

**MURRAY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2008**

The Murray Planning Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall located at 104 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Commissioners Present:** Ed Pavlick, Howard Koenen, Loretta Jobs, Nelson Shroat, Ed Davis, Marc Peebles, Mary Anne Medlock, Tom Kind, Amber DuVentre, and Richard Vanover

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Candace Dowdy, Peyton Mastera, Mike Pitman, David Roberts, Reta Gray, Vonnie Hays Adams, Jim Burris and public audience

Candace Dowdy swore in new Planning Commission member, Amber DuVentre.

Chairman Vanover asked if there were any additions or changes to the minutes from the July 15, 2008 regular meeting.

**Tom Kind made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Nelson Shroat seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

Chairman Vanover asked if there were any additions or changes to the minutes from the July 16, 2008 special meeting.

**Nelson Shroat made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2008 special meeting as presented. Loretta Jobs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**Advisory meeting – Planned development project for the Merryman House – 1416 Diuguid Drive – Kentucky Domestic Violence Association:** Peyton Mastera used a Power Point presentation to show the property of the proposed residential planned development project. Mr. Mastera stated that the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association (KDVA) is looking to place The Merryman House, which consists of four apartment buildings, at 1416 Diuguid Drive. The property site consists of three lots in which the property owners are currently in the process of combining into one tract of land. The Merryman House will have eight individual units; two units will have three bedrooms; five units will have two bedrooms, and there will be one handicap unit with a one bedroom unit. P.A.D.D.'s Diuguid Apartments are located to the east of the proposed project and Froggy Radio Station is located to the west. Mr. Mastera added that the purpose of the meeting was to review the project with the Planning Commission and determine whether the project fits in relation to the surrounding area.

Ms. Vonnie Hays Adams, 1135 Old Soldier Creek Road, Kirksey, Kentucky came forward to speak on behalf of the project. Ms. Adams is the Executive Director of the Merryman House. She explained that they are part of the United Way Agency in Calloway County and that they are in a relationship with the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association who is designing and

funding this project. This particular housing is dedicated to abused victims and their children. All of the domestic violence shelters in Kentucky belong to the KDVA. A couple of years ago, KDVA had an opportunity to work with Kentucky Housing Corporation for tax credit projects to develop housing for domestic violence victims which resulted in the development of 72 units across the state specifically for this purpose. Eight of these units will be located in Calloway County and twelve will be located in McCracken County. Ms. Adams said that these will be safe and affordable homes for victims that are at a point in their life where they can live permanently on their own without any assistance except for counseling and support services from the agency. The tenants will be allowed to stay at the home indefinitely since this is considered permanent housing. An annual recertification is performed with each family. Ms. Adams stated that there is an elaborate security system with cameras and alarms on the doors and windows that would be a part of the complex. She added that KDVA would not be managing the complex; however, they would be making the referrals to it. The complex will be managed by Winterwood Management System. The tenants are selected according to a points system which will prioritize disabled persons as first in line, then families with children under the age of five, and individuals who are single as last. There will not be a sign advertising the home.

Mr. Jim Burris of Frankfort, Kentucky and architect for the project came forward to speak. He stated that Winterwood Management System has been in business for approximately 30 years. He added that this particular management company manages from 9,000 to 10,000 units in the state of Kentucky such as these. Mr. Burris stated that he understands that the management company is more of a property management company and that it is not involved with the tenant process.

Attorney Mike Pitman added that domestic violence cases are unique in the court system and usually the victims of domestic violence will have a restraining order against the perpetrator stating that that person has to stay a certain distance from the victim and if they violate that order, the police can immediately arrest that person. He stated that would serve as an indirect security system and that there is court protection for these victims.

Chairman Vanover asked if the commissioners agreed on sending this project forward to the Board of Zoning Adjustments. The commissioners unanimously agreed to move forward with the project and send it to the BZA for compatibility.

**Approval of continuing education credits:** Mr. Mastera stated that he and Ms. Dowdy had three hours each of continuing education that needed to be approved. They watched two videos. One was entitled Balancing the Land Use/Transportation Equation and the other was an introduction to the Board of Zoning.

**Ed Davis made a motion to approve Peyton Mastera and Candace Dowdy's continuing education credits. Nelson Shroat seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Questions and comments:** Ed Davis announced that his term for serving on the BZA will expire 1/1/09 and at that time a replacement will need to be found for him. Mr. Davis currently serves as a representative for the Planning Commission on the Board of Zoning.

Chairman Vanover welcomed Ms. Amber DuVentre to the Planning Commission and asked her to tell the commissioners something about herself. Ms. Duventre stated that she was originally from Jackson, Tennessee and that she received her Bachelor's from MSU in Organizational Communication and will graduation again in December with her Master's in Public Administration. Ms. DuVentre stated that she looked forward to working with and learning from each of the commissioners.

Mr. Mastera stated that a Second Vice Chairman needed to be appointed since the resignation of Mike Lovins.

**Loretta Jobs made a motion to nominate Tom Kind as the Second Vice Chairman. Nelson Shroat seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Nelson Shroat made a motion to adjourn. Marc Peebles seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Chairman, Richard Vanover

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Recording Secretary, Reta Gray