

**GAINESVILLE PLANNING AND APPEALS BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
DECEMBER 13, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER** Vice-Chair Fleming at 5:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Vice-Chair Jane Fleming, Board Members Eddie Martin, Sr., Carmen Delgado, Lemuel Betancourt and Ryan Thompson

**Members Absent:** Chairman Doug Carter and Board Member Connie Rucker

**Staff Present:** Community Development Director Rusty Ligon, Planning Manager Matt Tate and Recording Secretary Judy Foster

**Others Present:** Council Members George Wangemann and Zack Thompson

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

**There was a motion to approve the minutes as presented.**

Motion made by Board Member Martin  
Motion seconded by Board Member Delgado  
**Vote – 5 favor, 2 absent (Carter, Rucker)**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Code Amendment Request**

- 1) Request from the **City of Gainesville** to amend Article 9-18 of the Unified Land Development Code for the City of Gainesville, Georgia. The proposed amendment will repeal and replace Article 9-18 entitled “Sign Regulations” with a new Article 9-18 entitled “Signs and Advertising Devices.”

Planning Manager Matt Tate requested this item be tabled until the January 17<sup>th</sup> PAB meeting to allow more review time.

**There was a motion to table the Code Amendment request until the January 17, 2017, Planning and Appeals Board meeting.**

Motion made by Board Member Delgado  
Motion seconded by Board Member Betancourt  
**Vote – 5 favor, 2 absent (Carter, Rucker)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Road Action Request**

- 1) Request from **Rochester and Associates, Inc.** to rename Howard Road, located on the east side of State Route 365, to Lanier Tech Drive.  
Ward Number: Two  
Request: Road name change

**Staff Presentation:** Planning Manager Matt Tate gave the following staff presentation:

The applicant, Rochester and Associates, on behalf of Lanier Technical College, is proposing to rename Howard Road to Lanier Tech Drive. The road name change will primarily serve the new Lanier Tech campus which is currently under construction adjacent to Howard Road. The segment of right-of-way to be renamed includes all of Howard Road located on the east side of State Route 365 and is approximately 527± linear feet in length. If approved, there are two nearby undeveloped properties not owned by Lanier Tech that have a Howard Road address that will require an address change. The portion of Howard Road located west of SR 365 next to the YMCA will not be renamed. The proposal appears to be reasonable given that much of the adjacent property will be the site of the new Lanier Tech campus. Moreover, the proposed road name change will help better identify access to the campus for students and patrons traveling from the surrounding Northeast Georgia area. There were no comments from other departments regarding this request.

**Applicant Presentation:** Brian Rochester, 425 Oak Street, stated the request does not include the portion of Howard Road where the YMCA is located, but on the opposite side of State Route 365 where RaceTrac is located. He stated that Lanier Tech President Dr. Ray Perren wanted to attend but a ceremony prevented him from doing so. He stated that it was an amazing opportunity given to us for Lanier Tech to locate in Gainesville, noting Governor Deal was behind the effort. Mr. Rochester stated he was available to answer any questions.

**FAVOR:** None

**OPPOSE:** None

**Planning and Appeals Board Comments:** None

**There was a motion to recommend approval of the request as presented.**

Motion made by Board Member Martin  
Motion seconded by Board Member Thompson  
**Vote – 5 favor, 2 absent (Carter, Rucker)**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m.**

Motion made by Board Member Delgado  
Motion seconded by Board Member Betancourt  
**Vote – 5 favor, 2 absent (Carter, Rucker)**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Fleming, Vice-Chair

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Judy Foster, Recording Secretary