

The Franklin County Board of Adjustment met in regular session on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex. The attendance was as follows:

PRESENT:

Vance Millender – Chairman
Richard Harper --- Member
Gill Autrey ----- Member
Joe Hambrose ----- Member

ABSENT:

Bryant Hand – Member

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vance Millender, who thereafter presided.

The first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes of the February 6, 2008 meeting, as mailed. On motion by member Harper, seconded by Member Hambrose and by unanimous vote of the members present, it was agreed to approve the February 6, 2008 Minutes, as mailed.

The second item on the agenda was a reconsideration of a request for a variance to construct a vacuum station 20 feet into the front setback line and 5 feet into the side setback line on property described as being a .06 acre parcel lying in Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. The request was submitted by George Allen, agent for Eastpoint Water & Sewer District.

Mrs. Rachel Ward of the Planning and Building Department explained that the site for the vacuum station had been moved from the previously requested location. The new site is located across the street from the original location, on a parcel which is already being utilized for a cellular tower. She informed the members that the Planning and Building Department recommends approval of this request.

Mr. George Allen addressed the members and explained how the vacuum pump would be constructed. He also explained that the building housing the vacuum station would need to be located in the setback in order to provide for a mulch bed which would

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filter the return air and help eliminate odors from the vacuum station. Mr. Allen went on to explain how the mulch bed was vital to the system.

He explained that the building housing the vacuum station would be approximately 30' X 36'. He said the building would not be unattractive. He said the exterior wall would either be of split block design or stucco. Mr. Allen assured the members that if the engineers indicated that the building could be moved further back, he would do his best to see that it was done.

After discussion and on motion by member Autrey, seconded by Member Hambrose, and by unanimous vote of the members present, it was agreed to recommend approval for this request.

The third item on the agenda was consideration of a request for a Special Exception to locate a community house, the Franklin County Public Library, in an R-1 Single Family Residential District on property described as a 13.66 acre parcel located in Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, also known as 70 Bayshore Drive, Eastpoint, Franklin County, Florida. The request is being submitted by Friends of the Franklin County Library.

Ms. Ward explained that libraries fall into the community building category and are allowed in residential districts with a special exception, no hardship is required.

Several concerned property owners were in attendance. After seeing the site plan for the library, they said they were okay with the development.

Mr. George Allen noted that the original covenant was set up to protect the surrounding area which was to be held in its natural state.

Member Harper stated that he would like to recognize and commend all the volunteers who had worked so diligently to make this library a reality for the county. This expression of gratitude was shared by the other members as well. After discussion and on motion by Member Harper, seconded by Member Hambrose and by unanimous vote of the members present, it was agreed to recommend approval of this request

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for a special exception to locate a public library in an R-1 Single Family Residential District.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Vance Millender, Chairman

ATTEST:

Rachel L. Ward, Zoning Director