

Ashland Planning Commission
MINUTES
July 17, 2018

MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. James Powers, Chairperson, called meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Timothy Berry
Ronald Clark
Blake Gillum
Bernard O’Nan
James Powers
Clayton Wills

Members absent:

Loretta Payne
Andrew Wheeler

City Staff present:

Osei Amo-Mensah, Planner
Sara K. Green, Acting Program and Grant Specialist
Kevin Sinnette, Assistant Corporation Counsel

APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Mr. Gillum made a motion to accept the findings of fact and the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting. With a second by Mr. Clark, all were in favor and the motion carried.

ACCEPT STAFF REPORTS AND ATTACHMENTS

Mr. O’Nan moved to accept the staff reports and attachments and make them part of record. With a second from Mr. Wills, all were in favor and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH:

Mr. VanHoose administered the oath to staff and others providing testimony.

Chairperson: “All persons giving testimony, please stand and raise your right hand”

“I hereby affirm that the testimony I am about to give is the truth to the best of my knowledge.”

Chairperson: “All persons giving testimony may also be subject to question and cross examination from the Board and others.”

NEW BUSINESS:

R18-07-01, Allen R. Thomas & Hog Heaven, LLC- Sandra H. Williams, P.O. Box 194, Ashland, KY 41105

Request to rezone Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Block 1 at 4900 Winchester Avenue at from R-5 (Multi/Single Family Residential/Medium Density) to B-2 (General Business).

Mr. Amo-Mensah came forward and gave the board a brief of the application.

Mr. Powers asked if there is anyone here to speak in favor of this application.

Ms. Sandra H. Williams, sole proprietor of Hog Heaven, LLC of P.O. Box 194 came forward to make the request. Applying to have property rezoned. Property has been residential for the entirety of ownership. Over last few years, has had a couple of offers to put in a business, but the companies lose interest in the property once they realize it is not zoned for general business. Nothing is planned for the property currently, though grass is being cut weekly. In past, Dollar General was interested in purchasing as well as a company that planned on putting in storage units, but both lost interest when they found out property was not zoned for business.

Mr. Powers asked whether there were any questions.

Mr. Wills thanked Ms. Williams for keeping grass cut on property.

Mr. Clark inquired whether there had been a garden at one time. Ms. Williams stated, yes, but her father could no longer take care of the garden and when she moved, she was no longer able to care for the garden herself.

Mr. O’Nan stated the adjacent lot is zoned for businesses, but that no businesses are currently there. Ms. Williams confirmed that there was a beer distribution there at one time, but currently vacant.

Mr. Powers asked if any of the members had any further questions for Ms. Williams.

Mr. O’Nan clarified that this request is not for the two blocks behind that Ms. Williams also owns and that this application is only for the property between Winchester and Appleblossom. Mrs. Williams corrected that she actually owns three blocks across the alley, but she is not interested in changing anything on those.

Mr. O’Nan inquired about the comprehensive plan. Mr. Amo-Mensah indicated the plan was implemented in 2013. Mr. O’Nan stated that all of Winchester Avenue was meant to be commercial or business and that this rezoning is in alignment with the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Powers asked if there is anyone here to speak in opposition to this application. None.

Mr. O’Nan made a motion to approve the application. With a second by Mr. Clark, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Powers stated the Planning Commission is only a recommending body and their recommendation would be heard by the City of Ashland Board of Commissioners on July 26, 2018.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned

Jason Powers, Chairperson

Community & Economic Development, Director