

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY HEARINGS BOARD
MINUTES
September 12, 2012

The Athens-Clarke County Hearings Board met and considered the following items at a public meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 3:00 p.m. at 120 W. Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Genie Bernstein, Ricky Boggs, David Ellison, Sean Hogan, Beverly King, and Adrian Pritchett (Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Jane Erwin, Bruce Lonnee (ACCUG Planning); and Holly Hilton (ACCUG Attorney)

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Determination of Quorum**
2. **Introduction of Staff reports and all other documents submitted to the Hearings Board at the meeting into the official record:** Ms. Bernstein made a motion to introduce all reports and documents into the official record. Mr. Boggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. **Approve minutes from the August 8, 2012, Hearings Board meeting:** Ms. King made a motion to approve. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hearings Board Training

Ms. Erwin opened the training session by handing out updated copies of the ordinances the Hearings Board hears variances from. She then proceeded with a brief overview of the Hearings Board formation, duties, Bylaws and Rules of Procedure. She invited the Board to ask questions and discuss the various points. Ms. Hilton and Mr. Lonnee joined in on the question and answer session on various points regarding the purpose and duties of the Board and the procedures the Board follows.

Mr. Lonnee followed with a discussion of the standards used by the Board when considering variance requests from the Zoning and Development Regulations. There was open discussion of the various standards and clarifications of intent. He noted that these standards are found throughout the six ordinances that the Board considers with some modifications and/or additions as needed to meet the needs of the particular ordinance.

Mr. Lonnee indicated that Staff is glad to review the standards for the other ordinances as the Board sees the need. Mr. Hogan asked specifically for a review of the standards for Protected Environmental Areas variances. Staff agreed to do that review at a later date when there would be more time available.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. *Directors Report:* Mr. Lonnee asked which members still have identification badges and which members need them.
2. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 10, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Adrian Pritchett, Chair

Brad Griffin, Director/Secretary