

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
DYERSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 12, 2004

The Dyersburg Municipal Regional Planning Commission met in regular session on February 12, 2004, in the Municipal Courtroom at 10:00 A.M.

Members present: All members except Commissioners Breedlove and Burks

Staff Present: Captain Roger Dudley, Andre Temple and Gleyn Twilla

Chairman O'Brien called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Rezone M-2 to B-2 Tennyson Ave. So. 4.3 acres – Dave Fisher

Mr. Fisher was not present to make the request. On a motion by Commissioners Dudley and Pressler the request was denied due to lack of representation.

Rezone R-3 to B-1 – 1331 Meeks Street – Mr. Willie Toles

Mr. Willie Toles requested rezoning of his property on the south side of Meeks Street. He is seeking a building permit to repair fire damage to 1331 Meeks Street to be used as the Avalon Club (Willie's Place), a social gathering place.

City Planner Gleyn Twilla stated that there had been no significant changes in the residential character of the Meeks Street neighborhood since the City zoned the property R-3 on 09/08/98. He recommended that the zoning remain R-3.

Upon questioning Mr. Toles, Mr. Twilla made it clear that the property could be repaired for residential usage provided it meets the minimum building code standards. He pointed out that Mr. Toles has not been denied the right to do any repairs necessary to secure the building or to prevent any damage due to the elements.

Rev. James Baltimore described the activities that he witnessed at Avalon Club property over the past 19 years. He stated that the neighbors have lived in fear due to the killings, shootings, gambling, drugs and other illicit activities that have taken place.

On a motion by Commissioners Pressler and Hastings, the rezoning request was disapproved.

Resignation – Commissioner Patrick Heckethorn

Commissioner Patrick Heckethorn thanked everyone for working with him over the past 21 years. He resigned due to recent health problems and his desire to devote more of his time to his family.

Everyone commended Mr. Heckethorn and wished him well.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 A.M.

Gleyn T. Twilla
Director Development Service

John T. Pressler, Secretary

