

**MINUTES OF THE MADISON COUNTY PLANNING AND  
ZONING COMMISSION HELD AND CONDUCTED ON  
WEDNESDAY, THE 9 DAY OF JULY, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.  
AT THE MADISON COUNTY CHANCERY BUILDING**

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BE IT REMEMBERED that a meeting of the Madison County Planning and Zoning Commission was duly called, held and conducted on Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009, at 9 a.m. in the Madison County Chancery Building.

Present:       Chairman Bennie Luckett  
                  Brad Sellers, Zoning Administrator  
                  Sidney Spiro  
                  Ken Steere  
                  William Amadio

Absent:         Rev. Henry Brown

There first came on for consideration the Minutes of the June 11, 2009 meeting. Upon motion by Commissioner Spiro, seconded by Commissioner Steere, with all voting "aye", the motion to approve the Minutes passed.

There next came on for consideration the resignation of Jim Streetman as the attorney for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Upon motion by Commissioner Spiro, seconded by Commissioner Amadio, with all voting "aye", the motion to accept the resignation of Jim Streetman as attorney for the Planning and Zoning Commission passed.

There next came on for consideration the Petition for Special Exception to establish and operate a facility for youth programs of Greg Green/Save Our Children. The property is located on Kearny Park Road in Flora. The Petitioner requests special exception to establish a facility to provide programs to the youth of the area. Greg Green appeared on behalf of the Petitioner. In providing a background of the proposed program, Mr. Green stated that he currently works with a similar program at the Boys and Girls Club in Canton, but there are no such programs in Flora. Petitioner Green stated that Save Our Children would be funded with personal money and that the mission statement is to intervene positively in children's lives.

Zoning Administrator Sellers advised the Commission that a neighbor to the proposed property, Ms. King, had voiced concerns regarding access from Kearny Park Road and whether her driveway would be used. Petitioner Green stated that there are two driveways at the location, with Ms. King's driveway being on the right and the driveway for the proposed facility on the left. Petitioner Green stated that no vehicles would cross Ms. King's property. Zoning Administrator Sellers next inquired as to the length of the proposed program. Petitioner Green responded that the program would be an after school program for three to four hours as well as a summer program, with no night activities. Zoning Administrator Sellers then inquired as to whether the children involved in the program would be picked up by faculty of the program or would be dropped off by their

parents. Petitioner Green stated that Save Our Children had already purchased two vans, which were insured, but that he anticipated that some children would use the van services and some would be dropped off at the facility.

Commissioner Spiro inquired as to how many children would be involved. Petitioner Green stated that the current capacity would be 15 children, but expected that number to double.

Commissioner Steere inquired as to whether there would be enough area at the facility to provide for activities such as horse back riding. Petitioner Green responded that there was sufficient area at the location. Commissioner Steere then inquired as to whether there was any concern about set-backs at the location. Zoning Administrator Sellers stated that there was no problem with set-backs.

Commissioner Spiro then inquired as to whether there was any fee for children to attend the program. Petitioner Green stated that there was no fee involved. Commissioner Spiro then inquired as to which individuals would be teachers at the program. Petitioner Green stated that they currently have two certified teachers, one from Jackson Public School System and one from the Madison County Public School System, both of whom will provide their services free of charge.

Chairman Lockett next inquired as to the whether if children were picked up by Save Our Children, if they would then be taken home by the program. Petitioner Green responded that both situations would occur at the facility.

Commissioner Spiro next inquired as to what programs would be offered. Petitioner Green indicated that programs would be in place for abstinence, math, and computer literacy.

Commissioner Steere then inquired as to the age group for the children involved. Petitioner Green indicated that the children would be between the ages of 13 and 18.

Commissioner Amadio then inquired as to social services would be monitoring the program, to which Petitioner Green stated they would not.

Chairman Lockett then inquired as to what food services would be provided. Petitioner Green stated that juice and water and a cold cut meal would be provided.

Commissioner Spiro then inquired as to whether a dress code would be enforced. Petitioner Green stated that dress code would include no skirts for girls above the knees, pants must be pulled up and belts required.

Commissioner Steere then inquired as to how the program would be promoted. Petitioner Green indicated the promotion would come from the community and churches.

Questions were solicited from attendees. Maxine Molder Dehbozorgi next inquired of the Commission as to what the start and end time would be for the program each day.

Petitioner Green indicated that the program would run during the school year from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the summer with no weekends.

Upon motion by Commissioner Steere to grant the Special Exception, seconded by Commissioner Spiro, with all voting "aye", the motion passed. Prior to completing the vote, Zoning Administrator Sellers stated that he would require that Ms. King be in agreement regarding the access to the property issue. Petitioner Green indicated that he had a signed agreement from Ms. King.

Then next came on for consideration the approval of the attorney's fees. Upon motion by Commissioner Steere, seconded by Commissioner Amadio, with all voting "aye", the motion to approve the attorney's fees passed.

The next meeting will be held on August 13, 2009. Said date was acknowledged by Zoning Administrator Sellers. No vote was taken.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.

August 13, 2009  
Date

Bernie Lubett  
(Chairman)