

REGULAR SESSION

JULY 12, 2011

The Zoning Board of Adjustments of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Athens City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Bob McDonald
Jack Bateman
Joe Whatley
Todd Fowler
Mamie Stafford

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development
Pam Watson, City Secretary

others present: Peggy Rhodes, Teresa Glasgow;

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

Member McDonald called the meeting to Order.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2011 REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Bateman, seconded by Member Whatley to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2011 Regular Session, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SIGN VARIANCE FOR LOT 16A, BLOCK 1, J.I. RICHARDSON, OWNED BY EAST TEXAS ARBORETUM (PATTERSON RD. & US HWY. 175 WEST)

Member McDonald filed a Conflict of Interest Affidavit concerning this item.

A motion was made by Member Whatley, seconded by Member Fowler to open the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Members Whatley, Fowler, Stafford, Bateman. Nays: None. Member McDonald abstained.

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development explained that East Texas Arboretum is requesting a 92 sq. ft. sign area variance to allow them to place a 142 sq. ft. area monument type sign at the corner of Patterson Rd. & Hwy. 175 West. He stated that twelve (12) surrounding property owners were notified and no objections were received.

Peggy Rhodes, President of East Texas Arboretum stated that this sign is part of a Beautification Project sponsored by the Arboretum, Keep Athens Beautiful, The Murchison Foundation and Texas Highway Department and it will provide exposure to tourists entering Athens. She explained that after considering various options, the best option is to set the sign 120 ft. off of the edge of the property which will require the sign to be larger for visibility.

After discussion, a motion was made by Member Fowler, seconded by Member Bateman to close the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Members Whatley, Fowler, Stafford, Bateman. Nays: None. Member McDonald abstained.

CONSIDER SIGN VARIANCE FOR LOT 16A, BLOCK 1, J.I. RICHARDSON, OWNED BY EAST TEXAS ARBORETUM (PATTERSON RD. & US HWY. 175 WEST)

A motion was made by Member Whatley, seconded by Member Fowler to approve a 92 sq. ft. sign

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area variance for Lot 16A, Block 1, J.I. Richardson, as presented. The motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Members Whatley, Fowler, Stafford, Bateman. Nays: None. Member McDonald abstained.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2012.

Bob McDonald, Chairman

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary