

CITY OF BLAKELY
Public Hearing
Zone Change Request-Redbud St.

May 1, 2012
6:00 p.m.

I. Call To Order

Mayor Anthony Howard called the meeting to order. Council members present were Mayor Anthony Howard, Councilman Al Hutchins, Councilman Andy Smith and Councilman Torre Mills. Let the record show that Councilman Charles Middleton was not present. Others present were the City Attorney, Tommy Coleman, the City Clerk, Melinda Crook, Utility Director, Charles Jenkins and the Fire Chief, Kenneth Jones. Councilman Mills gave the invocation.

II. Purpose of Hearing

The purpose of the hearing was to present a Zone Change request to the Mayor and Council.

III. Discussion

Mr. Joyce Barr came before the Council and public to request the Council approve a zone change, of 19 acres, from Agricultural to PUD for a 45 unit Single Family, Senior (HFOP) Development. She gave a slide presentation of other subdivision that she presently owns so that they could see the types of homes. The presentation was also to show the Council and public how well her other subdivision are maintained (grounds, playground, clubhouse, etc...) Ms. Barr address the water, sewer and traffic issues on Redbud and assured the Council and public that her developers were working on solutions for the area in question and that it could possibly help the already existing homes in the area. She brought to the Council and public that her development would not only provide economic benefits to the City but would provide home for individuals to have more energy efficient places to live. She stated that the project was not an automatic Section 8 and that it was up to the owner of the development.

Several members of the public spoke to Ms. Barr and the Council regarding property tax exemptions for the property in question. They also spoke about the water and sewer issues in the area. They stated that they didn't want any more Government subsidized homes in the area because the City already has

313 of these homes or projects (Baptist Branch, Blakely Commons, Cedar Hill Homes, Country Lane, Tanglewood and Willis Cain.) There were questions regarding individuals who got into these homes bringing in individuals from out of the area to live with them in these homes.

The Mayor questioned why Blakely was picked for the development. Ms. Barr explained that she tries to keep her developments close to where she is located so that her response to problems can be quick. She also stated that she was able to find property from a motivated seller. The Mayor also questioned rents on the different homes and how equity could be built up in a home.

Councilman Mills asked Ms. Barr to bring information to the Council regarding the solutions her developers were working on to correct the water, sewer issues.

The Mayor called the meeting to a close.

Anthony Howard, Mayor