

**Statesboro Planning Commission
Minutes
March 14, 2006**

The March 14, 2006 meeting of the Statesboro Planning Commission was called to order by Acting Chair Wyatt Johnson at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Other Planning Commission members present were Maebell Moore, Lewis Stewart, and Dr. Norman Wells. City staff member present was Jim Shaw, Planning Director.

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2006 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Moore and was approved unanimously.

The first item of new business was Application V 06-03-01; Michael Thompson, on behalf of Central Industries, requests a 50-foot variance of the 60-foot front yard setback requirement to allow the construction of a canopy at 103 Northside Drive East.

Mr. Shaw provided the Commission a summary of the staff report. He stated that without seeing a site plan that showed parking and circulation on the property, it did not appear there was sufficient room to accommodate the existing bulk plant and the new self-service fuel facility. He stated staff recommended denial of the request.

Robert Franklin of Trans Oil and Bill Fritts of Central Industries presented information about their request. Mr. Fritts stated he would be willing to consider alternate locations on the property and would be willing to provide a site plan for staff review. He had no objection to delaying a decision until the next meeting.

Dr. Wells moved to table the request until the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission to allow the applicant to present staff with a site plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Moore. The motion was approved unanimously.

The second item of new business was Consideration of a policy for the notification of adjacent property owners.

Mr. Shaw provided the Commission a summary of the recommended policy that had been explained in a memo to George Wood, City Manager, and a copy of which had been sent to the Commission members. He stated this policy would help fulfill two needs – providing better notification to affected property owners and giving the Commission members an opportunity to hear from those property owners.

The Commission members approved the policy and requested that it be implemented.

There being no other business for the Commission's consideration, Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.