

MINUTES
JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION
JUNE 8, 2010 - 9:00 A.M.
Harold Pate Building, 1725 Reynolds Street, Bwk, GA

Mainland Planning Commission

Present: Gary Nevill, Chairman
Bill Brunson, Vice Chairman
Jason Counts
Buddy Hutchinson
Julie H. Martin

Absent: Buck Crosby
Ryan Lawrence

Islands Planning Commission

Present: Preston Kirkendall, Chairman
Desiree Watson, Vice Chairman
John Dow
William Lawrence

Absent: Patricia Laurens
Paul Sanders
Joan Wilson

Staff Present

David Hainley, Community Development Director
York Phillips, Planning Manager
Janet Loving, Admin/Recording Secretary

Chairman Gary Nevill of the MPC called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He then read the following into the record:

TA1932

Consider an amendment to Article VIII of the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance, to provide for definitions pertaining to sign regulations, to provide for various types of signs, to provide standards for various types of signs in certain districts within Glynn County, and for other purposes.

Mr. Hainley explained that the main provision in this proposal pertains to the "A" frame/sandwich board signs, mostly posted around the Village. These are usually out during daily operations. He stated that portable signs that are currently located in the right-of-way, including political signs, will be picked up by staff. Standards have been set and efforts have been made by staff to try and get the citizens to comply voluntarily. He stressed that violators will receive a written warning for the first offense. For the second offense, violators will receive a citation, which is typically a \$135 dollar fine set by the Magistrate Court. This will increase to \$500 dollars for the next offense and up to \$1000 dollars for the next offense.

Mr. John Dow had several questions. He stated that individuals who are cited have seven (7) business days to comply; however, what happens if the individual does not comply within this time period. Mr. Hainley stated that a citation will be issued, which then leads to Magistrate Court within 14 days. Mr. Dow stated that suppose someone is cited and on the 6th day the individual complies, but a week later he repeats the offense – would that person receive another citation and would the cycle begin with the 6th day. Mr. Hainley stated that the individual would receive a citation immediately. The clock starts for Magistrate Court at that time; there is no cushion. Continuing, Mr. Dow stated that if the individual receives a citation and 6 days into it the sign is removed, but a week later the same sign goes back up, what happens then. Mr. Hainley explained that the citation remains active until it has been adjudicated in court. If the sign is removed and put back up again, the ticket is still active even if it did not go beyond the 7 days, which is applicable to the Magistrate Court.

Ms. Desiree Watson wanted to know what happens if someone gets a ticket and pays the \$135 dollar fine, but a month goes by and the sign is back. Mr. Hainley stated that the person gets a ticket immediately; there is no warning.

IPC Chairman Kirkendall asked for clarification as to which word is applicable in the text – “*government*” or “*public*.” Mr. Hainley stated that the word “*government*” will replace the word “*public*” throughout the text.

At this time, the floor was opened for public comments. Mr. Royce Hobbs, representing the Golden Isles Association of Realtors, stated that regarding open house signs, in large or complicated subdivisions or subdivisions with more than one entrance or one pathway to an open house, three signs may not be sufficient. Also, if necessary, some temporary open house signs must be placed in the right-of-way as it is not always possible to locate a property owner to obtain permission, and such signs are for temporary use only. Therefore, he suggests the following replacement language for Real Estate Open House Signs (words with strikethrough line to be deleted; highlighted words to be added):

(c) In addition to the signs described in subsections (a) and (b), a maximum of ~~three (3)~~ **six (6)** temporary signs associated with an open house may be placed on or off-site for up to four (4) hours before and up to two (2) hours after the open house. **Such signs may be placed in the right-of-way.**

It was noted that members of both Planning Commissions concurred with Mr. Hobbs’ suggestion. It was also noted that no one was present to oppose this amendment.

At the end of discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Julie Martin of the *Mainland Planning Commission*, seconded by Mr. Bill Brunson and unanimously adopted to recommend approval of text amendment *TA1932*, Article VIII of the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance with the following revisions: replace the term “*public*” with the term “*government*,” change the number of temporary open house signs from a maximum of

three (3) to a maximum of six (6), and add that such signs may be placed in the right-of-way.

A motion was made by Mr. John Dow of the *Islands Planning Commission*, seconded by Ms. Desiree Watson and unanimously adopted to recommend approval of text amendment *TA1932*, Article VIII of the Glynn County Zoning Ordinance with the following revisions: replace the term “*public*” with the term “*government*,” change the number of temporary open house signs from a maximum of three (3) to a maximum of six (6), and add that such signs may be placed in the right-of-way.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.