

Planning Board / Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Regular Meeting

April 25, 2017

Minutes

The Okeechobee County Planning Board/Board of Adjustments and Appeals met in regular session on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium, 1728 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

Board members present were Mitchell Hancock, Joey Hoover, Ted Kelchner and Mack Worley, Jr. Board members Rob Willson and Ron Zobel were absent. Board member Debra Sales was present as an applicant for Petition T-2017-0295. Also in attendance were Planning Director Bill Royce, Planner Ty Hancock, Planner Jennifer Busbin and Administrative Secretary Tammy Beard. County Attorney John Cassels was absent.

Chairman Ted Kelchner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Item #1. Public Comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes.

Mack Worley, Jr. moved to approve the March 28, 2017 minutes as submitted by staff. Joey Hoover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3. Public Hearing, Petition T-2017-0295, Temporary Use Permit. Fortunate Farming, LLC., property owner; HaloCo Entertainment, LLC., applicant. Request for temporary use permits for multiple Okeechobee Mudfest mudding events.

Bill Royce presented the petition and described the surrounding area. He noted this temporary use permit was required to go through a public hearing process because of possible impacts including traffic impacts. He stated that after having multiple Mudfest events that most of the impacts had been worked out. He stated that the applicant was requesting authorization for two Mudfest events each year through the year 2022. He stated that each Mudfest event would require a separate permit and that the staff report included a number of conditions that would be incorporated into each individual permit.

Mr. Royce stated that staff recommends that the Planning Board recommend that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Community Development Department to issue Temporary Use Permits for multiple Mudfest events subject to several conditions that he reviewed with the Board.

The Board discussed the proposed conditions to be placed on the issuance of the temporary use permits with an emphasis on traffic on State Road 70.

Chairman Ted Kelchner opened the public hearing.

Debra Sales addressed the Board on behalf of applicant, HaloCo Entertainment, LLC. She addressed the traffic concerns and stated arrangements had been made with the Florida Department of Transportation for adequate temporary entrances for the August 2017 event. She also stated that she was working with the Florida Department of Transportation to gain permanent direct access to the property entrance from both the east and west lanes of State Road 70 by way of a crossover.

There were no further public comments.

Mitchell Hancock made a motion to grant the temporary use permit for the first event in August of 2017 only and that the petition be revisited subject to a condition that a permanent crossover access to the entrance from State Road 70 be in place before the next event.

The motion died due to lack of a second.


After additional discussion about possible wording for a motion, **Mack Worley, Jr. moved to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Community Development Department to issue temporary use permits for multiple Mudfest events as requested in the application subject to the following conditions including an additional Condition No. 6:**

- 1. Mudfest events shall be authorized for one 4-day weekend in February and one 4-day weekend in August of each year through 2022;**
- 2. A separate permit shall be issued for each event;**
- 3. The Temporary Use Permits shall include the conditions as proposed in the staff report, subject to modification upon concurrence with county staff, Fire Rescue and the Sheriff's Office;**
- 4. The Community Development Department shall schedule a de-briefing after each event and shall solicit input from the applicants, Fire Rescue Department, Sheriff's Office, Health Department and the Florida Department of Transportation to assess the impacts of the event and determine whether adjustments to the approved procedures are warranted;**
- 5. Additional Mudfest events will require a new application subject to applicable regulations in effect at the time of the application; and**

6. Upon completion of construction for a divided four-lane highway for that segment of State Road 70 that fronts the subject property, continuation of Mudfest events is contingent on the existence and use of a median crossover providing direct access to the primary entrance to and exit from the site.

Mitchell Hancock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Ted Kelchner, Chairman

5-23-17

Date of Approval



Tammy Beard, Secretary to the Board

May 23, 2017

Date