

SUMMARY OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION WORK SESSION FOR THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2017, THURSDAY, 9:00 AM CBC (OLD LODGE), 696 Sky Valley Way

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Will Gurley, Commission Members Helen Kleiber and Ben Chitwood

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Lapeyrouse and City Clerk Fast

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commission Members Dan McAfee and Tommy Tebeau

1. Call to Order

Chairman Gurley called the meeting order.

Discussion Items

2. Tree Ordinance

Chairman Gurley stated there has been numerous meetings in reference to the tree ordinance over the last two years. He also stated the newest recommended version was superior to the current ordinance.

City Manager Lapeyrouse reviewed the changes made since the last version.

After discussion among the commission members and the public in attendance at the meeting, the following changes were proposed:

Section 7 (1) Thinning trees is the removal of certain trees (**including specimen trees**) from a stand to regulate the number, quality, and distribution of remaining trees. Deliberate control of stand density by thinning can improve the vigor, growth rate and quality of the remaining trees. Thinning will also allow space for planting suitable understory plants.

Section 7 (4) No more than one half (1/2) of the stand density around any tree within minimum spacing radius will be considered for removal **within a two-year period**.

Section 9 (2) (f) Mitigation (replanting) will be required for selective cutting and removal of all healthy native shrubbery and specimen tree permits as defined in this section.

a. Required mitigation for Specimen Trees will be equal to replacement of **25%** in inches of the total value DBH determined by the Code Enforcement Officer with Replacement Tree/Shrubs as defined herein.

Chairman Gurley made a recommendation to make those changes. Commissioner Kleiber concurred. Chairman Gurley requested that staff advertise the public hearing for the earliest possible date and send out an email to the community and put it on the city

website.

3. Adjournment

Chairman Gurley adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for their input.
Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.