

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MAY 5, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Breunig at 6:30 PM. Present at roll call were: Mayor Breunig, Don Osterday, Bev Anderson, Bob Salmi, Kerry Black and Peg North. Absent: Deb Pickett. Also present were: Todd Platt representing DGI-Darlington, LLC, James Lundberg representing Point of Beginning engineers and Phil Risseuw.

Motion by Anderson second by North that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Osterday second by Anderson to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under unfinished business, Mayor Breunig reported on a change he made in the membership of this committee. Richard Beyer requested removal from the Plan Commission. Mayor Breunig thanked Mr. Beyer for his service to the Plan Commission; and then welcomed Kerry Black to membership on the Plan Commission. John Sonsalla arrived at the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Bev Anderson then updated those present on the Main Street development project. The dental clinic is scheduled to open May 11, 2009. Some underground utility work needs to be completed in the alley behind the building, and then the blacktop work can take place. The garage floor is being poured this week, and the condos are being shown to prospective buyers. And an open house will be held for the project later this month.

Discussion was then held concerning a building façade painting scheme approval request from the owners of Morrissey printing, inc., for their business building located at 335 Main Street. A letter from Scott Morrissey was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Morrissey wants to repaint the blue color around the door green. He has been in contact with Suzy Osterday, Chamber/Main Street Coordinator to approve the new color. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Black to approve the building façade painting scheme from the owners of Morrissey printing, inc., as presented. By Voice Vote: Ayes: Osterday, Anderson, North, Breunig and Black. Nays: Salmi. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a proposed site plan and parking variance request from representatives of DGI-Darlington, LLC, for a Dollar General Store. A copy of the proposed site plan was included in the agenda packet. Todd Platt and James Lundberg attended the meeting to present their request and answer questions. Mr. Platt presented information on Dollar General, and the research work done to date; to locate a Dollar General Store in Darlington. Mr. Lundberg presented the site plan including WDOT setback requirements, building location, highway access and number of parking stalls. According to present City ordinance, based on the size of the building 91 parking stalls would be required. DGI-Darlington, LLC is requesting a variance to the parking stall ordinance and allow them to only have 30 parking stalls. Hillary Dickerson, Ela Kakde, Dick Anderson and Dennis McPhail arrived at the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Several questions were asked of and answered by Mr. Platt and Mr. Lundberg. After discussion and consideration, motion by Anderson second by North to recommend to the Council the approval of the proposed site plan and parking stall variance as requested. Motion carried.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Salmi second by North to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Motion carried.

CITY OF DARLINGTON

Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer