



Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room
March 12, 2013 1:30 P.M.
MINUTES

March 12, 2013 Regular MPC Meeting

Members Present: J. Adam Ragsdale, Chairman
W. Shedrick Coleman, Vice-Chairman
Ellis Cook, Secretary
Tanya Milton, Treasurer
Russ Abolt
Ben Farmer
Stephen Lufburrow
Lacy Manigault
Murray Marshall
Susan Myers
Joseph Welch

Members Not Present: Russ Abolt
Stephanie Cutter
Timothy Mackey

Staff Present: Thomas Thomson, P.E. AICP, Executive Director
Melony West, CPA, Director, Finance & Systems
Gary Plumbley, Interim Director of Development Services
Marcus Lotson, Development Services Planner
Christy Adams, Director, Administration
Bri Finau, Administrative Assistant
Charlotte Moore, Director of Special Projects
Amanda Bunce, Development Services Planner
Sarah Ward, Director of Historic Preservation
Noel Perkins, Director of SAGIS

Advisory Staff Present: Robert Sebek, County Zoning Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. NOTICES, PROCLAMATIONS and ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Notice(s)

1. [March 26, 2013 MPC Planning Meeting at 1:00 PM in the Arthur A. Mendonsa Room, 110 East State Street](#)
2. [April 3, 2013 Regular MPC Meeting at 1:30 P.M. in the Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room, 112 E. State Street.](#)

Information Item(s) for Board Members

3. [Reading of Development Plans Submitted for Review](#)

Attachment: [Development Review Case Log March 12.pdf](#)

4. [Savannah Pharmacy National Register Listing](#)

Attachment: [Savannah Pharmacy - Fonvielle Office Building - Photograph 2010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Savannah Pharmacy- Fonvielle Office Building National Register Nomination 2013-02.pdf](#)

V. PRESENTATIONS

5. [SAGIS Presentation](#)

Mr. Noel Perkins, Director of Savannah Area Geographic Information System, presented to the Board the activities of SAGIS and the budgeting concerns of its continuance.

Mr. Perkins noted that the SAGIS website receives 'hits' worldwide; an average 10,000 per month. Training is still offered for website use; many geographic websites do not offer any personalized support.

Mr. Manigault asked if the budget will sustain the website.

Mr. Perkins answered not long term. A collaboration with Binary Bus was enacted to save money and gain needed resources.

Mr. Manigault asked if the county and city budgets were equally supporting the service. He stated the county uses it more than the city. If not, we need to go them to get more money that is needed.

Mr. Perkins stated we always go to them.

Mr. Manigault stated they want services but don't want to pay for it. We have to press hard to get it.

Mr. Perkins stated many services have been reduced to budget and personnel restraints.

Mr. Lufburrow stated he has used SAGIS for a while. He stated it is a useful tool for public. He stated he has used other platforms that are not as well-supported as SAGIS, but he asked if other platforms are being considered in the future. He stated he finds the SAGIS platform to be more difficult to maneuver, though he uses it a lot.

Mr. Perkins replied no; they are not considering other platforms because of the cost involved. The cost to have someone serve our own data is too great. Binary Bus offered free web development and free hosting and a free site: it was essentially free for us. That is why their contract with us should not be terminated. It relieved a great deal of workload off of a minimal staff.

Mr. Lufburrow asked how does some of the other competing sites get the same data.

Mr. Perkins stated they buy it; many use "Q Public". Many do not realize "Q Public" buys data from other places in other states. In Georgia, GIS data is protected under the Freedom of Information Act where agencies are allowed to charge for the maintenance of that data. Binary Bus will have to be reviewed once this contract ends. Regarding having the resources, that will have to be reviewed when they go before the city and county next year; we will have to have more money.

Mr. Thomson requested the Board to allow Mr. Perkins to finish his presentation, which includes the budget. The SAGIS website is less than 10% of what Mr. Perkins does for the community.

Mr. Perkins continued by listing a few of the committees they work with and support. He explained how they protect their data from 'theft' yet make it accessible to the public. He stated some protected data is not accessible on the website, but most is free. He stated we were the first in the state to do that; Georgia will soon overturn the statute where data can be charged. We still charge for parcel information because the Board of Assessors sets that up; we simply honor their terms. All information is updated quarterly. We want to make it as easy as possible for people to do business with us; we currently manage 31 databases. We also make sure the city and county staff are serviced appropriately by managing that data by ensuring all have easy access without dragging. Weekly updates are provided to the 911 office, to the Sheriff's office, Southside Fire department and the ambulances services when requested.

Mr. Perkins continued by explaining the budget. He stated the cost for the region is \$470,000. Contributions from other agencies have reduced the costs. Being project manager has allowed us to set the standard for the state. The project cost was a \$174,000, significantly less than the original proposal. The renegotiation saved \$30,000, which was used to purchase other software for \$24,000. This grants access to previous and current data. All of these software purchases enable SAGIS to support the city and county in their needs, along with the Savannah Airport Commission.

GIS Day is one of Mr. Perkins proudest accomplishments of SAGIS. It is the largest GIS educational event in the state of Georgia. In 2012, over 400 students participated. The date for 2013 is November 20th. It will be located at the Savannah State University and all are welcome to observe and participate. Local and national partners participate, such as Georgia Power and ESRI. GIS Day helps students to see how GIS data is used in various careers. There is a successful small scholarship program for high school, undergraduate and graduate students.

Ms. Melony West, MPC Finance Director, stated some of the costs in the SAGIS budget are overstated because the budget has already been submitted to the county for 2014. It will be submitted to the city in April 2014. Some costs were condensed early by Ms. West. Some of SAGIS expenses are overstated; some other costs are related which will decrease it also. This was done so the City and County can see what SAGIS really has to work with. Salaries will reduce another number. When MPC took over SAGIS, there was a small fund balance that will be exhausted by end of 2013. She stressed SAGIS cannot keep doing on what its been receiving. The original agreement was for them to provide half the cost and we were to provide indirect cost, which is significant. We can no longer afford to do that and they were to pick up that cost, which they have yet to do. An unbalanced budget was approved by the City.

Mr. Perkins stated some staff has resigned and the candidates for hire now are being told if an increase is not received, the job will no longer exist after December 31, 2013. We do need the help.

Ms. Milton asked about ads on the website.

Mr. Perkins stated we could; however he believes, from the municipal side of it, ads do not belong on the site. It would pave the way, but it would lessen the amount of screen for information. The screen has to be committed for that amount. It is a disservice to the public. There is a pay version for professionals, on which we generate very little income because most information can be found on the free site.

Mr. Farmer stated there are some other platforms that seem to be more user-friendly. Most older real estate agents have difficulty with this site. If there is a product out there that will take the SAGIS data and make it more user-friendly, that would be helpful.

Mr. Perkins stated if someone wants to come in and makes something that works for people, that is great. However, to pay someone with money from a nonexistent budget: that will not happen. Nor will we facilitate something worse than what we have.

Mr. Ragsdale asked if Pictometry is currently available to the public.

Mr. Perkins replied no, that is accessible by meeting with a staff member and have them export it out. The agreement with Pictometry, the owner of the software - not the imagery, does not allow this. The new software forthcoming will allow usage by all.

Mr. Manigault asked regarding Binary Bus, what is the plan for the future. Hearing all of this information, it is obvious more money is needed. Some things need to be sold; everything can't be just given away.

Mr. Perkins replied we used to sell our data. More time and money was spent in processing data requests than it takes to give it away, because of Georgia statutes and limitations. A small profit was actually earned in giving it away. Protected data, such as water and sewer, are not included.

Mr. Farmer stated many may be not paying for the services because its cheaper, free, or easier elsewhere.

Mr. Perkins stated he understands that; if someone is willing to pay the price, he will gladly make a site for them. He stated the needs of the citizens of Chatham County come first regarding SAGIS.org. We have internal customers, such as the Board of Assessors and the City of Savannah. They use their platforms daily.

Mr. Farmer stated the Board of Realtors pays \$38,000 per year. He asked is it possible for the software to be designed cheaper.

Mr. Perkins stated \$38,000 would not cover what needs to be done to change the software. The software that the city and county uses is the same that is offered to the public. To change it would require re-doing the entire county. It would be millions of dollars because no other company offers what ESRI does. And, the equipment for current users would need to be compatible with the software. GoogleEarth is not as accurate as the information we provide. GoogleEarth imagery can be off by 14 feet; ours is accurate within 6 inches. There is room for improvement in the binary interface; we are working on it.

Mr. Blackburn asked where does the contract revenue come from.

Mr. Perkins replied SEDA, the Board of Education, the Airport Commission, and a division of Georgia Tech. It has been offered to all businesses in the area, such various engineering firms, SKIO, the state of Georgia, neighboring counties, the port, and universities.

Mr. Blackburn asked if contract-holders have the ability to access the Homeland restricted information.

Mr. Perkins replied only through us. No one gets a copy of it. For instance, for the school board, there is no need for them to have access to that data. The only customer that has requested it is the Savannah Airport Commission, and it was permitted by the City and County. They receive secure access to it; it not wide open. It can only be viewed after logging in. Other customers are allowed only the information pertaining to a specific area, after approval from the City and County.

Mr. Blackburn asked if Georgia Power is a contributor.

Mr. Perkins replied that Georgia Power is on the management side of the board but not a financial contributor and does not have access to our data. They have been strong supporters in the past and still are. They provide no data.

Ms. Myers asked Mr. Thomson if more money will be requested from the City and the County.

Mr. Thomson replied the budget request for the County requested a five percent increase. It will not cover everything, but we think we can accomplish that before asking for \$300,000. We are a public sector data agency and the clients are paying for the service, but it's not enough right now. The City and County are who we work for; SAGIS was never set up to take care of the needs of specialized industries. The service SAGIS was planned for and provides should be for the government, which is predominantly what we do today.

Ms. Milton asked is it possible there will be an increase in the water bill because they will have to find the money to pay for it.

Mr. Perkins replied that we don't make those decisions.

Board Action:

Add item to agenda. Presentation to comply with Board's request for update of SAGIS activities. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Shedrick Coleman

Second: Lacy Manigault

Russ Abolt	- Not Present
James Blackburn	- Aye
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye
Ellis Cook	- Aye
Stephanie Cutter	- Not Present
Ben Farmer	- Aye
Stephen Lufburrow	- Aye
Timothy Mackey	- Not Present
Lacy Manigault	- Aye
Murray Marshall	- Aye
Tanya Milton	- Aye
Susan Myers	- Aye
Adam Ragsdale	- Aye
Joseph Welch	- Aye

VI. ITEM(S) REQUESTED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE FINAL AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consists of items for which the applicant is in agreement with the staff recommendation and for which no known objections have been identified nor anticipated by staff. Any objections raised at the meeting will result in the item being moved to the Regular Agenda. At a 12:30 briefing, the staff will brief the Commission on Consent Agenda items and, time permitting, Regular Agenda items. No testimony will be taken from applicants, supporters or opponents, and no votes will be taken at the briefing.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of MPC Meeting Minutes and Briefing Minutes

6. [February 19, 2013 MPC Meeting and Briefing Minutes](#)

Attachment: [02.19.13 MEETING MINUTES.pdf](#)

Attachment: [02.19.13 MPC BRIEFING MINUTES.pdf](#)

Board Action:

APPROVAL of the MPC Meeting and Briefing Minutes as submitted. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Stephen Lufburrow

Second: James Blackburn

Russ Abolt	- Not Present
James Blackburn	- Aye
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye
Ellis Cook	- Aye
Stephanie Cutter	- Not Present
Ben Farmer	- Aye
Stephen Lufburrow	- Aye
Timothy Mackey	- Not Present
Lacy Manigault	- Aye
Murray Marshall	- Aye
Tanya Milton	- Aye
Susan Myers	- Aye
Adam Ragsdale	- Aye
Joseph Welch	- Aye

Approval of MPC Planning Meeting Minutes

7. [December 4, 2012 MPC Planning Meeting Minutes](#)

Attachment: [12.04.12 PLANNING MEETING MINUTES.pdf](#)

Board Action:

APPROVAL of the MPC Planning Meeting Minutes as submitted. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Stephen Lufburrow

Second: James Blackburn

Russ Abolt	- Not Present
James Blackburn	- Aye
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye
Ellis Cook	- Aye

Stephanie Cutter	- Not Present
Ben Farmer	- Aye
Stephen Lufburrow	- Aye
Timothy Mackey	- Not Present
Lacy Manigault	- Aye
Murray Marshall	- Aye
Tanya Milton	- Aye
Susan Myers	- Aye
Adam Ragsdale	- Aye
Joseph Welch	- Aye

8. [September 27, 2011 MPC Planning Meeting Minutes](#)

Attachment: [09.27.11 UZO Special Planning Meeting .pdf](#)

Board Action:

APPROVAL of the MPC Planning Meeting Minutes as submitted. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Stephen Lufburrow
Second: James Blackburn
Russ Abolt - Not Present
James Blackburn - Aye
Shedrick Coleman - Aye
Ellis Cook - Aye
Stephanie Cutter - Not Present
Ben Farmer - Aye
Stephen Lufburrow - Aye
Timothy Mackey - Not Present
Lacy Manigault - Aye
Murray Marshall - Aye
Tanya Milton - Aye
Susan Myers - Aye
Adam Ragsdale - Aye
Joseph Welch - Aye

VIII. ITEMS MOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. REGULAR BUSINESS

None

9. [Staff Study to determine whether the standards for minor subdivisions and private](#)

[vehicular access easements in the Chatham County Subdivision Regulations should be revised.](#)

Attachment: [03-12-13 S-130114-33536-1 Staff Study - Text Amendment Sections 806.03 and 1000 15 \(a\) and \(b\).pdf](#)

A staff study to determine whether the Chatham County Subdivision Regulations, Sections 806.03 and 1000 should be amended to modify the development standards for Minor Subdivisions to increase the number of lots permitted to be served by an unpaved private vehicular access easement.
MPC Staff: Petitioner
MPC File Number: S-130114-33536-1

Board Action:

Table Item - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Shedrick Coleman

Second: James Blackburn

Ben Farmer	- Aye
Stephen Lufburrow	- Aye
Timothy Mackey	- Not Present
Lacy Manigault	- Aye
Murray Marshall	- Aye
Tanya Milton	- Aye
Susan Myers	- Aye
Adam Ragsdale	- Aye
Joseph Welch	- Aye
Russ Abolt	- Not Present
James Blackburn	- Aye
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye
Ellis Cook	- Aye
Stephanie Cutter	- Not Present

Zoning Petition - Staff Text Amendment

10. [Proposed Text Amendment Section 8-3025\(b\) to Allow Use # 7 Hotel and Apartment Hotel in B-C Zoning District](#)

Attachment: [13-000957-ZA Staff Report.pdf](#)

A staff generated proposed text amendment to section 8-3025(b) of the Savannah Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment is to the B&I Use Table, use # 7 *Hotels and Apartment Hotels*. The use is currently not allowed in the B-C (Community-Business) zoning district. Staff finds that this use should be

added as a by right use in the district.

MPC Project Number: 13-000957-ZA

Mr. Marcus Lotson, MPC Project Planner, presented the request to the Board.

Board Action:

Approval of an amendment to Section 8-3025(b) of the Savannah Zoning Ordinance to allow Use # 7 - PASS
Hotels and Apartment Hotels in the B-C
(Community - Business) zoning district.

Vote Results

Motion: Murray Marshall

Second: Susan Myers

Shedrick Coleman - Aye

Ellis Cook - Not Present

Stephanie Cutter - Not Present

Ben Farmer - Aye

Stephen Lufburrow - Aye

Timothy Mackey - Not Present

Lacy Manigault - Aye

Murray Marshall - Aye

Tanya Milton - Aye

Susan Myers - Aye

Adam Ragsdale - Aye

Joseph Welch - Aye

Russ Abolt - Not Present

James Blackburn - Aye

Victorian District - New Construction

11. [Petition of James F. Reardon with Reardon Design, LLC for the property at 815 Abercorn Street](#)

Attachment: [Maps and Photos.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Submittal Packet.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Staff Report.pdf](#)

Ms. Sarah Ward presented the applicant's request for approval for new construction of a four-story single family residence on the property at 815 Abercorn Street.

Staff is recommending to Continue for redesign of the following elements to meet the Development Standards and Visual Compatibility requirements as provided in the findings in the staff report:

1. Provide a rear yard setback consistent with the established setback of the neighboring structure within the block-face, approximately 18 feet.
2. Porch columns should not exceed 10 inches in plan dimension and pickets should be placed between a top and bottom rail to be visually compatible with porches and stoops in the district.
3. Redesign the roof and Hardi-panel railing to be visually compatible with buildings to which it is visually related. The neighboring building features a flat roof surrounded by a bracketed projecting eave as do surrounding historic structures with similar low pitched roofs.
4. Redesign the south elevation to provide a building mass that is in relation to the neighboring structures to which it is visually related.

A 22.5 foot rear yard setback variance is requested.

Mr. Ragsdale asked if the applicant is agreement with staff's recommendation.

Ms. Ward replied the applicant wants the setback they've proposed; they are not in agreement with staff's recommendation.

Mr. Blackburn stated it used to be three lots; the lots needs to subdivided or recombined. The subdivision ordinance calls for recombination when a lot is eliminated.

Ms. Ward stated her understanding was that the applicant will be submitting a subdivision plan; they wanted to work on the easement.

Mr. Blackburn asked about compatibility with the blockface: which blockface is being considered.

Ms. Ward replied Abercorn.

Mr. Blackburn stated this lot fronts Bolton Street; it may have a building facing Abercorn. There are a number of buildings along Abercorn but this lot 60 x 109 feet; the 60 foot portion is the one on Bolton Street and the 109 foot portion is on Abercorn.

Mr. Ragsdale stated that is incorrect; the 60 foot portion is on Abercorn.

STAFF NOTE: *The subject parcel has no frontage on Bolton Street.*

Mr. Blackburn stated that may be because they are subdivided, but the original lots in the Victorian district are 60 x 109 feet facing the interior streets. He asked where buildings sides on Drayton Street and The Mansion, there exist any four-story buildings.

Ms. Ward replied Drayton Street backs up to the back of -

Mr. Blackburn stated it doesn't exactly back up; it's the other end of the block.

Ms. Ward agreed.

Mr. Blackburn asked other than Drayton Street, which would include The Mansion, is there any four story -

Ms. Ward stated that was the group buildings looked at within the immediate vicinity. Those along Drayton Street were used as a reference.

Mr. Blackburn asked if along Abercorn and Bolton Streets be good references.

Ms. Ward replied yes. She stated she thinks a four-story building can be visually compatible with a three-story building.

Mr. Blackburn stated at least 75 % of the buildings in the Victorian District are two-story. The ones that are three are two-stories above a basement. He stated the petitioned project has a so-called basement: 'so-called' because in this area a basement is not what others consider a basement. He stated he is not aware of any other building with this height in this district, other than along Drayton Street.

Mr. Blackburn then asked Ms. Ward if it was her understanding that they planned to make it one lot with no lots left for development.

Ms. Ward stated it is her understanding is that there are currently two parcels and that is what it is intended to be left as. The petitioner was informed that because of what they are doing, they probably would not be able to redevelop this as a separate parcel in the future and they are restricting the redevelopment of that site. They are aware of that. They want it to be a side garden for this building.

Ms. Myers asked does the height map allow four stories.

Ms. Ward replied the Landmark District is the only district that she's aware of that has a height map; in the Victorian District, they are permitted to build up to 40 feet. That can be adjusted if it is found to be visually compatible. Having the three-story building connect to a four-story is visually compatible in the blockface. Within this blockface, these are the main structures visually related to each other, thus the recommendation.

Mr. Manigault stated the building is too large for the site. There were quite a few items that variances were requested on, such as setbacks. He asked if research was done regarding the average setback for the buildings in that area; they want 22.5 from 35. And the roof can't have an hangover because of the property line. He asked how does one get between the two buildings if work needs to be done on it.

Ms. Ward replied the buildings will be attached. Regarding the setbacks, the 35 foot rear yard setback requirement based on discussion with current and former staff, was intended for the longer lot that face the east/west streets, such as Bolton. The 35 rear yard makes sense; it pushes the building forward when it's facing the east/west street. When you have buildings that face the north/south streets, the 35 five feet does not make sense because then you can't get to the maximum building coverage that's permitted. That's why the variance for that is usually granted.

Mr. Manigault asked if the building will stand out from the existing structures.

Ms. Ward stated it is new construction.

Mr. Marshall stated his office is across the street and he wouldn't mind looking at what they're proposing.

Mr. Lufburrow stated it appears to him that the setback staff is recommending is identical to what is already on the corner.

Mr. James Reardon, petitioner, stated he was willing to answer Board questions.

Mr. Marshall asked about the idea of bringing the eave around; would that technically come across the lot line.

Mr. Reardon stated he thinks the owner will look at that as an alternative to having a blank wall there. They own the corner lot and by developing these two lots, they will combine and become one lot.

Mr. Blackburn asked why does four stories become necessary.

Mr. Reardon stated that is what the owner wanted. They do not have of enough square footage as the structure currently exists. Other options would not have been desirable or characteristically compatible.

Mr. Daniel Carey, representing the Historic Savannah Foundation, offered their technical support to the petitioner if they are not approved today. He stated he appreciated Mr. Blackburn's comment regarding citing for Bolton or Abercorn. He stated he has less concern about the Abercorn citing, given the size and nature of the building. Because it is a new structure, it works better along Abercorn than Bolton. He acknowledged he does have some concern about the height; he does understand staff's point about the rhythm of three- and four-story buildings, but he believes there could be some pairing down of the fourth floor. Perhaps pushing back. We just want to offer whatever technical support that we can; it has more latitude being in the Victorian District. We support staff recommendation.

Ms. Myers moved to give an 18-foot setback that staff has agreed with and accept the revised drawing and leave the detailing to the south side elevation and the top floor capped.

Mr. Lufburrow seconded the motion.

Mr. Blackburn stated he cannot support the motion because it needs to come back to the MPC and not rely on staff to make all of those decisions. He moved to amend the motion to have it come back and continue the petition until the next meeting to allow staff and the petitioner to get the design more solid.

Mr. Farmer seconded the amended motion.

Mr. Thomson stated in order to do the final designs, a decision has made on the variance for the setbacks. The motion needs to include approving an 18-foot setback variance.

Ms. Ward stated the applicant is currently requesting a 22.5 foot variance from the requirement. Staff is recommending granting an 18-foot variance from the requirement to be consistent with the neighboring buildings.

Board Action:

Continue to next meeting to allow petitioner to address staff findings and approve 18 an foot variance in rear yard setback. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: James Blackburn
Second: Ben Farmer
Russ Abolt - Not Present
James Blackburn - Aye
Shedrick Coleman - Nay
Ellis Cook - Aye
Stephanie Cutter - Not Present
Ben Farmer - Aye
Stephen Lufburrow - Nay
Timothy Mackey - Not Present
Lacy Manigault - Aye
Murray Marshall - Aye
Tanya Milton - Aye
Susan Myers - Aye
Adam Ragsdale - Aye
Joseph Welch - Nay

XI. UNIFIED ZONING ORDINANCE (UZO)

12. [UZO Review: Sec. 5.4 Principal Use Table and Article 8.0 Use Standards](#)

Attachment: [5.4 Principal Use Table.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Article 8.0 Use Standards.pdf](#)

Mr. Ragsdale stated the meeting was going until 3:30 p.m..

Ms. Moore stated there will be a meeting with the Victorian Neighborhood Association at the American Legion. They called and scheduled a meeting for this evening.

The Woodville Association has requested a meeting. The date is to be determined. The Tourism Leadership Council will have a meeting May 16, 2013. The time is not yet known.

Staff met with the Commercial Realtors Alliance the week of March 4, 2013. Mr. Farmer stated he does not recall being notified of that meeting. He stated he really wanted to be at that meeting and he was not aware of it until after it. He stated he has a lot going on right now and he would appreciate being notified about any meetings. He stated it was agreed to notify the Board.

Mr. Thomson stated a schedule was sent out with all of the meetings.

Ms. Moore stated a hard copy was also provided at the last MPC pre-meeting.

Mr. Farmer said that is not what was agreed to. He stated he requested the courtesy of being notified.

Mr. Thomson asked what was the best way to notify.

Mr. Farmer stated e-mail.

Mr. Thomson stated that is what we did. **Ms. Moore** repeated a hard copy was provided at the last MPC pre-meeting.

Mr. Farmer stated it may have gone to his spam box.

Mr. Marshall stated the meetings have not been well attended. He suggested overkill with invitations be extended in e-mail, with the Board included. Perhaps two-days before and the day before.

Mr. Manigault stated he wanted to criticize the Board because we did schedule UZO planning meetings here and received a call while preparing to come that the meeting was canceled due to not having a quorum. If we are going to do this, we need to do it. We are way behind and not moving forward.

Mr. Ragsdale stated we are no longer doing planning meetings.

Mr. Thomson, Mr. Manigault, Ms. Moore, and Ms. Bunce stated we are scheduled to have one next week, March 26, 2013. One but no more than two were added per month. The February 26, 2013 meeting was canceled for no quorum.

Mr. Farmer requested the By-Laws Committee meet half an hour before the next scheduled meeting; at 11:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m.

*****Due to the time, the UZO Review was canceled.**

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

13. Adjournment of March 12, 2013 Regular MPC Meeting

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Ragsdale entertained a motion to adjourn the March 12, 2013 MPC Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson
Executive Director

TLT/bf

Note: Minutes not official until signed.

XIV. DEVELOPMENT PLANS SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW

The Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission provides meeting summary minutes which are adopted by the respective Board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.