

FRUITLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

The Fruitland Planning Commission met at City Hall on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Chairman Leland Bonneville, Derek Bland, Jason Pearce and Darlene Kerr.

Also present were:

City Solicitor Andrew C. Mitchell Jr. and Administrative Assistant Linda Powell.

Our guests included:

Councilor Chuck Nichols, Bob Marvel, Tigisti Gezahie, Yona Mehari, Charles and Patricia Livesay and Brock Parker.

Chairman Bonneville called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the September 1, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting, calling for additions or corrections. As there were none, **Mr. Bland moved to adopt the minutes as presented; Mr. Pearce seconded and the motion was approved by four votes in favor.**

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan Review (MDP Draft Comp Plan 10-Year Review Cycle Checklist)

1. Solicitor Mitchell reiterated that the State has changed its requirement for jurisdictions to review their comprehensive plans from every 6 years to every 10 years. He then preceded to assist the Commission with a review of the Maryland Department of Planning 10-year review checklist, offering comments and/or clarification on the various topics contained in the document. Upon completion of the review, it was mentioned that a couple of the items presented in the checklist appeared to be incorrect and should be followed up on with the Maryland Department of Planning for accuracy.
2. **Other**

No other old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Exception Request-Daycare Home – 106 Holly Hill Court

Ms. Tigisti Gezahie presented her request for a special exception to operate a daycare home from her residence located at 106 Holly Hill Court. She provided a brief description of her neighborhood and the location of her residence.

Several questions were raised by the Commission. It was asked if she had already obtained a license from the State to operate a daycare home. Ms. Gezahie replied that her first step was to make certain that the zoning would allow the use prior to applying for a license. Chairman Bonneville asked about the number of children that would be allowed in her care. It was established that the State would determine that number of which would include the number of children already living in the home. She was then asked if she thought that the daycare home would create any issues with her surrounding neighbors. She stated that she didn't think the neighbors would have any problems as the children would remain primarily inside the home while in her care.

Mr. Bland made a motion that the Commission make a recommendation to Board of Zoning Appeals to approve the special exception request, Mr. Pearce second and the motion was approved by a four to zero vote in favor.

2. Other

No other new business was discussed.

General Discussion

Mr. Charles Livesay, who resides at 631 E. Main Street, came forward to express his concerns about the condition of East Main Street. He wanted to know how long it had been since the last repaving of the street. He further stated that he had presented that question at the last city council meeting and had not received an answer. Thinking that he was in the presence of a city council meeting, he reiterated his concerns. He was then corrected by the members present that he was in the presence of a planning commission meeting but was still given the opportunity to voice his concerns. Several commission members as well as Solicitor Mitchell tried to offer, while unable to address his specific question, reasons (lack of funding) that the city has not been able to make improvements to Main Street.

With no further business to discuss, **Mr. Bland moved to adjourn and Mrs. Kerr seconded. The motion was approved by a four to zero vote in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

Submitted by,

*Linda J. Powell
Administrative Assist.*

Approved 2/2/16