BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2008

BZA MEMBERS PRESENT: Harold Brown, Larry Campbell, Stanley Headrick, Rob Walker, Gordon Wright, Jim Melton (present but not voting)

Old Business: The minutes from the previous meeting were read and Larry Campbell asked that the statements by VJ Shore that were received and filed at the January BZA meeting be placed in the minutes of the January BZA meeting. The members voted unanimously to accept the amended minutes from the last meeting.

CASES BEING HEARD AND ACTIONS TAKEN:

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS: NONE
VARIANCES: FOUR
APPEALS: NONE

Variance:
1. Shannon Skidmore is requesting a 10-foot variance from the front building setback requirement for a business sign at 205 Wears Valley Road.

   --Shannon Skidmore spoke in favor
   --Travis Grant spoke in opposition
   --Jerry Grant spoke in opposition

   A motion was made by Larry Campbell to defer this request for variance pending review of a site plan with measurements to scale. Gordon Wright made a second.

   Vote: Harold Brown  YES
   Larry Campbell  YES
   Stanley Headrick  YES
   Rob Walker  YES
   Gordon Wright  YES

   The variance was deferred by a unanimous vote.

2. Jay and Alison Hicks are requesting a variance from the rear building setback requirements at 403 Hesses Creek Road.

   Property is zoned R-2.
   --No one present to speak.

   A motion was made by Stan Headrick to approve this request for variance. Larry Campbell made a second.
Vote:  Harold Brown  YES
Larry Campbell  YES
Stanley Headrick  YES
Rob Walker  YES
Gordon Wright  YES

The variance was approved by a unanimous vote.

3.  Chesney Norris is requesting a variance from the density requirements at 4418 Vinegar Valley Road.

--Ms. Norris spoke in favor

A motion was made by Harold Brown to deny this request for variance.  Larry Campbell made a second.

Vote:  Harold Brown  YES
Larry Campbell  YES
Stanley Headrick  YES
Rob Walker  YES
Gordon Wright  YES

The variance was denied by a unanimous vote.

4.  Henry Tipton is requesting a variance from the density requirements at 4707 Vinegar Valley Road.

--Mr. Tipton spoke in favor

A motion was made by Stan Headrick to approve this request for variance based upon the removal of an older house that is on the property.  Larry Campbell made a second based upon Section 5.3 of the County Zoning Regulations.

Vote:  Harold Brown  YES
Larry Campbell  YES
Stanley Headrick  YES
Rob Walker  YES
Gordon Wright  YES

The variance was approved by a unanimous vote.

Other Business:

Concept plan review at Cusick Road
--Zoned S
--Michael Smith spoke
--Site would require a special exception to operate at location. Property would be used for an impound yard for functioning repossessed functioning vehicles.
--No action taken

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.