

**Guilford County
Planning Board
DECEMBER 10, 2014**

The Guilford County Planning Board met on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., Old Guilford County Courthouse, County Commissioner's Meeting Room, Second Floor, Greensboro, North Carolina. There was a brief Business Meeting prior to the regular session.

Members Present: Mr. Westcott, Vice-Chair; Mr. Jones; Mr. Mann; Mr. Geter; Mr. Apple; Mr. Cannon; Ms. Gibson; Mr. Collins; and Mr. Leonard.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dervin Spell and Tonya Hodgin, Planning Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Leonard moved approval of the November 12, 2014 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Apple. The Board voted 9-0 in favor of the motion. (Ayes: Westcott, Jones, Mann, Geter, Apple, Cannon, Gibson, Collins, Leonard. Nays: None.)

Vice-Chair Westcott explained the policies and procedures of the Guilford County Planning Board.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

ROAD CLOSING CASE #14-10-GCPL-05443

Being the entire portion of Cambelcourt Road SR# (no maintenance from NCDOT) extending approximately 495 feet north from National Service Road SR #1883, Deep River Township, Guilford County. **(APPROVED)**

Mr. Spell stated that pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 153-241 concerning closing of public roads, the Planning Board must hold a public hearing before the road can be closed. Based on the information presented at the hearing the Board must find that the closing of the road is not contrary to public interests and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located will be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to their property. The Planning Department has reviewed the request to close Cambelcourt Road as described above and it has been determined that the closing of said road is not contrary to the public interest and that no individual owning property in the vicinity will be deprived of reasonable access to their property.

In Support:

William Cooke, representing the former Cooke & Cooke Law Firm, stated that he is General Counsel to Piedmont Triad Airport Authority, the petitioner of this proceeding. He indicated that the Airport Authority owns all five of the lots surrounding this request. In providing a brief history, he said that all of this land is subject to the Airport Authority and they are required by an environmental impact statement to purchase all of the houses in this immediate area. They did purchase these houses as well as other vacant lots and now they want to convert them to the most compatible use. Mr. Cooke stated that this never was much of a road as it is only about 500 feet long. The road was never paved and is gravel. He explained that the road has never been part of the roadway system. It is the goal of the Airport Authority to combine and market these lots along with the adjacent land they have purchased. They feel that

closing this road is very much in the public interest. In fact, it is essential for development of the property for the most compatible use. There is no owner being deprived of access to the land because the Airport Authority owns all the land in the immediate surrounding area. Mr. Cooke asked that this road be closed to eliminate any title issue.

There being no other speakers, Vice-Chair Westcott closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Cannon moved to approve the closure of Cambellcourt Road, seconded by Mr. Leonard. The Board voted 9-0 in favor of the motion. (Ayes: Westcott, Jones, Mann, Geter, Apple, Cannon, Gibson, Collins, Leonard. Nays: None.)

NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

Adoption of the 2015 Planning Board Meeting Schedule

Vice-Chair Westcott noted that a correction needs to be made under Meeting Dates in the schedule distributed to members. The first meeting date should be January 14, 2015.

Mr. Collins moved approval of the 2015 Planning Board Meeting Schedule, seconded by Mr. Mann. The Board voted 9-0 in favor of the motion. (Ayes: Westcott, Jones, Mann, Geter, Apple, Cannon, Gibson, Collins, Leonard. Nays: None.)

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Guilford County Planning Board

Mr. Leonard nominated Mr. Collins as Chairman of the Planning Board, seconded by Mr. Mann. The Board voted 9-0 in favor of the motion. (Ayes: Westcott, Jones, Mann, Geter, Apple, Cannon, Gibson, Collins, Leonard. Nays: None.)

Mr. Cannon nominated Mr. Leonard as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Board, seconded by Vice-Chair Westcott. The Board voted 9-0 in favor of the motions. (Ayes: Westcott, Jones, Mann, Geter, Apple, Cannon, Gibson, Collins, Leonard. Nays: None.)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Collins, Vice-Chairman

Les Eger, Secretary to the Board

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