

**MINUTES OF A BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS MEETING HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF
DECEMBER, 2008, AT 4 P.M.**

The Board of Zoning Adjustments met on December 2, 2008, at 4 o'clock P.M. Upon call of the roll the following members were present:

Louise Howard, Vice Chairman, Ann Blondheim, Reverend Richard Hunter, and Willie James Walton. Absent: Chairman Frank Barefield.

Also present: Tim Milner, City Planner, Jimmy Calton, City Attorney, and Bill Klein, Building Inspector.

Mrs. Howard, Vice Chairman stated a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Reverend Hunter moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2008. Mr. Walton seconded the motion. After a voice vote Mrs. Howard, Vice Chairman, announced the motion had carried.

Mrs. Howard, Vice Chairman, called for the hearing of applications.

Reverend Allen Forte addressed the Board to request a Special Use Permit to utilize a dwelling located at 425 Oakland Street as an office for the NAACP. He stated that there might be one meeting a month with about 8 or 9 people in attendance. He further stated that this would give him a facility to use the computer, have a telephone with an answering machine and be able to keep his paperwork filed. Reverend Forte stated that he or his wife would go by the office daily to check messages on the answering machine. He further stated he would like to have a sign on the front door.

Vice Chairman Howard noted that all legal requirements of notifying adjoining property owners and a sign being placed on the site had been met. She then called for audience input. There was no response from the audience.

Vice Chairman Howard read aloud the Staff Review which addressed the requirement for the sign (sign consisting of letters NAACP on the front door or wall to be 3 square feet) and no parking on Oakland Street (parking to be in the rear of the building) and recommended approval subject to these stipulations being met. Vice Chairman Howard asked that the Staff Review be made a part of the minutes.

After discussion Reverend Hunter moved to grant the request by Reverend Forte for the Special Use Permit to utilize a dwelling at 425 Oakland Avenue as an office for the NAACP with the stipulation stated in the Staff Review being met. Mrs. Blondheim seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded: Yeas: Mr. Walton, Reverend Hunter, Mrs. Blondheim, and Mrs. Howard. Nays: none. Vice Chairman Howard announced the motion had carried and informed the applicant of the 15-day waiting period allowed for the appeal process.

Vice Chairman Howard opened the floor for nominations for Chairman for the Board of Zoning Adjustments.

Mr. Walton moved to reappoint Frank Barefield as Chairman. There were no further nominations. Mrs. Blondheim seconded the motion. After a voice vote Vice Chairman Howard announced that Frank Barefield had been reappointed Chairman of the Board.

Vice Chairman Howard opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman for the Board of Zoning Adjustments.

Mr. Walton moved to reappoint Louise Howard as Vice Chairman. There were no further nominations. Mrs. Blondheim seconded the motion. After a voice vote Vice Chairman announced that Louise Howard had been reappointed Vice Chairman of the Board.

Mrs. Howard asked Bill Klein, Building Inspector, if the Bush car lot on South Eufaula Avenue is in violation for parking cars on the lot next door. Mr. Calton, City Attorney, stated the cars are not encroaching on city property.

Mrs. Blondheim asked if anything could be done about the cars at Jac's Tires that have been parked there over a year. Mr. Calton, City Attorney, stated that if the business owner says he is working on the vehicles nothing could be done.

Mr. Calton, City Attorney, suggested that City Staff should make recommendations and suggestions to remedy the situation through the Zoning Ordinance.

Bill Klein, Building Inspector, stated the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission is currently reviewing the Zoning Ordinance.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the same was on motion duly made and seconded, adjourned this 2nd day of December, 2008.

Louise Howard, Vice Chairman

Gloria C. Bailey, Secretary