

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA – PLANNING COMMISSION – February 24, 2015

The Planning Commission of the City of Rainbow City, Alabama met in a regular session at 3:30 P.M. and upon roll call the following members were present:

Present:

Wes Ellis, Chairman  
Terry John Calhoun, Mayor  
Thomas Moon, Vice Chairman  
Larry Keenum, Council Member  
Bettye Ann Boyd  
Larry Harris  
David King  
Mona Wallace

Absent:

Bryan Stone

Also Present:

Wiley McLain, Building Official  
Lance Smith, City Attorney

Heath Williamson, City Engineer

1. After roll call, Wes Ellis, Chairman, declared a quorum was present and the following business was transacted.
2. The minutes from the January 27, 2015 meeting were presented. Bettye Ann Boyd moved to suspend the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as submitted. Thomas Moon seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mike Johnson, owner of Capstone Subdivision, was not present concerning the necessary repairs to be made at the intersection of Asher Drive and Castle Drive. Heath stated that he knew Mr. Johnson had hired someone to make the repairs but the weather had not cooperated with them. Wes Ellis stated that we will keep this item on the agenda until Mr. Johnson lets Heath know that repairs have been made and Heath makes the inspection.
4. Colin Hodo was present with his request to change two items from his original site plan for the Red Barn Mini Storage complex. Colin wants to have a wooden security fence instead of chain link fence around the site and he wants to change the lighting on the site plan from 1000 MF lights from Alabama Power. Colin stated that he wants to place dusk to dawn lights on the building (barn) and then place LED lights on the other mini storage units and then place motion sensor lights in places along the storage units. Colin stated that the fence he wants to place around the site will be wooden 2" x 6" boards on 18" centers. In between the boards, there will be a strand of barbed wire. On top of the fence will be arms extending outward with barbed wire around the top. Wes Ellis referred to Section 107 of the Rainbow City Zoning Ordinance that states in paragraph (c) "The entire site shall be enclosed by security fencing of 8 feet minimum height and be kept lit with security lighting throughout" and paragraph (d) "The entrance, perimeter, driveways, and walkways between building(s) must have adequate security lighting and be approved by the Planning Board".  
Colin also stated that it may be six (6) months before building #1 is installed. The fence will butt up to the side of Building's #1 and #4. These two buildings will only have doors on the side facing inward and the back will be solid. Planning told Mr. Hodo that renting out a unit without the proper fencing is against code. Everything in the complex must be secured before a business license is given.  
After discussion, Larry Keenum made a motion to approve this request from Mr. Hodo subject to giving Wiley McLain the latitude to make the decision when there was enough

lighting for the area and the security fence was in place. The lighting will also be approved by the Police Department and the Fire Department before a business license will be given. Also, before business license is given, the proper amendments to the site plans will need to be presented to the Building Department. Mona Wallace seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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5. Wiley McLain discussed with the Planning Commission the possibility of getting together a "No Parking" ordinance for Rainbow City. In some subdivisions, especially the older ones, the streets are narrow. Some home owners/renters park their vehicles in the edge of the street and this does not allow for the trash and garbage trucks to get by them without doing damage to mail boxes and/or vehicles. After discussion, the Planning members present asked Wiley to prepare an ordinance and present it at the next Planning Commission meeting.
6. There being no other business to come before The Planning Commission, Bettye Boyd moved to adjourn. Mona Wallace seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hill  
Recording Secretary