

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 26th, 1963

8:30 A. M.

PRESENT: Chairman M. A. Knight, James D. Compton, Fred T. Davis, Neal Gale
Cormac McGarvey, W. Wright Parker and R. F. D. Paulk

ABSENT: C. J. Dubs

ALSO PRESENT: Planning Director Frederick K. Bell and County Administrator
Howard J. Sears

As the first order of business, the minutes of a regular meeting held March 12th, 1963, were approved upon a motion made by Mr. Compton and seconded by Mr. Davis.

The Planning Director advised that a special meeting of the Sign Committee is to be held March 27th, 1963, at 8:30 A.M. for the purpose of reviewing recommended sign controls for Glynn County with representatives of the local sign companies.

A discussion was held with respect to a request from the City and County for recommendation on the proposed relocation of the Exchange Club Fairgrounds in view of the urgent need of their present site for Junior College use.

A motion was made by Mr. Compton, seconded by Mr. Gale, and unanimously adopted that in reference to the site for the relocation of the Exchange Club Fairgrounds, the Joint Planning Commission reiterates its opinion as contained in the minutes of August 28th, 1962, quoted as follows: "While we do not approve of the proposal to transfer the Exchange Club's Fairgrounds from its present location on Fourth Street to property owned by the City and County in the northern part of the Brunswick Airpark, we will recommend that a special zoning exception be granted by the City Planning Board to permit such a transfer if - in the opinion of the City and County Commissions - such transfer is considered to be absolutely necessary and in the best interests of the public"; said recommendation being based on reasons included in the minutes of September 29th, 1962, quoted as follows:

- "1. Immediately north of this proposed tract there is an accepted 350 lot subdivision known as Glynn Pines. To put a fairground immediately south of this subdivision would hurt the value of this subdivision for residential property.
2. Building of a fairgrounds on this tract would be detrimental to the safety and use of the airfield, because of building structures, confusing lights at night and the congregation of large numbers of people near the end of the runway.
3. This property has no principal road frontage, being located almost 300 feet from the nearest main road of Altama Avenue.
4. There is a possibility that over the next few years this tract of land will be needed for the expansion of the college facilities or for the general expansion of the Brunswick Urban Area.";

thus, while the Planning Commission reiterates its previous decision, it still feels that the proposed site is not desirable for the reasons above stated and suggests to the City and County Commissions that, if possible, either or both

of the following actions be taken:

1. that the present site of the fairgrounds be acquired by condemnation; and/or
2. that the City and County Commissions seek to locate another site which would be acceptable to the parties concerned and in conformity with long-range planning goals as recommended by the Joint Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Gale, seconded by Mr. Parker, that a delegation not be sent to the American Society of Planning Officials convention to be held in Seattle, Washington, May 5th through 9th, 1963, because of the great distance and lack of adequate funds, and that the funds budgeted for such purpose in the current budget be carried over and earmarked for convention expenses so that there will be sufficient funds to send a delegation next year (1964) to the ASPO convention to be held at Boston, Massachusetts.

Voting Aye: Messrs. Compton, Gale, McGarvey, Parker and Paulk.

Abstaining from voting: Mr. Davis, who expressed the opinion that the Planning Director should attend the convention.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Compton and seconded by Mr. Davis, purchase of one 3-drawer ledger file and accessory guides from Sanford - Hall Sales Company, Jacksonville, Florida, at the aggregate price of \$57.50, as recommended by the Planning Director, was authorized.

Chairman Knight appointed Mr. Parker and the Planning Director to a committee to locate larger and appropriate quarters for the Planning Commission staff; this committee to report any proposals to the members at the Planning Commission's next meeting.

As the final order of business, the Joint Planning Commission reviewed Section 716 (GD Group Development District), Section 717 (Conditional Uses), and Section 718 (Uses Requiring Special Approval) of the proposed new zoning ordinance. Several minor changes were agreed upon as a result of this review.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 A. M.