

**Town of Sedalia**  
**Planning Board Meeting**

**Planning Board Minutes for Thursday, February 15, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Planning Board Chairman Robert Jones followed by a Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call.

**Members Present:** (All members were present) - Chairman Robert Jones, Marie Martin, Monroe Smith, LaDonna Woodruff, Serita Faison, Marian Jeffries, and Sandra Hamlett.

**Agenda & Minutes Approval:** Marian Jeffries recommended the Agenda be approved. Serita Faison seconded. Motion Approved. LaDonna Woodruff recommended the November minutes be approved and Sandra Hamlett seconded. Motion Approved.

**Business:**

❖ **RETREAT**

- Chairman Jones informed board members that Mayor Howard wanted Retreat attendees to be prepared to speak on a topic of choice; something of interest/important to the community to enhance growth.

❖ **CERTIFICATES**

- Chairman Jones praised Serita Faison for creating certificates and placing them in frames as an incentive, as well as an acknowledgment of achievement, regarding the ongoing training module.
  - Board members discussed the idea of a wall being set aside in the town hall for the Planning Board, in the way that the Council's pictures are displayed.

❖ **INTERPRETATIONS & APPEALS**

- Summary from the School of Government: The module was an introduction regarding staff decisions, the appeals, process, and ordinance interpretation. The training explained what constitutes a formal decision by zoning administrator, procedures for staff decisions and appeals to the board for adjustment, and a guide for staff and boards who wish to interpret and ordinance.

## **Citizens Concerns:**

### **❖ ... continued discussion in relation to the RETREAT**

- Chairman Jones expressed hopes for those speaking at the retreat to talk based on facts, rather than opinion.
- Board members discussed the perception that some government officials' motives may be sometimes centered around getting votes.
- Board members considered the notion that many residents may not attend Council meetings when the subject matter does not affect them. Marie Martin provided the example of the time there was a tax increase and that she expected many to attend with urgency.
- Board members mentioned the Council should view the training modules like the Planning Board has.
- Chairman Jones and board members talked about the idea of knocking on the doors of people who live in Sedalia, share a welcome basket, hearing from residents directly, as to what they thought might be good for the community.
- Marian Jeffries spoke about listing items and addressing individual concerns, making sure the items remain on the agenda until completed.

*\*(see Marian Jeffries' Retreat Write-up for more of her response.)*

### **❖ Additional Citizens Concerns**

- Zaxby's – The official open date will be March 05, 2018.
- Goodall property; Board members inquired about the notice on the property. (Code Enforcement Officer Brandon Emory placed notice on the property, of a violation to the town ordinance).
- Marie Martin mentioned the Council of Aging was sponsoring workshops in the Fall.

### **Information Sharing:**

- The board received handouts on websites that included information that discussed ways for older adults to prevent injuries during cold weather, such as wearing certain types of footwear or limiting activities outside. Also, there was info on helpful technology for seniors, like medication reminders.
- Serita Faison shared about attending the Transportation Advisory Committee. The vice chairwoman said, that she “felt good learning all that’s going on in Guilford County”, such as green spaces etc.

### **Wrap Up**

Office Assistant Denise James provided a recap of the items discussed during the meeting;

### **Announcements:**

Town Retreat, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda Meeting, February 26th, at 7 PM

Town Hall Meeting, March 05<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM

Planning Board Meeting, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM

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Chairman

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Date