

Plan good, board told

Bojangles would be accessed through shopping center

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WALKERTOWN

The town's planning board unanimously recommended Tuesday that the town council approve the final plan for a Bojangles restaurant at Walkertown Commons Shopping Center.

The restaurant would be built on an outparcel that borders N.C. 66 and the driveway for the shopping center. There would be no access to the restaurant from N.C. 66. The access will be from the driveway in the shopping center.

Aaron King, a Forsyth County planner who works with Walkertown on zoning issues, said that the city-county planning staff recommended that the planning board approve the project.

The Bojangles restaurant would be close to a McDonald's restaurant that the town council approved at its Dec. 20 meeting.

The McDonald's restaurant will be in Walkertown Landing, a shopping center that will be built on the northeast corner of N.C. 66 and U.S. 158, across from Walkertown Commons.

In other business, the planning board voted unanimously to approve adding two uses to property owned by William Grubbs. The property, at 2692 Old Hollow Road, is zoned for business uses.

King told the planning board that Grubbs wants to add selling furniture and home furnishings and a restaurant without a drive-through to the allowed uses for the property.

Don Whitaker, a planning-board member, asked Grubbs whether there would be enough parking spaces if he opened a restaurant in the building.

Grubbs said that at the moment he does not plan to open a restaurant, but he wants the use there in case he ever did want to open a restaurant. Because the parking lot has 12 spaces, Grubbs said that the restaurant would have to be 900 square feet. Grubbs said that if he did open a restaurant, it would provide only take-out service, selling items such as ice cream and hot dogs.

In a public hearing, Fred Martin of Walkertown asked the planning-board members why the retention pond at Walkertown Commons Shopping Center did not have a fence around it.

He said he is concerned that when the apartments being built behind the shopping center are completed, that children would be living there and might get go down to the pond and fall into it. Martin said that people who own swimming pools are required to have a fence around the pool.

King said he would check with the City-County Inspections Division to see what the requirements for storm-water retention ponds are and let Lynn McKinnie, the town clerk and interim town manager know about them.

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