

MINUTES
BREVARD PLANNING BOARD
April 15, 2014

Brevard Planning Board met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Members Present: Gary Daniel, Vice Chair
Demi Loftis
Kimsey Jackson
Norah Davis
Katie Thompson
Coty Ferguson

Members Absent: Seyl Park

Staff Present: Brad Burton, Assistant Planning Director
Janice H. Pinson, Board Secretary

Others: Susan Sunflower, NC Naturally

I. Welcome and Introduction of Planning Board Members -

At 7:00 PM Chair, Gary Daniel, called the meeting to order. The Board members and Staff introduced themselves and there was a moment of silent meditation.

II. Approval of Minutes –

Minutes from the March 18, 2014 meeting, K. Jackson made motion to approve as amended, seconded by D. Loftis and unanimously approved.

III. Special Presentations

A. Susan Sunflower, NC Naturally

Susan Sunflower gave a presentation on the importance of using native plants for native pollinators, birds and other fauna in order to protect our environment. She requested that the Board support her in presenting a proclamation to City Council stating the following: “ If you love land in Transylvania County, please plant Native Plants First! 1) plant a native for each new cultivator or naturalized plant – in all county and city landscaping plans. 2) remove invasive plants and do not use any species on the Invasive list for North Carolina and 3) minimize the use of pesticides or herbicides – pollinators and plants don’t like them. Native Plants, in groups, provide food and homes for native pollinators and increase the health of other plants in their area.”

G. Daniel, Chair polled the Board and all were in support of native plantings.

IV. New Business –

A. Consideration of Voluntary Annexation – Terminix Service, Inc., Ecusta Road property, PIN # 8596-58-5199-000.

Brad Burton presented his Staff Report stating that voluntary contiguous annexations are governed by North Carolina General Statute 160A-31 and that the subject property qualifies for annexation.

He stated that Terminix Service has been a water customer of the City of Brevard since 1996 and that Staff recommends approval of the contiguous annexation requested by Terminix Service, Inc.

K. Jackson made a motion to approve, seconded by D. Loftis, unanimously carried.

B. Consideration of Voluntary Annexation – Scott and Patricia Barnett, Gillespie Circle property, PIN # 8585-35-8859-000.

Brad Burton presented Sarah Lutz's Staff Report stating that voluntary contiguous annexations are governed by North Carolina General Statute 160A-31 and that the subject property is vacant at present but that the property owners are preparing for the future because they want to construct a home on the property and want the property to be serviced by City of Brevard water and sewer.

Staff and the Technical Review Committee both recommend approval.

K. Thompson moved to approve the request, seconded by N. Davis, unanimously carried.

V. Old Business –

N. Davis requested the status of the Railroad Avenue Small Area Plan.

Brad Burton stated that public input sessions to gather information need to be scheduled and the goal is to have information for the May meeting.

Demi Loftis brought up the subject of too much trying to be covered in some of the meetings.

G. Daniel polled the Board as to their willingness to start the meetings earlier when there is an Agenda that will require extra time. The Board unanimously is willing to start meetings earlier if necessary.

VI. Adjourn-

There being no further business, N. Davis made motion, seconded by K. Jackson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Gary Daniel, Chair

Janice H. Pinson, Board Secretary