

**DAWSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING HELD JANUARY 21, 2020  
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – ASSEMBLY ROOM 2303  
25 JUSTICE WAY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 30534**

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The Dawson County Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Jason Hamby.

Tim Bennett gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Hamby.

Members present: Chairman Jason Hamby, District 1; John Maloney, District 2; Tim Bennett, District 3; Neil Hornsey, District 4; Vice Chairman Emory Dooley, Chairman Appointee.

Staff present: Harmony Gee, Zoning Administrator and Jameson Kinley, Planning Director

There will be a Planning Commission meeting will be held on February 18th, 2020.

Chairman Hamby asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes as prepared. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. Dooley/Maloney

Chairman Hamby asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes as prepared. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. Hornsey/Dooley

Chairman Hamby asked for a motion to approve the agenda as prepared by staff. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0. Dooley/Maloney

Chairman Hamby made an announcement of the required statement of disclosure of campaign contributions of \$250 or more in order to speak in favor or opposition to any application.

**New Business:**

**Application for Variance:**

VR 20-01- Craig Chenggis is requesting to vary from the Land Use Resolution Article III, Section 307 C.4 (front set back reduction) for the construction of a garage for TMP L16-012 Old Friendship Lane.

Chairman Hamby asked if the applicant was present to speak to the application. Mr. Chenggis state that he looking to construct a garage and the only other option would be for him to build it in the middle of the existing parcel, and that was not really what he wanted to do.

Chairman Hamby asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the application. There were none.

He then asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition of the application. Gerald Feagin, Greg Vilatini, and Lloyd Thompson all of Dawsonville, Georgia spoke in opposition citing concerns of the garage being within the right of way on Old Friendship Lane, decrease in property values, the size of the structure, and clutter.

Chairman Hamby closed the board and asked for discussion by the Planning Commission.

Neil Hornsey stated that he did not see a hardship that would warrant granting the variance, John Maloney also stated that he did not see a hardship and that he had concerns about setting a precedence. Emory Dooley stated that he had issues with the structure being so close to the road and that there might be safety concerns.

Chairman Hamby asked for a motion.

Motion passed by a 5-0 to deny the request. Maloney/Dooley

Updates by Planning and Development:

Planning Director Jameson Kinley stated that the update to the Land Use Resolution was approved by the Board of Commissioners on December 19<sup>th</sup>. That the 53/400 Corridor overlays study was beginning and that staff should have the initial meeting with them soon. Director also stated that there are 3 new ordinances that are currently being reviewed by staff: Nuisance & Abatement, Property Maintenance, & Litter & Solid Waste. Lastly, he stated that the zoning moratorium could be lifted at the February 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Jason Hamby, Chairman

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Attest: Harmony Gee

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