# **Conway Planning Commission**

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7:00pm • April 18, 2016 • 810 Parkway Avenue

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## CONWAY, ARKANSAS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA 7:00 pm • Monday • April 18, 2016 District Court Building • 810 Parkway

### SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE WILL NOT MEET

Call to Order

Introduction & Chairperson Remarks

Minutes: March 14, 2016

#### 1. Public Hearings

- A. McNutt Building Moving Permit Request
- B. Shannon Rezoning Request: A-1 to O-2
- 2. Development Review Appeal A. Central Baptist Church Gym Storage Addition - Minimum Masonry Requirement Denial Appeal
- 3. Discussion
  - A. Items as decided by the Planning Commission

Adjourn

Planning Staff Development Review/ Minor Subdivision Reports to the Planning Commission

The following items have been reviewed and approved by the Director of Planning and Development and are being reported to the Planning Commission as required by the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances:

- A. Development Reviews
  - On The Border, 1150 S. Amity Road
- B. Lot Splits, Lot Mergers, and Minor Subdivisions (filed for record)
  - Dogwood Estates Replat Lot 30-A Amended, L-280
    - Branch Replat, L-282
    - University Village Replat Lot 2, Minor plat

# **Planning Commissioners**

Mark Lewis, Chairman Matthew Brown, Vice-Chairman Justin Brown, Secretary Marilyn Armstrong Brooks Freeman Dalencia Hervey Bryan Quinn Jerry Rye Wendy Shirar Anne Tucker

Contact the Planning Commission by email at planningcommission@cityofconway.org

The Conway Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council on public hearing items. The City Council will make a final decision on these items using the Planning Commission recommendations as a guide.

Items not approved by the Planning Commission may be appealed to the City Council within 30 days after Planning Commission denial. If an item is appealed to the City Council, a public notice sign will be placed on the property at least 7 days prior to the City Council meeting. A public notice will also be placed on the City's website: www.cityofconway.org.

Items reviewed at tonight's Planning Commission meeting may be considered by the City Council as early as April 26, 2016.

# **1A** MCNUTT BUILDING MOVING PERMIT REQUEST

#### MCNUTT REQUEST FOR BUILDING MOVING PERMIT FROM 43 MILL POND RD TO 259 MILL POND RD

APPLICANT/OWNER

Ed McNutt 2635 Glohaven Drive Conway, AR 72034

#### STAFF REVIEW BY

Bryan Patrick, Director of Planning & Development 1201 Oak Street Conway, AR 72032

SITE DATA Present Location. 43 Mill Pond Road

Proposed Location. 259 Mill Pond Road

Legal Description. Lot 42B Round Mtn Sub Lot 42 Replat Water District #11

Site Area. 1.3 acres +/-

Current Zoning. R-1 (Single-family residential)

Existing Structures. None

Overlay. None

**Comprehensive Plan.** The Comprehensive Plan shows this property as appropriate for single family residential.

Projected Traffic Impact. There will be no net effect on traffic impact.

**Utility Infrastructure.** Conway Corporation Engineering will review and consider the adequacy of existing infrastructure. Extensions and re-routing of utilities may be required. Easements will likely be required to provide for future area development.

**Flood/Drainage.** The property is not within any flood plain or flood way.

Street Improvements. There are no immediate plans for area street improvements.

**Conway 2025.** Conway 2025 does not contain any specific statements directly applicable to this request.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

The applicant is seeking a building moving permit to relocate a 1744 s.f. single family residence from 43 Mill Pond Road (4.5 acres) to 259 Mill Pond Road (1.3 acres). A termite inspection is required to show that the structure is sound and safe to move. A report from Central Arkansas Pest Services dated 9-1-2015 stated that the structure was termite free.



#### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

There seems to be no issue with moving this single family residence from a large R-1 zoned lot to another large R-1 zoned lot. Planning Staff recommends approval of this building moving permit request.



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272 Mill Pond Road (lot across Mill Pond to the North)



259 Mill Pond Road (where residence will be moved to)



View of property to the East (257 Mill Pond Rd)

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# 2A SHANNON REZONING REQUEST: A-1 TO O-2

#### SHANNON REZONING REQUEST: A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO O-2 (QUIET OFFICE)

#### APPLICANT

The Tyler Group 240 Skyline Drive, Suite 3000 Conway, AR 72032

#### **OWNER**

Steve Shannon P.O. Box 10990 Conway, AR 72034

#### STAFF REVIEW BY

Bryan Patrick, Director of Planning & Development 1201 Oak Street Conway, AR 72032

#### SITE DATA

**Location.** [will become] 4620 Prince Street. The vacant property located between Prince Street and Wescon Lane immediately south of existing O-2 property. Approximately 461 feet south of College Avenue.

Legal Description. On file

Site Area. 4.26 acres +/-

Current Zoning. A-1 (Agricultural).

Requested Zoning. O-2 (Quiet Office)

Existing Structures. None

Overlay District. None

**Comprehensive Plan.** The Comprehensive Plan shows this area as appropriate for office. The request is congruent with the Comprehensive Plan.

**Projected Traffic Impact.** With the existing A-1 zoning and maximum allowed use as a wholesale plant nursery, around 80 vehicle trips per day can be expected. With a rezoning to O-2 and used as a 10,000 s.f. medical office, 360 vehicle trips per day could be expected.

**Utility Infrastructure.** Conway Corporation Engineering will review and consider the adequacy of existing infrastructure. Extensions and re-routing of utilities may be required. Easements will likely be required to provide for future area development.

**Flood/Drainage.** The property is not within any flood plain or flood way.

Street Improvements. There are no immediate plans for area street improvements.

**Conway 2025.** Conway 2025 does not contain any specific statements directly applicable to this request.



#### STAFF COMMENTS

The applicant is seeking a rezoning from agricultural in order to sell approximately one half of the property for a medical office. The agricultural zoning is the original default annexation zoning. The applicant also owns the existing office zoned property to the north. The north property was rezoned to O-2 in 2000. In 2008, a conditional use permit to allow 45% of the buildable area to be used for restricted retail was approved. There is also a condition requiring dedication of roundabout right of way at the intersection of College and Prince.

The request for this property is O-2 office zoning. The requested office zoning should work well in conjunction with adjoining office and PUD zoned properties.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning Staff recommends approval of this rezoning request.





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# 2A CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DENIAL APPEAL

#### CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DENIAL APPEAL

#### APPLICANT

Barry Hoffman Hoffman Architectural 102 N. Spring Street Searcy, AR 72143

#### OWNER

Central Baptist Church 3333 Dave Ward Drive Conway, AR 72034

#### STAFF REVIEW BY

Wes Craiglow, Deputy Director of Development 1201 Oak Street Conway, AR 72032

SITE DATA Location. 3333 Dave Ward Drive

Legal Description. On file

Site Area. 12.82 acres

Current Zoning. A-1 (Agricultural).

Existing Structures. One, 54,590 sf worship facility

Overlay. None

**Requested Variance.** Exception to the design standard governing minimum required percentage of masonry on building façade.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

This applicant made a similar request to the Planning Commission in December of 2015 as part of a proposed addition to the east end of their church building. At that time, the Planning Commission denied their appeal. The applicant did not appeal to City Council, instead favoring to meet the city facade requirements and continue on through the permitting process. This current request is regarding a proposed addition to the west end of the same church building.

The Planning Department does not support the complete elimination of the city's facade design standards. There is neither precedence for that action nor would it, in any way, meet the spirit and intent of the building ordinance. The Planning Departmet staff recognizes that the City Council has been clear and consistent on the enforcement of the city's 50% masonry standard as required by Section 1101.7.C.3.a.ii of the Conway Zoning Ordinance O-94-54, which states *"Masonry shall occupy no less than 51% of any façade of any structure."* 



However, in this case, the Planning Department considers a compromise of those standards as a better design choice, due to the pre-existing, non-conforming structure on the site today. This compromise can be justified using Section 1101.7.C.1 of the Conway Zoning Ordinance, O-94-54, which encourages all structures on a site to have a unified design theme. Though the existing structure's façade is non-conforming to current design requirements, the use of canopy trees to screen the large expanse of metal panels and break up the overall mass of the large structure is helpful.

Although the Planning Department has empathy for the financial constraints of every project—especially those of non-profit organization such as religious institutions and public schools—it should be noted that in every other case which has come before the Planning Department staff since 2007, the standards have been enforced equitably and consistently on all projects.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the façade of the addition should match the façade of the existing structure in both color and material, by type and wall area and therefore a variance be granted per suggested conditions that follow.

#### SUGGESTED CONDITIONS

- The proposed addition to match those existing design features in color and type, to a reasonable level of +/- 10% of wall area.
- Tree planting around the perimeter of the new building immediately adjacent to the wall, irrespective of the amount of brick installed.



# PLANNING DEPARTMENT City of Conway 1201 OAK STREET CONWAY, AR 72032 (501) 450-6105 development review notice of appeal Date: 5 30 16

Development Name: CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH	
Representing Party and Title: BARRY HOFFMANN, ARCHITECT	
Development Address: 3333 DAVE WARD DR. Subdivision:	
Zoning Class: <u>A-1</u> Lot/Parcel #: <u>Geolocator (T/R,SECT, 1/4)</u> : <u>51415SW</u> CUP #1161 711-12231-002	1

Appellate To (check one):

Conway Planning Commission

Please be advised that an appeal is hereby taken to the City of Conway, Arkansas for the action of the Planning Director in refusing to issue a Development Review Approval in accordance with Article 1101 of the City of Conway Zoning Ordinance (O-94-54). The disputed Section, Paragraph, and/or Subparagraph (Article 1101) is indicated below:

A VARIANCE FROM DEVELOPMENT STANDARD 1101, 7 FOR EXTERIOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS THE ALLOW OF A METAL SIDED ADDITION AT THE SOUTH CONSTRUCTION EXISTING METAL SIDED STRUCTURE. SIDE OF THE 46-0" × 58-0" STORAGE ADDITTON IN EXISTING 391'-0" METAL FACADE WILL BE ATTACHED THE WHICH IS NOT AN EXISTING TO STREET VISIBLE FROM ANY

# 2A CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DENIAL APPEAL





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## **PLANNING 101**



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

In the Planning Commission Report, you are likely to see mention of Planning Department Development Review. Development review is an in-office review performed by Planning staff on on any project more intensive than singlefamily or duplex residences. Multi-family, office, commercial, institutional, and industrial projects must all be reviewed by the Planning Department before a building permit is issued. The Permits Department also reviews for fire and life-safety compliance.

#### **Development Review examines:**

**Architecture:** Massing, materials, and overall design. For instance, all structures must be minimally 50% masonry. No barn like metal siding is allowed, with the exception of non public areas in I-3 (Intensive Industrial).

**Traffic Management:** The number of curbcuts and their locations. This reduces the "Oak Street" effect. Shared driveways are promoted whenever possible. Cross access between parking lots is required so that cars may pass between businesses without reentering the street.

**Parking:** Large parking areas must be divided into smaller "compartments". Proper car stacking at entrances must be provided. A development must provide the proper number of parking spaces, but no more than necessary. Conway has parking space maximums. We also encourage "shared" parking. Parking for bicycles must also be provided.

**Screening and Fencing:** Dumpsters and loading areas must be screened and fenced. They should be hidden from view as much as possible. Barbed wire and chain link fencing must be appropriately located.

Landscaping: Landscaping buffers must be appropriately located around and through the site. Canopy trees are required around the perimeter of a property 30 feet on center. A canopy tree and tree island must be provided for every 12 parking spaces. Screening shrubs must be located around parking areas. Buffer landscape areas are required between developments and residences; typically, a minimum of 20 feet. Lighting: All lighting fixtures are examined for intensity and visibility. Lighting must be shielded and a non-nuisance for abutting property owners. Lighting must be shielded so that light is shed directly downward with no more than 1 foot candle at the property line. This is the equivalent to light created by 1 candle held at a distance of one foot.

**Special Standards:** Special regulations are in place for "Big Box" retail to reduce the large structure massing. Car dealerships, service centers, and gas stations must properly shield their auto related activities. Intensive industrial facilities are allowed a relaxed standard for industrial structures. However, an aesthetically pleasing "image zone", typically the public facade, must be provided.

**Drainage/Utilities:** The City Engineer reviews submitted plans for proper drainage and storm water detention/retention. Conway Corporation, and the Conway Sanitation Department also review for needs and compliance.

**Fire Department Review:** The Conway Fire Department reviews the site for basic site compliance to ensure adequate building separations, access, and fire hydrant locations. A detailed interior life safety review is made as part of building code review after development review is completed prior to issuance of a building permit.

**Platting:** If a property has not been platted. Development review requires the creation and filing of a plat. This ensures that all easements, rights of way, etc. are properly recorded.

This is simply a quick over view of Planning Development Review. For more in depth information please see the easy to read guide at: <u>http://www.cityofconway.org/media/</u> government/planning-development/Design\_Standards\_ Pattern\_Book.pdf

