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FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
July 1, 2019
5:30 p.m.

BOC: Commission Chairman Thomas Bridges
District 1 Commissioner Robert Franklin
District 2 Commissioner Dr. Jason Macomson
District 3 Commissioner Ryan Swails
District 4 Commissioner Eddie Wester

Media: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen
Mark Berryman, WLHR

Staff: County Manager Beth Thomas
County Clerk Elaine Evans

Chairman Bridges called the July public hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. and stated there are three items to be discussed. An opportunity to speak for or against each item will be given during this meeting.

Conditional use request for Complete Sourcing Center LLC

Connie Congleton came forward and spoke in favor of the request for a conditional use for her business **Complete Sourcing Center LLC**. This business was started 16 years ago in Braselton and Mrs. Congleton said she and her husband have relocated to Franklin County and she would like to be able to continue her business. She stated she is a broker and runs the business with a phone line and the internet. There will not be any truck deliveries and she does not have any employees. Chairman Bridges asked if anyone was opposed to the request from Mrs. Congleton. There was no opposition.

Conditional use and Variance request for Shepherd's Hill Academy

Trace Embery the founder and director of **Shepherd's Hill Academy** came forward and spoke in favor of his conditional use and variance request. Shepherd's Hill is a well-established therapeutic school and residential program for troubled teens ages 12 to 18 years old. The request is to allow the remainder of the property to be used for a school for therapeutic purposes. Chairman Bridges asked if anyone would like to speak against the Shepherd's Hill request. There was no opposition.

Rezone and Variance request for Daniel Garland

No one spoke in favor of the rezone and variance request for **Daniel Garland**. Chairman Bridges asked if anyone was opposed to the rezone and variance request for



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Daniel Garland.

Brad Wheeler spoke first in opposition and stated the main reason for his opposition is Franklin County has a pre-amble and enactment clause to go by for zoning property. He said when property is rezoned it is important to make sure it is beneficial to the residents in the area. This rezoning would not be beneficial to anyone in Franklin County as it is for boat storage. Mr. Wheeler said the rezoning request is for general commercial zoning which means anything could be placed on the property not just a boat storage. He asked the Commissioners to remember the residents when they vote and keep their neighborhood residential.

Harold West said his property joins Mr. Wheeler's and goes to the State Park. He bought his property because it was residential and as an investment with future plans to build a house for his daughter. The Planning Commission recommendation made Mr. West and the other residents happy.

Elizabeth Kania said she and her husband are in the process of building a home after a three-year search to find the perfect piece of property in the perfect neighborhood. They found this in Franklin County and plan to invest a substantial amount of money to build a house. Mrs. Kania strongly urged the Commissioners to deny the request.

Sydney Ough said he lives across the street from the property for the rezone request. He stated because of Mr. Garland's absence at tonight's meeting it shows his understanding that this is not wanted in their neighborhood. There is already enough traffic on Tugaloo State Park Road from bass fisherman, people with jet skis and pontoons and a commercial boat storage would create more traffic.

Amy Burns said her property is right up against the Corp property on Tugaloo Point. This property was bought by her in-laws over 30 years ago. Mrs. Burns said she and her husband love the property so much they drive one hour and a half to Dawsonville each day to work.

Chairman Bridges paused the meeting at 5:46. The public hearing was closed at 6:00 p.m. without additional comments for any of the agenda items.



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Signed on the _____ day of _____, 2019

Chairman J. Thomas Bridges

Robert L. Franklin, District 1 Commissioner

Dr. Jason Macomson, District 2 Commissioner

Ryan Swails, District 3 Commissioner

Eddie Wester, District 4 Commissioner

Elaine H. Evans, County Clerk