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OCT. 11 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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Seven people addressed the Planning and Zoning Commission during last week's public hearing regarding Site Plan Case S-045 (P-022), request of Terry Cunningham for a site plan (The Shops at Cheek-Sparger) for Tracts 1B1, 4B, 4B2, Abstract 204, BBB & CRR Survey. The property is generally located south of Cheek-Sparger Road and west of State Highway 121. (This item was tabled from the Sept. 27, 2007 P&Z Commission Meeting.) Requests included the following:

- ◆ Consider installation of a fence between their houses and the new development.
- ◆ Reconsider the placement of a dumpster.
- ◆ Take into consideration the effect the development will have on their property value.

The site plan was approved 5-0, contingent upon the condition that the developer re-stripe Cheek-Sparger with a left turn lane and consider moving the dumpster to the east side. The Commission expressed understanding with the citizens who wanted a wall built but said that the Commission has no authority to require the developer to construct one.

Each of the four other items on the Oct. 11 agenda was approved 5-0 also. Those four were:

- ◆ Zoning Case Z-167, request of Brad Cobb for Watermill Express to rezone a portion of Lot B1, Block 11, Bellvue Addition #3, from Heavy Commercial to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/Unattended Commercial Kiosk. The property is generally located north of Pipeline Road and east of Brown Trail. (This item was tabled from the Sept. 27, 2007 P&Z Commission Meeting.)
- ◆ Site Plan Case S-046, request of Thomas Hoover for Capital Plus Office Park Site Plan, Lot 2, Block 1, Harvey Plaza Addition. The property is generally located west of Central Drive and south of Bedford Road. (This item was tabled from the Sept. 27, 2007 P&Z Commission Meeting.)
- ◆ Zoning Case Z-168, request of Frank Harber for Champions Gate Church to Rezone Lot 3, Block 3R, Bedford Forum Phase I Addition, from Planned Unit Development to Amended Planned Unit Development/Church. The property is generally located north of State Highway 183 and east of State Highway 121.
- ◆ Replat Case R-058, request of Howard Harris from Lot 2, Block 2, Harwood Hills Village Addition to Lot 2R, Block 2, Harwood Hills Village Addition. The property is generally located east of State Highway 121 and south of Harwood Road.

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Topics for discussion and possible action include the following:

- ◆ Library 2.0 Presentation and BPL Services
- ◆ By-Laws
- ◆ Lone Star Library Action Plan
- ◆ Fee Schedule
- ◆ Cancel November Library Board meeting (meeting lands on Thanksgiving eve)

The Board also will receive an update regarding the new library.

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- ◆ Transferring constitutional facilities funding for Angelo State University
- ◆ Authorizing general obligation bonds to finance student loans
- ◆ Annual 10 percent cap on increases in homestead taxable value

- ◆ General obligation bonds for state agency construction and repair projects
- ◆ Allowing a temporary property tax freeze for smaller city redevelopment
- ◆ Property tax exemption for a personal vehicle used for business activities
- ◆ Selling property acquired through eminent domain to former owner at original price
- ◆ Revisions to home equity loan provisions
- ◆ Exempting residence homesteads of totally disabled veterans from property taxation
- ◆ Deleting constitutional references to county office of inspector of hides and animals
- ◆ Requiring legislators to cast record votes on final passage
- ◆ Authorizing \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvements
- ◆ Allowing judges to deny bail in certain cases involving family violence
- ◆ Permitting judges reaching mandatory retirement age to finish their terms
- ◆ Authorizing general obligation bonds to fund cancer research
- ◆ Bonds for water and sewer services to economically distressed areas

- ◆ For more in-depth descriptions of each of the proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution, visit http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/News/news_pdf/HRO_report.pdf.

To learn the pros and cons of each of those amendments, a *Voters Guide*, funded and published by the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund, is available in English at <http://www.lwvtexas.org/PDF%20Files/2007%20CA%20VG.pdf> (English) and in Spanish at <http://www.lwvtexas.org/PDF%20Files/2007%20CA%20Spanish%20VG.pdf>.

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