

OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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6:00 PM, ~~ES~~ DAY ~~SEPTEMBER~~ 30, 2014
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

The Oconee County Board of Zoning Appeals held a meeting on September 30, 2014 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Oconee County Administrative Building, 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC 29691.

Members Present: Mr. Hughes
 Mr. Littlefield
 Mr. Nichols
 Mr. McKee
 Mr. Medford
 Mr. Reckert
 Mr. Lee

Staff Present: Mr. Matthew Anspach, Planner I
 Mr. David Stokes, Community Development Director

Media present: Dick Mangrum, WGOG
 Ray Chandler, Anderson Independent
 Steven Bradley, The Journal

Item 1. Call to Order

Mr. McKee called the meeting to order. 6:00 PM

Item 2. Approval of Minutes – August 26, 2014

Mr. Reckert motioned to approve the minutes.

Mr. Medford seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Item 3. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item

None.

Item 4- Continued Special Exception Hearing Regarding Group Home 080-00-01-018

Mr. Reckert motioned to remove the hearing off of the table.

Mr. Medford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Anspach presented the matter before the Board.

The applicant, Ms. Margaret George spoke on Whetstones update from DSS and other items regarding licensing and accountability.

Ms. Susie Cornelius spoke in opposition to expansion of Whetstone Academy.

Mr. Lane Ferguson spoke in opposition to expansion of Whetstone Academy.

Mr. Danny Hedden spoke in opposition to expansion of Whetstone Academy.

Ms. Elizabeth McFarland spoke in opposition to expansion of Whetstone Academy.

Ms. Celeste Holcomb spoke in favor of expansion of Whetstone Academy.

Ms. Donna Turpin spoke in opposition to expansion of Whetstone Academy.

Ms. Toni Hedden spoke in opposition to expansion of Whetstone Academy.

Ms. Roberta Barton, attorney with Barton & Cain, spoke in opposition to expansion of Whetstone Academy.

Mr. Butch Clay, employee of Whetstone Academy spoke in support of expansion of Whetstone Academy.

Mr. Mckee called for a five minute recess.

Mr. Lee motioned to accept that based on the evidence presented to the Board, traffic flow from the facility does not present a danger to local residents, motorists, and pedestrians.

Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. The motion was denied 5-1, with Mr. Reckert dissenting.

Mr. Hughes motioned to accept that based on the evidence presented to the Board, noise, lighting, and activities carried out on the premises of the facility do not present a nuisance to local residents.

Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion was denied 4-2, with Mr. Littlefield and Mr. Reckert dissenting.

Mr. Reckert motioned to accept that based on the evidence presented to the Board, the residents of the facility do not present any potential danger to local residents.

The motion died due to lack of a second.

Mr. Littlefield motioned to accept that based on the evidence presented to the Board, the residents of the facility do not present potential danger to local residents.

Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion was denied 5-1 with Mr. Reckert dissenting.

Mr. Littlefield motioned to accept that based on the evidence presented to the Board, the residents of the facility do reside in a safe and healthy environment.

Mr. Reckert seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-2 with Mr. Lee and Mr. Reckert dissenting.

Mr. Reckert motioned to accept that based on the evidence presented to the Board, the proposed development **is** in compliance with the other provisions of Chapter 32-5.

Mr. Littlefield seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1, with Mr. Nichols dissenting.

Mr. Nichols motioned to deny the special exception.

Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. The motion was denied 4-2, with Mr. Nichols and Mr. Medford dissenting.

Mr. Littlefield made a motion to approve the special exception, with the condition that the total student enrollment for Whetstone would not exceed 22 full-time students and 24 total full and part-time students.

Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion was denied 4-2 with Mr. Littlefield and Mr. Lee dissenting.

Mr. Lee motioned to deny the special exception.

Mr. Littlefield seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1 with Mr. Reckert dissenting.

Mr. Lee motioned to approve the board order.

Mr. Littlefield seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-2 with Mr. Nichols and Mr. Reckert dissenting.

Item 5. Old Business

None.

Item 6. New Business

Next meeting date was set for October 28.

Item 7. Adjourn

Mr. Hughes made the motion to adjourn.

Mr. Littlefield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 8:26 PM