entertained a motion. No motion was made by the Commission.

21 New Business #3 – State Mandated Training Requirements: Director Kastning discussed
22 the mandated education requirement for the Commission. The requirement has to be completed
23 by July 1, 2010. Commission members were previously given materials, a CD of the course work
24 has been requested from Maryland Department of Planning and will be distributed to any
25 Commissioners who request it.

1 New Business #4 – 2010 Meeting Schedule - The schedule was distributed to
2 Commission members. There was a discussion concerning the Working Session schedule and
3 the possibility that additional meetings could be added, this will be discussed further at the
4 February 10, 2010 meeting.

5 Staff Item #1 – Ethics Training – The ethics training that was scheduled for February 23,
6 2010, has been postponed until March. The exact date will be announced when finalized.

7 Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.