



**WALKERTOWN PLANNING BOARD MEETING
WALKERTOWN LIBRARY AUDITORIUM**

MAY 1, 2007 3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Planning Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Al Slater. Representing the Planning Board was Mr. Slater, Marilyn Martin, Harvey Neal, Robert Butler, and Larry Marshall. Also attending the meeting was Planning Board alternate Don Whitaker. Chairperson Peggy Leight was unable to attend due to business concerns. City-County Planning Staff member Aaron King, Attorney Bo Houff, Clerk Lynn and Manager Bell were in attendance.

Today's agenda, on a motion by Ms. Martin, seconded by Mr. Neal, was unanimously approved.

The Planning Board minutes of April 3, 2007 were unanimously approved on a motion by Larry Marshall and seconded by Marilyn Martin.

PUBLIC SESSION - Please limit your talk to 3 minutes.

Public Session was opened and closed at 3:02 p.m. with no speakers.

BUSINESS AT HAND

Because the school system representatives were running late, Aaron King gave a short synopsis of the zoning request Public Hearing which will be presented at the June meeting. The petitioner would like to use the existing home at 2841 Darrow Road and is asking to rezone the property to PB-S to include Restaurant without drive-through. This property was approved and originally rezoned from RS-9 to PB-S (Professional Office; Offices, Miscellaneous; and Building Contractor, General) by Ordinance #05-018 on August 25, 2005.

Mr. King would also like to bring up for review and discussion at the June planning board meeting other uses for the location at Highway 158 and NC-66, which recently turned down Walgreen's and McDonald's.

1. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
WB-PBR-05-01
WALKERTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
REQUEST FOR A POD – CLASSROOM BUILDING

Aaron King gave a brief overview of the request for putting a pod at the Walkertown Middle School. It would be a temporary thing – the new high school and the new middle school will replace the pod.

Kevin Davie, engineer at Allied Design apologized for missing the last Planning Board meeting and for being late today, also stating that Wayne Loflin, of the School System would arrive shortly with more details on the pod.

Some concerns of the pod included it being located in a portion of recreation area; the kids would use the parking lot as a shortcut; buffering around the pod; and other miscellaneous concerns.

Wayne Loflin explained that the pod would cut into the ballfield but that all sports organizations had been notified and had made other arrangements. There is a costs savings of approximately \$50,000 to put the pod where the school system requests that it go. The actual size of the pod is 70-foot wide and 112-foot long. It includes seven (7) classrooms, a janitor closet, and intercom. The girls' bathroom has five (5) stalls and the boys' bathroom has three (3) stalls and two (2) urinals among other amenities. This is the first pod to be placed at the Middle School. Modular units are much better than mobile unites. The School System anticipates breaking ground on the new school in 2009.

After a brief discussion, the Planning Board members came to a decision.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE WB-PBR-05-01
WALKERTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
REQUEST FOR A POD – CLASSROOM BUILDING**
BY: **HARVEY NEAL**
SECOND: **LARRY MARSHALL**
VOTE: **UNANIMOUS**
NOTE: THIS DOES **NOT** GO TO COUNCIL FOR FURTHER ACTION.

PUBLIC SESSION (IF NEEDED)

Public Session was opened and closed at 2:25 p.m. with no speakers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2007 MEETING SCHEDULE

LIBRARY @ 3:00 P.M.
June 5th
July 3rd *Due to July 4th holiday
August 7th
September 11th *Due to Labor Day holiday
October 2nd
November 13th *Due to Election Day
December 4th

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: **TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 2:26 P.M.**
BY: **ROBERT BUTLER**
SECOND: **HARVEY NEAL**
VOTE: **UNANIMOUS**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn McKinnie
Planning Board Secretary