

**MINUTES
PLANNING BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2014
7:00PM
CITY HALL**

Call to Order: Chair John Dame

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Those in attendance were Chair John Dame, Vice Chair Rick Roach, Bette Biggar, Deborah Hoffman, Irving Spokony, Karen Abdul-Hameed, Joe Hults, Administrative Assistant Mamie Drane, and Community Development Director Valerie Ferrell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 15, 2014 MEETING

Board Member Spokony moved to approve the Planning Board Meeting minutes for the October 15, 2014 regular meeting; seconded by **Vice Chair Roach** and motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote:

CHAIR DAME	AYE
VICE CHAIR ROACH	AYE
BOARD MEMBER BIGGAR	AYE
BOARD MEMBER HOFFMAN	AYE
BOARD MEMBER SPOKONY	AYE
BOARD MEMBER ABDUL-HAMEED	AYE
ALTERNATE MEMBER HULTS	AYE

BUSINESS ITEMS

1) APPOINTMENT OF 2015 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.

Board Member Abdul-Hameed made a motion to appoint Rick Roach as Chair; seconded by **Board Member Biggar** and the motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote:

CHAIR DAME	AYE
VICE CHAIR ROACH	AYE
BOARD MEMBER BIGGAR	AYE
BOARD MEMBER HOFFMAN	AYE
BOARD MEMBER SPOKONY	AYE
BOARD MEMBER ABDUL-HAMEED	AYE
ALTERNATE MEMBER HULTS	AYE

Board Member Abdul-Hameed made a motion to appoint Irving Spokony as Vice Chair; seconded by **Board Member Biggar** and the motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote:

CHAIR DAME	AYE
VICE CHAIR ROACH	AYE

BOARD MEMBER BIGGAR **AYE**
BOARD MEMBER HOFFMAN **AYE**
BOARD MEMBER SPOKONY **AYE**
BOARD MEMBER ABDUL-HAMEED **AYE**

ALTERNATE MEMBER HULTS **AYE**

2) APPROVE 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

Community Development Director Ferrell reviewed the 2015 meeting schedule, and specifically mentioned a training series to be held prior to the February, April and June meetings.

The Board was in consensus with the 2015 Meeting Schedule and training series to be held at 6:00pm prior to regular meetings in February, April and June.

3) PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION TO AMEND SECTION 2.02.07 OF THE CITY OF LAKE ALFRED UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON ANIMALS.

Director Ferrell stated this amendment was prepared as a part of a comprehensive review of the City Charter, City codes, and policies, city staff has identified an opportunity to clean-up and improve Section 2.02.07 in the Unified Land Development Code relating to limitations on animals as it relates to zoning. Staff also presented a companion Ordinance to the City Commission amending Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances related to animals providing clarity on nuisance animals and preemption of Florida Fish and Wildlife laws as well as the Polk County Animal Control Ordinance. The existing provisions within Section 2.02.07 provide for prohibitions to breed or maintain wild animals in the City, however Florida Fish and Wildlife is the regulatory agency who oversees permitting captive wildlife. Also, the limitation on adult dogs per residence is arbitrary and difficult to enforce by city staff. The Florida Fish and Wildlife already have definitions and procedures in place for addressing nuisance wildlife. Additionally, the county animal control ordinance that we previously adopted by reference already provides regulations and penalties related to dogs and other animals. The proposed amendment removes these provisions within our code and better aligns it with state law and county ordinances related to the regulation of animals within the City.

Chair Roach opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments.

Chair Roach closed the public hearing.

After brief discussion, **Board Member Spokony** made a motion to recommend approval of changes to Section 2.02.07 in the Unified Land Development as presented; seconded by **Board Member Hoffman** and the motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote:

CHAIR DAME **AYE**
VICE CHAIR ROACH **AYE**
BOARD MEMBER BIGGAR **AYE**
BOARD MEMBER HOFFMAN **AYE**
BOARD MEMBER SPOKONY **AYE**

Board Member Biggar thanked the City for the invitation to the Lake Alfred employee's holiday dinner, and asked that staff please relay the Board's gratitude for being invited to the event.

With there being no further business to discuss, **Chair Roach** adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mamie Drane
Administrative Assistant