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**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
WORK SESSION OF OCTOBER 25, 2011
THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI**

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Starkville, Mississippi held work session meeting at 5:30 PM in the Building Department on the second floor of City Hall at 101 E. Lampkin Street, Starkville, Mississippi. Present were Commissioners Dora Herring, James Hicks, Jerry Emison, Jason Walker, Jeremy Murdock and Ira Loveless. Commissioner John Moor was absent. Attending the Commissioners was City Planner Ben Griffith.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chairman Emison asked if any member of the public cared to address the Commission and no comments were received.

WORK SESSION TO REVIEW PROPOSED FORM BASED CODE

There came before the Commission an item to discuss the proposed Form Based Code prepared by the PlaceMakers consultant. The City Planner read a brief introduction of the Form Based Code and Chairman Emison opened the floor for discussion among the Commissioners. There was much discussion with various questions, comments and concerns expressed by all attending.

Most of concerns were that the Planning & Zoning Commission appeared to have no active role in the Form Based Code; whether the Form Based Code was a rezoning or an overlay; how an applicant would go about changing from one transect to another; and the merits of a Design Review Board in lieu of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

At the conclusion of the work session, the City Planner was directed to compile a list of all discussion items from the work session meeting and include it with the Form Based Code in its current draft form, along with other items for discussion at the public hearing on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 with the PlaceMakers consultant.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further discussion, Chairman Emison adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:55 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission will be Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 5:30 PM in the City Hall Courtroom.

Jerry Emison, Chairman

Ben Griffith, AICP, City Planner