TOWN OF WALKER PLANNING MEETING **MINUTES**

7:35 PM October 29, 2009

The Town of Walker Planning Meeting commenced at 7:35 PM at the Walker Town Hall. Commissioners present were: Mr. Lavelle Craig, Mr. Mark Emerson, Mr. Kenny McNemar, Mr. Herbert Travis and Mr. William Webster. Staff members present were Chief of Staff Fred Raiford, Town Attorney Robert Graves, Mayor Bobby Font, Alderman Scarlett Major and Building Official Jimmy Watson. Chairman Theresa Jackson and Debra Forbes were absent.

A motion was made by Mr. McNemar, seconded by Mr. Emerson, to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2009 meeting.

Yeas:

Craig, Emerson, McNemar, Travis and Webster

Nays:

None

Absent:

Forbes and Jackson

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. McNemar to adjourn.

Yeas:

Craig, Emerson, McNemar, Travis and Webster

Nays:

None

Absent:

Forbes and Jackson

Sincerely,

Vice - Chairman

Jimmy Watson

TOWN OF WALKER ZONING MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2009 7:00 PM

The Town of Walker Zoning Meeting was held on Thursday, October 29, 2009, at 7:00 PM at the Walker Town Hall. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Lavelle Craig and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. William Webster. Commissioners present were: Mr. Lavelle Craig, Mr. Mark Emerson, Mr. Kenny McNemar, Mr. Herbert Travis and Mr. William Webster. Staff members present were Chief of Staff Fred Raiford, Town Attorney Robert Graves, Mayor Bobby Font, Alderman Scarlett Major and Building Official Jimmy Watson. Chairman Theresa Jackson and Debra Forbes were absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. McNemar, to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2009 meeting.

Yeas:

Craig, Emerson, McNemar, Travis and Webster

Nays:

None

Absent:

Forbes and Jackson

Town Attorney Robert Graves requested the agenda be lifted later in the meeting to add the rescheduling of the November and December meetings that will fall on during a holiday.

A public hearing was conducted on the request of the rezoning of the Greater Gloryland C.O.G.I.C. property located at 13900 JR Drive, Walker Louisiana, with the legal address of 13900 Florida Blvd.

Residents of JR Drive submitted a petition in opposition to the rezoning. Eleven residents spoke at the public hearing expressing concerns such as traffic, parking, safety issues and means of egress in and out of the residential area. Some residents and past church members voiced concerns over proper ownership.

Mr. Adam Edwards of Greater Gloryland C.O.G.I.C. spoke in reference to the downward turn the church has taken in the past five (5) years. Mr. Edwards mentioned the other plans for the church in the event that it did not get rezoned, which included a boys and girls club, subsidizing housing and housing for the elderly.

A motion was made by Mr. Travis, seconded by Mr. Webster to close the public hearing

Yeas:

Craig, Emerson, McNemar, Travis and Webster

Nays:

None

Absent:

Forbes and Jackson

A motion was made by Mr. McNemar and seconded by Mr. Webster to send the request to the Board of Aldermen with a rejection to the requested rezoning of Greater Gloryland C.O.G.I.C.

Yeas:

Craig, Emerson, McNemar, Travis and Webster

Nays:

None

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Absent:

Forbes and Jackson

A motion was made by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Emerson to lift the agenda to discuss the rescheduling of the November and December meetings.

Yeas:

Craig, Emerson, McNemar, Travis and Webster

Nays:

None

Absent:

Forbes and Jackson

A discussion was held on the rescheduling the November and December Planning and Zoning meeting due to the Thanksgiving and New Year holidays. There were no comments from the audience concerning moving the November 26, 2009 meeting to Wednesday, November 25, 2009 and the December 31, 2009 meeting to Wednesday, December 30, 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. McNemar and seconded by Mr. Emerson to close the holiday rescheduling discussion.

Yeas:

Craig, Emerson, McNemar, Travis and Webster

Nays:

None

Absent:

Forbes and Jackson

A motion was made by Mr. Emerson and seconded by Mr. Webster to move the November 26, 2009 meeting to November 25, 2009 and the December 31, 2009 meeting to December 30, 2009.

Yeas:

Craig, Emerson, McNemar, Travis and Webster

Nays:

None

Absent:

Forbes and Jackson

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Emerson, seconded by Mr. McNemar to adjourn.

Yeas:

Craig, Emerson, McNemar, Travis and Webster

Nays:

None

Absent:

Forbes and Jackson

Sincerely,

Lavelle Craig

Vice - Chairman

Attest

Jimmy Watson

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