

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
MINUTES
FOR MEETING HELD JUNE 30, 2009

MEETING: Shown herein is a summary of action taken at the Pine Bluff Board of Zoning Adjustment Meeting held June 30, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers.

QUORUM: Those members present included: Lou Taylor, Joe Clement, Frank Hartwick, Edward Long, Evelyn Blunt, and Gordon Reese

OTHERS

PRESENT: Others present include: Jerre George, Regional Planner, Lakishia Hill, Zoning Official, and other concerned citizens.

CALL TO

ORDER: Chairman Taylor called to order the Pine Bluff Board of Zoning Adjustment meeting for June 30, 2009.

CONSIDERATION

OF MINUTES:

May 2009 minutes were adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1: Variance request by Pine Bluff School District to install a sign in the street-side set-back area of 6th Avenue, located in front of the Pine Bluff School District Office at 512 South Pine Street.

Mr. Frank Anthony spoke for this request.

Mr. Anthony stated that their mission is to help the city rebuild the image of downtown Pine Bluff. They started that mission by purchasing the former AP&L building. It has been renovated and fifty (50) employees have been hired. It is something to be proud of because the building was purchased at a reasonable price. A pretty penny has been invested. A building could not have been built for what has been invested. Mr. Anthony stated that they have renovated the building and he thinks the building looks good but feels they have not done their best work yet. He requests a variance to install a landmark sign that will be in the parking lot area. It will not impede the right-of-way.

Commission Chair Taylor asked if commissioners had questions of Mr. Anthony.

Commissioner Reese asked if the lower half of the sign is a message sign.

Mr. Anthony stated that the middle section of the sign is a message sign. He said it could be used for information or emergency situations.

Commission Chair Taylor asked if there were more speakers for or against the request. Since there were none, he asked for staff's recommendation.

Regional Planner Jerre George stated that staff recommends approval of the request as submitted.

Commission Chair Taylor asked if there were any questions of staff. Since there were none, he asked for a motion on staff recommendation.

Commissioner Clement started the motion in favor of staff recommendation.

Commissioner Blunt seconded the motion.

Commission Chair Taylor asked all in favor of the motion to signify by saying "Aye". Then all opposed to signify with the same sign. The request was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commission Chair Taylor entertained a motion to adjourn.

The motion was made and seconded.

Commission Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting.

THESE MINUTES ARE ADOPTED THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 2009.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY