Canton, Georgia

City of Canton 151 Elizabeth Street Canton, Ga 30114



Minutes - Final

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

5:30 PM

Work Session

City Hall

Board of Zoning Appeals

Members Present: Jack Fincher, Chairman

Diane Rugg Michelle Jamros John Clark

Staff Present: Ken Patton, Community Development Director

Steve Green, Zoning Administrator Jeff Rusbridge, City Engineer

Chairman Fincher called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda item I. Discussion of Minutes to be discussed at public hearing meeting.

II. Discussion of case number V1403-001 – Stephen Wills for Mattress Firm – 2026 Cumming Highway – Request is to exceed the maximum allowed sign area for wall signage

Chairman Fincher discussed sign variance which have been approved and denied and the reasons for granting or denying the requests.

Member Jamros stated the sign ordinance gives the parameters of sign area allowed and Mattress Firm chose to place the majority of what is allowed on the front wall. Member Jamros discussed the standards for granting a variance.

Board members discussed setting a precedent for properties around the area. Member Jamros stated she is willing to work with the applicant but is not comfortable with the 62% increase as the applicant has proposed. Member Clark agreed with Member Jamros.

Staff member Green stated the business is also entitled to a rear sign for the building. Staff member Green discussed how to total allow sign area is determined by the sign ordinance and added the total sign area must be divided among all wall signs.

Staff member Patton stated historically the Board of Zoning Appeals has granted variances with a 10% increase.

III. Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

IV. Adjourn

Member Rugg made a motion to adjourn the work session. Member Jamros seconded the motion.

Hand Vote: 3 Yeas o Nays Motion Approved

Adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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