



**AMENDED MINUTES
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Diamondhead, Mississippi
Diamondhead City Hall**

Mayor	Lee
Catone	Hensley
Garrison	Parker
Watson	Sislow
Smith	Olier
Traxler	FILE

**April 24th, 2013
2:00 pm**

1. Meeting was called to Order – at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Thomas Sislow.
2. Statement of Purpose – read by Commissioner Nita Hensley.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – recited by all who were present.
4. Roll Call – The following Commissioners were present: Denise Catone, Chuck Garrison, Nita Hensley, Jane Lee, Norm Parker, Roger Smith, and Thomas Sislow. Also present were Deonne Olier, Planning and Zoning Administrator, and Amanda Traxler, Planning and Zoning Attorney.
5. Approval of Minutes – There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 27, 2013, meeting, they were approved as presented with motion from Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Garrison. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Confirmation or Adjustments to the agenda – none presented.
7. Public Hearing
Presentation of Planning Commission Cases

Commissioner Denise Catone recused herself from Case No. 2013-02 Anchor Signs after Commissioner Sislow read the title of the first case and prior to the applicant's presentation, since she was one of the residents notified for being in close proximity to the business for which the variance was requested.

i. Case No. 2013-02 Anchor Signs – Variance Request for a 129 sq. ft. wall sign for Dollar Tree store to be located at 4402 East Aloha Dr. in a C-1 District
Presentation was held by Mr. Joe Funderburk who represented Dollar Tree. His proposal was for a 129 sq ft sign that could be seen from the road.

Public Comments on the case:

Ed Catone, Diamondhead was concerned about the size of the sign being too large and the lighting. He also mentioned the other signs which were "grandfathered" since they were already there before the zoning ordinances were passed.

Clarence Vaughn also of Diamondhead was concerned about the Commission setting a precedent by granting a variance the first time one was requested. Mr. Funderburk stated that the letters would be 36", rather than their normal 48" letters. As for the lighting, it would only be lit during open hours.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Funderburk's proposal by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Garrison. Commissioner Parker referenced Sec. 2.6.5 "Findings" on page 14 of the Zoning Ordinance, subsections A-J, criteria for granting the variance.

Voting was as follows:

Commissioner Catone	Recused
Commissioner Garrison	Yes
Commissioner Hensley	Yes
Commissioner Lee	Yes
Commissioner Parker	Yes
Commissioner Smith	Yes
Commissioner Sislow	Yes

Motion was carried unanimously by Commissioners present.

Commissioner Catone was recalled and rejoined the meeting at this time.

ii. Case No. 2013-03 NVision Solutions, Inc. – Conditional Use for administrative offices for software development, data analysis on computers and technical consulting to be located at 88360 Diamondhead Dr. E. in the Technology District. (A copy of NVision's view of what using the facility would mean to DH is part of minutes.) See Attached Copy.

Mr. Craig Harvey was NVision Solutions representative.

Public Comments on the case, all Diamondhead residents:

Harold Garrett questioned if in an April 16, 2012, interview, Mr. Harvey had stated that NVision was a top secret organization and funded by the Board of Supervisors? Mr. Harvey advised Mr. Garrett that it is classified as top secret.

Jeff Hennessey was concerned because the District is a Technology District. Attorney Traxler and the commission advised him that it was made a Technology District before NVision made application.

Nancy Lewis wanted to know why NVision was moving into this neighborhood. Mr. Harvey told her because it was good for DH and the company. Ms. Lewis also asked the date that it became a Technology District. Attorney Traxler advised her that the District was made a Technology District on October 15, 2012 when the Zoning Ordinance was approved.

Joe Lopez was concerned about the amount of money, number of employees, and space.

Mr. Harvey advised Mr. Lopez that NVision is a high tech, high value, and low volume of small electronic test equipment, not an assembly line, work is completed in a work cell (office).

Sharon Koger concerned about traffic was advised most employees would be DH residents.

Clarence Vaughn was concerned about the number of employees and if it would be a corporate office. Mr. Harvey told him that it would be quiet and they have a professional office environment with engineering capabilities for prototyping.

Carl Knoll asked about the travel for the employees. She was told there would be minimum travel time. Four employees already working there and most are from DH.

Vote: A motion to accept NVision Solutions into the Technology District was made by Commissioner Catone, and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Voting was done as follows:

Commissioner Catone	yes
Commissioner Garrison	Yes
Commissioner Hensley	Yes
Commissioner Lee	Yes
Commissioner Parker	Yes
Commissioner Smith	Yes
Commissioner Sislow	Yes

Motion was carried unanimously by Commissioners present.

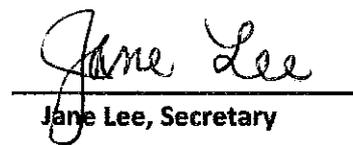
- 8. Unfinished Business – A Special Meeting was scheduled to continue discussion of Resolution of the Zoning Ordinance from Chris Watson. It will be held on Thursday May 2, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the DH Country Club.**
- 9. New Business – none presented.**
- 10. Open Public Comments – Synthia LeBlanc of Diamondhead, asked how did DH advertise meetings, events and such? The response from the commission was the Sea Coast Echo Newspaper, posting of notices at City Hall, and on the city's website.**
- 11. Commissioner's Comments – none presented.**
- 12. Communications/Announcements – none presented.**
- 13. Meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m. with motion from Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Hensley. Motion was carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Evelyn Bangs,
Recording Secretary**



Thomas A. Sislow, Chairman



Jane Lee, Secretary