



## MINUTES

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
Diamondhead, Mississippi  
Diamondhead City Hall Council Chambers  
April 22, 2014  
5:30 p.m. CST

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Norm Parker at 5:30 p.m. CST.
2. Statement of Purpose was recited by Commissioner Hensley.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Bice.
4. Chairman Parker called roll- Present: Commissioners Garrison, Hensley, Parker, Bice, Malley, Miller and Smith.

Also present: Building Official Ronald Jones, City Attorney Tricia Tisdale, and Minutes Clerk Jeannie Klein and Mandy Schmitt, Certified Court Reporter.

5. **Approve Minutes.** - Commissioner Garrison moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2014 as with corrections as noted.

Ayes: Garrison, Hensley, Parker, Bice, Malley, Miller and Smith. Nays: None

### **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **Confirmation or Adjustments to the Agenda** – None
7. **New Business** - Mr. Ronald Jones, City Building Official opened the Public Hearing in the matter of Case Number 201400078; The Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association represented by Mark Boyd has filed an application to construct a "Swim and Racquet Club-East Recreational Facility" with adjacent parking and associated landscaping. The property address is 68198 Diamondhead Drive East. The tax parcel number is 131B-0-01-058.000. The property is located south of and adjacent to Diamondhead Drive East, east of Alkii Way and west of Awini Street. In accordance with the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Commission has to approve the use in a Public Facilities and Recreation Zoning District.

A power point presentation by Leah Watters, Architect for the project, provided specific details on the proposed new structure. Following the presentation, Chairman Parker opened the floor

for questions of the Commission. Issues of concern included, exposed rafters in the exterior design, exterior color selections, adequate parking, anticipated effect on traffic and drainage.

At the conclusion of the Commission's discussion, Chairman Parker called for individuals signed up to address the Commission. Individuals included and were given a time limitation of 3 minutes to express their views:

Sharon McColley – Keep the building recreational; not a restaurant

Eric Nolan –the current facility is outdated; need a show piece, would be beneficial to the community

Hal Landis – Since POA is funding the project, City is delegating color; How can City do so?

Shari Miller – The project plan is beautiful and would be great for our youth. Drainage is real problem; POA left the City with a mess.

Eddie Gobert – President of POA Architecture Advisory Committee, has not seen plans of the proposed project as of this date. Keep volleyball courts for possible future recreational volleyball programs, needs to be built by code and flood elevation requirements. The potential increase in parking –do the plans accommodate.

Penny Crawford – Public has not had time to review plans, drainage concerns, not enough parking.

C.J. Longanecker- Resident since 1972. Diamondhead is special place. Blue and white buildings do not fit in the community. Don't settle for anything less than Diamondhead.

Russell Frank – Since it is a commercial building it should be brick. Drainage concerns.

Virginia Simons – Plans not available for public review

Gary Weber – Candidate for POA Vice-President – project should be postponed until the elections are complete

Molley Cooney- Review time inadequate, adequacy of the building amenities

Commissioner Miller moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to table Case Number 201400078; The Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association application to construct a "Swim and Racquet Club-East Recreational Facility at 68198 Diamondhead Drive East for a period of 30 days until the next Commission meeting on May 27, 2014 and further request the applicant to provide drainage plans and alternate exterior color selections for the project.

Ayes: Garrison, Hensley, Parker, Bice, Malley, Miller and Smith. Nays: None

The services of a certified court reporter were obtained to provide a complete transcript of the proceedings.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **8. Unfinished Business:**

Discussion of Proposed By-Laws

Chairman Parker stated that the By-Laws will be discussed further at the next meeting.

9. **Adjourn / Recess** –Commissioner Miller moved, seconded by Commissioner Hensley, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:55 p.m. CST. The motion carried unanimously.



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Norman Parker, Chairman  
Planning & Zoning  
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