

New committee to review zoning

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The College Station City Council will meet in joint session with the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) at 5 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall to discuss appointment of members to the new task force being created by the council.

The committee will be charged with a thorough review of the city's zoning and subdivision ordinances. It will be expected to make recommendations to the council for possible improvements in the ordinances.

A member of the council said the fate of a petition submitted by Dominik Street residents at the last meeting of the council may be discussed, although the item is not on the agenda.

The petition, if ruled legal, would result in the failure of a zone change request to create apartment zoning between the Dominik homes and Highway 30.

The request, from local developer Harry Seaback, was passed on a 4 to 3 vote by the council. The city zoning ordinance states that if a petition signed by 20 per cent of the adjacent property owners against a zone change request is given to the city secretary prior to the public hearing on the matter, a three-fourths vote of the council will be required to change the zoning.

City Attorney Neeley Lewis has ruled the petition invalid because it was not presented before the meet-

ing. It is now up to the council to decide what to do.

The task force on zoning was created by the city council at last month's meeting. The P&Z refused to appoint representatives at its last meeting, saying it did not understand the function of the new committee.

A joint meeting with the council was suggested at that time as one way to answer the commission's questions.

P&Z member Tom Chaney said committees previously appointed by the council were given the duties of the new task force.

Many of these committees have been inactive for long periods. The city's Beautification committee, for instance, hasn't met in three years. The council must reactivate these committees to obtain members for the new task force.

Among the groups to be reactivated include the Building Code of Adjustments. Members of the board will be appointed at Wednesday's council meeting.

Also on the agenda is a discussion of the use of the hotel-motel tax revenue. The council has agreed to spend at least 10 per cent of the revenue for a brochure on College Station. A report from the committee set up by the council to develop this brochure will be presented at the meeting.

The possibility of building a community center with the remainder of the revenue has been discussed.

Judicial Board opts for injunction

The Judicial Board passed a motion granting itself the power of injunction at a meeting Sunday afternoon.

Injunction is a legal proceeding

New jury takes seat

A new 85th District Court Grand Jury was sworn in by District Judge W. C. Davis Wednesday.

Of the 12 members, five are women and seven are men. Their term began Oct. 30 and will last for six months.

Jury foreman is Gregory Rodriguez of 405 Tatum and the other members are: Leon Trenckmann, 4109 Nagel, Bryan; Mrs. Gerry Chandler, Rt. 3, Box 131-B, Bryan; Beatrice Toliver, 1518 Lincoln, Bryan; W. L. David, 2706 Pinehurst, Bryan; Mrs. Mel Pruitt, 804 Waco, Bryan and Joe Patranella, 206 S. Haswell, Bryan.

Others include: Mrs. Wesley Donaldson, 1215 Ridgefield Circle S., College Station; Mrs. Mack Cooner, Wellborn; Claude Davis, 1608 Oakview, Bryan; W. L. Penberthy, 603 Hensel Dr., Bryan and D. A. Anderson, 1202 Foster E.,

College Station.

The Grand Jury is appointed twice a year and are chosen from voter registration lists. The term will expire April 7.

halting a disputed action.

As the board discussed whether injunction lies in the board's jurisdiction, Chairman Jerri Ward said the Supreme Court's jurisdiction is determined by the enabling document of the Constitution.

Member Mike Perrin said in the board's situation the pertinent enabling document would be the University Rules and Regulations.

"We can only use it if students bring cases asking us to use it. We have to write it so students will want to use it. It's just another check on other branches of government," said Perrin.

The Student Senate recently passed a resolution granting the board a 24-hour power of injunction in cases of election violations.

"It's not in the legislature's jurisdiction to grant power to another branch over itself. What they've just done is unconstitutional. They can't

increase our power except by constitutional amendment," said Sam Walser, board member. "But we can't act on it until a case is brought before us as legislative interpretation."

The board will discuss the exact procedure for issuing an injunction at its next meeting 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Also at the next meeting, Ward will present a revised list of by-laws and standing rules of order for the board's approval.

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Bryan man hospitalized after wreck

A Bryan man, Greg Baxter, 19, of 304B N. Park, was listed in good condition at St. Joseph Hospital after an automobile accident at Finfeather Drive and Dodge Street around 5:50 p.m. Monday.

Baxter was traveling north on Finfeather Drive when he collided with a car driven by Ledell Spies of 2006 Beck. Spies was traveling south on Finfeather when he made a left turn onto Dodge Street and hit Baxter.

Baxter sustained forehead lacerations and minor back injuries. He was admitted to St. Joseph Hospital where he is under observation.

Spies received minor injuries from the accident.

He was charged with driving while intoxicated and released on a \$250 cash bond.

Local poem in 'Quartet'

The current issue of "Quartet" literary magazine, based on the Texas A&M campus, is out. A long poem by Joseph Donaldson, associate professor of environmental design, is one of the highlights.

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