



BANKS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Courthouse Annex Boardroom | 150 Hudson Ridge | Homer, GA 30547

Tuesday, May 03, 2022 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Brian Mathis

Members present:

Chairman Brian Mathis

Vice Chairman Taylor Griffith

Jay O'Kelly

Sam Moon

Scott Wheatley

Code Enforcement Officer Paul Ruark

Planning Clerk Stacey David

Minutes from April 5th 2022 meeting.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Chairman Brian Mathis, Seconded by Mr. Moon

Voting Yea: Chairman Mathis, Vice- Chairman Griffith, Mr. O'Kelly, Mr. Wheatley, Mr. Moon

Votes 5:0

2. APPLICATIONS FOR CONDITIONAL USE

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- a. CU-22-03 Conditional Use Application submitted, by Paul Patel, for a new hotel to be located on Map at Parcel # B54 D023 a 2.21 to be located at Hampton Court Commerce, GA 30529

Applicant Paul Patel is out of country. Ms. Maynerick spoke on his behalf and in favor of the new hotel. Ms. Maynerick and the board discuss concerns of the hotel being an extended stay. Ms. Maynerick explains how it would be beneficial for Banks Crossing due to Corporations coming in and future growth. Their main target would be relocation of Corps and only allowed to stay up to 29 days straight.

Vice-Chairman Taylor Griffith asked about the recreational space. Ms. Maynerick said there will be a swimming pool.

Vice-Chairman Taylor Griffith asked about Crime it could bring. Ms. Maynerick explained the life safety and trafficking's plan that would be in place.

Mr. Moon made Ms. Maynerick aware of the flood plains and asked her if she knew this. Ms. Maynerick said her engineers would take a look at that.

Opposed: LaRissa Campbell, 2868 Hwy 51 N, spoke and expresses concerns on how extended stays bring crime in to the community.

Vice Chairman-Taylor Griffith asked if it is officially a Marriott. Ms. Maynerick said they only have a verbal commitment from Marriott. The Board dicusses their concerns with no contracts in writing at the time of the meeting.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Mr. Moon, Seconded by Chairman Brian Mathis

Voting Yea: Chairman Mathis, Mr. O'Kelly, Mr. Wheatley, Mr. Moon

Voting Nay: Vice-Chairman Taylor Griffith

Votes 4:1

- b. CU 22-04 Conditional Use Application has been submitted, by Maxwell McCroskey, for a new and antique vehicle parts sales with online parts and vehicle sales at 20519 US Hwy 441S Commerce, GA 30529

Applicant Maxwell McCroskey, Auburn GA, speaks about the antiques and vehicle parts sales.

Chairman- Mathis asked how many cars would he have at one time and if they would be visible?

Mr. McCroskey replied with 5. He explained they would be mostly indoors. Very low volume and 95% internet sales. Open by appointment only.

In favor: Kevin Johnson speaks about how he is for this operation and thanks Banks County for his time with them. Kevin Johnson is the previous owner.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Vice- Chairman Taylor Griffith, Seconded by Scott Wheatley

Voting Yea: Chairman Mathis, Vice- Chairman Griffith, Mr. O'Kelly, Mr. Wheatley, Mr. Moon

Voting Nay:

Votes 5:0

- c. CU 22-05 Conditional Use Application has been submitted, by Joshua Trimble, for a home occupation business to be operated at 1565 McCoy Bridge Rd Homer, GA 30547

Applicant Joshua Trimble speaks on why he needs a home business. Business will be using heavy equipment.

Board member Jay O'Kelly is concerned about the bridges and handling the weight of the equipment.

Board passed with the recommendation for a written stipulation that Mr. Trimble cannot use the concrete bridge.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Vice Chairman Taylor Griffith, Seconded by Chairman Brian Mathis

Voting Yea: Chairman Mathis, Vice- Chairman Griffith, Mr. O'Kelly, Mr. Wheatley, Mr. Moon

Voting Nay:

Votes 5:0

3. APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCE

- a. V 22-01 Variance Application has been submitted, by Kaefus Abernathy, to reduce the 1000sqft minimum heated space in a new home structure to be located on the map and parcel number B07 012.

Applicant Kaefus Abernathy speaks why he needs a variance.

Mr. Abernathy says home is 30X40. This would meet the requirements. Mr. Abernathy says he will use all the space as livable space.

Board will handle this in a different manner.

No Vote

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Brian Mathis asks for a motion to adjourn

Jay O'Kelly makes motion

Seconded by Scott Wheatley

5-0 All votes Yea motion passes