

City of Lawrenceville

Planning Commission Minutes

- Work Session -

August 11, 2008

Richard Johnson, Chairman	Present
John Merrill	Present
Eron Moore	Present

William Childers	Absent
Leon Smith	Absent

Staff Present:

Brad Leonard, Director of Planning and Development
Bill Kingsbury, Planner

The meeting began at 6:10 PM

GROUP HOMES

The meeting was held to discuss amendments to the zoning ordinance related to Group Homes. Mr. Leonard reviewed a Group Homes chart with three classifications of facilities. There was agreement as to the classifications and the zoning districts in which each category would be placed.

Mr. Merrill asked if the restrictions in the Congregate Living Facility designation were as strict as they are now for Group Homes. Mr. Leonard stated that they are the same as for presently existing for Group Homes. Mr. Johnson asked if state approval was required for any of the facilities listed prior to obtaining City approval. Mr. Leonard stated that Assisted Living Facilities and Personal Care Homes would, as they do now, require state approval. Mr. Merrill asked if there was a definition for each of the categories. Mr. Leonard stated that the main categories are defined.

Mr. Merrill asked if there were any state controls on the facilities under Nursing Homes. Mr. Leonard stated that there are controls through the Fire Marshall's office.

Mr. Johnson asked if there were any other concerns or changes that the members had. There were none.

ACCESSORY USE BUILDINGS

Mr. Kingsbury introduced the subject stating that at the last work session questions were raised as to the size and number of Accessory Use Buildings that would be allowed on large lots. After discussion, it was determined that because more than one accessory use building could be allowed on a lot this should not be problem. Mr. Johnson added, in practicality this regulation will apply only to RS-150 and RS-180.

Mr. Merrill asked if there could be a variance from the regulations for Accessory Buildings. Mr. Moore stated that a hardship would have to be shown for a variance to be given.

Mr. Johnson asked if the members had any additional comments or concerns. There were none.

Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:51 PM

Richard Johnson, Chairman

G. William Kingsbury, Planner