

**Planning Commission  
Minutes  
May 20, 2013**

Charlie Roberts	Present
Eron Moore	Present
Keith Roche	Present
Bob Strickland	Present
Sandy Futch	Present

Mr. Roberts called the meeting to order.

Mr. Roberts determined that a quorum was present.

Mr. Roberts called for the approval of prior minutes. Mr. Roche made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2013 meeting. Mr. Strickland seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0

**OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

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| <b>1. SU-13-04<br/>Mr. Lee Tucker on behalf of<br/>Equity Auto Loan<br/>1124 Highway 29<br/>Lawrenceville, GA 30046<br/>5-110-376</b> | <b>To allow a Small Financial<br/>Institution in a BG zoning<br/>classification</b> |
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Mr. Roberts asked for a report from the Planning Department. Mr. Ferguson gave the report. Mr. Ferguson stated that the Planning Department recommendation was for denial of the application primarily because the 2030 Master Plan identifies other Small Financial Institution business types as undesirable.

Mr. Roberts asked if the applicant was present. Mr. Lee Tucker spoke on behalf of the applicant and stated that the requested business is classified under the Georgia Industrial Loan Act as a Small Loan Lender. Mr. Tucker then further explained the applicant's business plan and requested that if the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application to the Council that they remove the staff condition to plant trees to be removed.

Mr. Roberts asked if the Planning Commissioners had any questions of the applicant. Mr. Strickland asked the applicant where cars would be stored if a repossession occurred. Mr. Tucker answered that the cars would be stored at an offsite location and the applicant would be amenable to make that as a condition of approval. Mr. Roberts asked the applicant to describe the type of signage that was proposed to be used. Mr. Tucker responded that the applicant would comply with the City of Lawrenceville sign ordinance.

Mr. Roberts asked if there was any opposition to the request. There was none. Mr. Roberts then called for motion. Mr. Roche made a motion to recommend denial of the request. The motion failed due to the lack of a second. Mr. Strickland made a motion to recommend approval of the request with staff conditions except that the applicant should not be required to plant trees per staff condition one. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Futch. The motion carried.3-1 Mr. Roche voted in opposition of the motion.

**2. Amendment to Zoning Ordinance**

**Section 9.3 Parking Surfaces  
Consider allowing Parking  
on Gravel in BG zoning  
district**

Mr. Roberts asked for a report from the Planning Department. Mr. Ferguson gave a report and explained that earlier in the year the Planning Commission had recommended an amendment to Section 9.3 that would allow Parking on Gravel in the LM, HM and BG zoning classifications pursuant to a Special Use Permit approval. Mr. Ferguson stated that at the time of adoption, the City Council elected to remove BG from the amendment. Mr. Ferguson stated that after further consideration, the City Council wished to include the BG district in the amendment.

Mr. Roberts asked if the Planning Commissioners had any questions of the Planning Director. There were none. Mr. Roberts called for a motion. Mr. Strickland made a motion to recommend that Parking on Gravel be allowed in the BG zoning district but require a special use permit approval. Mr. Roche seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0

Having no further business, Mr. Roberts entertained a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Futch made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Roche seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0

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Charlie Roberts, Chairman  
Planning Commission

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Joshua M. Ferguson, Director  
Planning and Zoning Department