

**AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING
THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY
OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Walker County Courthouse Annex III, 201 S Main Street
LaFayette, Georgia 30728

Date: Thursday, March 28, 2019

Time: Public Hearing 6:00 PM

Invocation: Given by Commissioner Shannon Whitfield

Call to Order: Commissioner Whitfield will call the meeting to order

Pledge: United States Flag

Pledge: Georgia Flag

**Open of Public Hearing
New Business:**

- I. Garner L. Glenn requests a rezone from I to A-1 for property located at 0 Blue Hole Road at Hwy 193, LaFayette, Georgia 30728. Tax Parcel # 0-453-002
- II. Jemima and Thomas Shirley request a rezone from R-1 to R-2 for property located at 0 Rogers Road, Rossville, Georgia 30741. Tax Map # 0-173-003
- III. Cynthia Pierce Askew requests a conditional use variance for property located at 253, Pierce Road Rock Spring, Georgia 30739. Tax Map # 0-344-006

Adjournment: Commissioner Whitfield will adjourn the Public Hearing

WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Application for Re-Zoning Amendment

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE		Date <u>2-12-19</u>
		FEE \$ <u>150.00</u>
		Case No.
Owner's Name <u>Garner L. Glenn</u>		Mailing Address <u>1120 Threadmill Road</u> <small>INCLUDE ROUTE AND BOX # IF ASSIGNED</small>
City/Zip <u>Dalton, GA. 30720</u>		Phone <u>423-838-8998</u>
Tax Parcel # <u>D-453-002</u>		Street Name and Number <u>Hwy 193 / O Blue Hole Rd.</u>
Current Zoning <u>I</u>	Requested Zoning <u>A-1</u>	
Reason for Change (Be Specific): <u>so a house can be built on the property</u>		
Lessee's Name <small>IF APPLICABLE</small>	Lessee's Address	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WITH MAILING ADDRESSES		
1.		
2. <u>3-14-19 - Planning Commission - approved</u>		
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7.		
8. <small>IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET</small>		
LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATIONS		
CURRENT		FUTURE
I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THE WITHIN INFORMATION IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.		
Owner's Signature <u>Garner Glenn</u>		Date: <u>2-12-2019</u>
Date Received by the Planning Office: <u>2-12-19</u>		
Planning Commission Decision/Date <u>March 14, 2019</u>		

FOR OFFICE USE

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Applicant: Garner L. Glenn

Map & Parcel: 0-453-002 Rezone from: I to: A-1

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

3-14-19 APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

_____ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

_____ TABLED

_____ DENIAL

COMMISSIONER'S FINAL DECISION:

_____ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

_____ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

_____ TABLED

_____ DENIAL

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Within the past two years, have you made either campaign contributions totaling \$250.00 or more and/or given gifts having value of \$250.00 or more to a local government official who will be responsible for making a recommendation or decision on the application? YES () NO (). If so, then on a separate page, please furnish the following information:

- A) The name of the local government official(s) to whom cash contribution or gift was made:
- B) The dollar amount(s) and date(s) of each campaign made by the applicant to each local government official during the two years immediately preceding the filing of the application; and
- C) An enumeration and description of each gift having a value of \$250.00 or more made by the applicant to each local government official within the past two years:

Signature of Petitioner / Owner:

_____	_____	<u>Garner Glenn</u>	<u>2-12-2019</u>
PETITIONER	DATE	OWNER	DATE

WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Application for Re-Zoning Amendment

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE		Date
		Case No.
		FEE \$ 75.00
Owner's Name <u>Jemima + Thomas Shirley</u>		Mailing Address <u>1611 Dietz Rd.</u> <small>INCLUDE ROUTE AND BOX # IF ASSIGNED</small>
City/Zip <u>Ringgold, GA. 30736</u>		Phone <u>706-866-0254</u>
Tax Parcel # <u>0-173-003</u>		Street Name and Number <u>0 Rogers Road</u>
Current Zoning <u>R-1</u>	Requested Zoning <u>R-2</u>	
Reason for Change (Be Specific): <u>So multi family structure(s) can be build</u>		
Lessee's Name <small>IF APPLICABLE</small>	Lessee's Address	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WITH MAILING ADDRESSES		
1. <u>Alan Shirley - 470-494-7842</u>		
2. _____		
3. <u>3-14-19- Planning Commission - tabled</u>		
4. _____		
5. _____		
6. _____		
7. _____		
8. _____		
<small>IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET</small>		
LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATIONS		
CURRENT	FUTURE	
I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THE WITHIN INFORMATION IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.		
Owner's Signature <u>T. G. Shirley</u>	Date: <u>2/5/19</u>	
Date Received by the Planning Office:		
Planning Commission Decision/Date		

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Applicant: Jemima + Thomas Shirley

Map & Parcel: 0-173-003 Rezone from: R-1 to: R-2

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_____ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

_____ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

3-14-19 _____ TABLED

_____ DENIAL

COMMISSIONER'S FINAL DECISION:

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Signature of Petitioner / Owner:

J. D. Shirley 2/5/19
PETITIONER DATE

J. D. Shirley 2/5/19
OWNER DATE

WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Application for ~~Re-Zoning Amendment~~

Conditional Use Variance

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE		FEE \$ 0	Date 2-12-19
		Case No.	
Owner's Name Cynthia Pierce Askew		Mailing Address 162 Pierce Road <small>INCLUDE ROUTE AND BOX # IF ASSIGNED</small>	
City/Zip Rock Spring, GA. 30739		Phone 423-580-9393	
Tax Parcel # D-344-0062		Street Name and Number 253 Pierce Road	
Current Zoning A-1		Requested Zoning	
Reason for Change (Be Specific):			
Lessee's <small>IF APPLICABLE</small> Name		Lessee's Address	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WITH MAILING ADDRESSES			
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Owner's Signature Cynthia Pierce Askew		Date: 2/12/19	
Date Received by the Planning Office:			
Planning Commission Decision/Date			

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Applicant: Cynthia Pierce Askew

Map & Parcel: D-344-006 Rezone from: Conditional Use Variance to: _____

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

3-14-19 APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

_____ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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_____ DENIAL

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Signature of Petitioner / Owner:

PETITIONER

Cynthia Pierce Askew 2/12/19
OWNER DATE



Walker County Planning Commission

MINUTES

March 14, 2019

Walker County Civic Center

7:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Planning Commission Members

Phillip Cantrell
Jack Michael
Gerald Cook
Sid Adams
Scott McNabb
Sam Bowman
Moe Gass
Daryl Brooks
Jack Mullinax

Walker County Planning Staff

David Brown, Director of Codes,
Inspections & Planning
Kristy Parker, Planning Commission Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Phillip Cantrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. READING & APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 21ST, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Cantrell asked if there were any questions or changes to the minutes and if not was there a motion to approve. Daryl Brooks made a motion to approve. Sid Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion to approve carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. VARIANCE:

- 1. Edna Gail Cordell:** Mr. Bobby Bird came forward and explained that they were asking for a variance to place a second home on his mother's property. The variance would be for a fourth home on a twenty foot easement. Sid Adams made a motion to deny the request. Jack Michael seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion to deny carried.

B. REZONE:

- 1. Garner L. Glenn:** Mr. Glenn came forward and requested the property at 0 Blue Hole Road be rezoned from I to A-1. Daryl Brooks made a motion to approve. Moe Gass seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion to approve carried.

2. **Jemima & Thomas Shirley:** No one was present to represent the Shirley's. Daryl Brooks made a motion to table. Scott McNabb seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion to table carried.

C. CONDITIONAL USE VARIANCE:

1. **Cynthia Pierce Askew:** Cindy Askew came forward and requested a conditional use variance on her property so she could have a commercial kitchen so she could do some catering. Sam Bowman made a motion to approve. Sid Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion to approve carried.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Jack Michael made a motion to adjourn. Daryl Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned.

Date Submitted Planning Commission Chairman

Date Submitted Kristy Parker, Planning Commission Secretary

Date Submitted David Brown, Director of Codes, Inspection & Planning

These minutes are also available on disc in the Planning Office

Are we serious about saving lives?

What if I told you there is a surefire way to reduce auto accidents, and prevent a considerable amount of fatalities? You would be interested, right?

I would then tell you that this technology already exists, and that most drivers already have it in their pocket or their purse.

Of course, I'm talking about your smartphone. Your phone can probably check your heart rate, your blood pressure, and how many steps you take each day. It can also track your driving habits. Free apps can track your location, your speed, your acceleration and braking, and the time of day you drive.

If you have a mapping app like Waze, you know where you are, and can help

you avoid a traffic jam. In recent years, insurance companies have figured out that your phone's GPS, accelerometer and gyroscope can help them determine if you are a safe driver.

The current plague of distracted driving is resulting in more rear-end crashes. Insurers believe that if you are slamming on the brakes frequently, you aren't paying attention.

Before we go any further, I hear you. "Invasion of privacy! It's my business how I drive!"

I know there are strong opinions about privacy issues, but let's be honest. This is the age of surveillance. From our front porches, to just about every public building we enter, we are being watched. The surveillance is making us safer.

I recently wrote about auto insurance rates. When my previous insurer raised rates for no apparent reason, I switched insurers. I signed up with one of the companies that offers a discount based on the information they receive from my driving app. Basically, I'm getting on my family. If we maintain safe speeds, avoid hard braking, and fast acceleration, and stay off the streets during heavy traffic periods, I will save hundreds of dollars a year.

However, if the app detects that I'm speeding, making harsh turns, sudden stops or fast accelerations, I will be charged more. Ladies and gentlemen, this is called "incentive." I am being tracked for ninety days, and how I drive during this period will determine my insurance rates for years to come (this is a one-time program).

Do I even need to tell you that I'm being much more careful? As I write this, I'm about thirty days into the program, and so far I've earned all A's. Bottom line: I'm paying more attention. I'm determined to be a better driver. It's amazing what saving a few dollars at a guy will do for his driving.

A few days ago, I drove from Chattanooga to Nashville on a Sunday afternoon. On the way back, eastbound traffic on Interstate 24 just outside Nashville was blowing past me. My insurance agent had warned me that I would be "dinged" for exceeding the speed limit by ten miles per hour. So I was holding at a steady 78 MPH, and almost got blown off the road. Passing speedsters were sneering at me as if I were the Little Old Lady from Pasadena. Many were weaving in and out of traffic

at well over 90.

Obviously, those speed demons were not participating in a driving detection program that will set their insurance rates. But... what if they were? Would they still be speeding and driving recklessly?

I can guarantee you that for ninety days at least, I'm a safer driver because there's something on the line. There is a financial incentive. What if all of us, every time we start our car, knew that our insurance company had the authority to penalize us for dangerous driving? How many injuries and deaths would this prevent?

I know many Americans would oppose this idea. Perhaps they should speak to victims of dangerous drivers. We all know someone who has lost a loved one, or has suffered injuries due to the reckless driving of others.

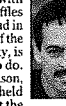
Does it alarm anyone else that our cars are equipped with more safety features than ever, yet traffic fatalities continue to increase?

We talk a good game about making our highways safer. We put up clever highway signs, and we ask our police officers to pull over a random speeder now and then. But are we really serious about slowing people down, and saving lives? Are we willing for our behavior to be monitored, like in elementary school? If it means potentially saving the lives of our children and grandchildren, I don't know how anyone could say no. What about you?

David Carroll, a Chattanooga news anchor and author, can be reached by mail at 600 Whitworth Road, Chattanooga, TN 37405 or by email at dcarroll@cpbfi.com.



David Carroll



Bo Wagner

She is beauty to my beast

The Belle and Beast costumes are hanging up six feet away from me in my office at the church. Staring at that bright yellow dress and blue man's "whisker" you call it with gold trim and white ruffles makes me shake my head in wonder yet again at all of the things Dana, my Beauty, is able to convince me to do.

It is the Valentine's season, and at our church we held our Valentine's banquet the week before Valentine's Day. Dana and our ladies spend months planning and preparing for every big event we do, and this one was no exception. In fact, due to the very elaborate nature of all things "Beauty and the Beast," this one took a great deal of extra time and work. But when everything was ready, the Hays Center gymnasium and fellowship hall, had been transformed into a Disneyesque banquet hall.

There were roses under glass covers. A chandelier was hang-

ing from the ceiling. The tables were adorned in black and gold. There were tea pots, old clocks, they really missed nothing.

The meal matched as well. Cornish hens, hand-cut green beans, new potatoes, and even "the gray stuff" for dessert.

But the biggest surprise of all was the dance.

Mostly prior to the banquet I sat at my desk in bewilderment as Dana stood across from me and said, "Oh, I also want you and me to do the Beauty and the Beast dance." The who has read this column for any length of time likely have an awareness of how legendary my dancing skills are, and I mean "legendary" in the worst kind of way. The last time I attempted any dancing was in my late teens, and it ended with the words, "Dude! Would you stop? You look like a geeky white boy!"

And now my Beauty was asking me to dance. In public.

In the weeks leading up to the execution, er, "event," she showed me choreography videos of what steps to take and moves to make. Then began the actual practice.

Step by step, turn by turn, spin by spin, we acclimated ourselves to the movements. But all the while my martial arts/power lifting mind set kept intruding, demanding that I make firm movements and have every muscle in my body as tense as a violin string.

But Beauty was patient with me, determined to tame the beast.

The night of the banquet everyone was seated and waiting. Beauty and I were outside, waiting for the music to start. When it did I walked in and began to greet people. They were all perplexed about my costume. Then Beauty came in, and I turned to greet her in "surprise."

"Dance with me?" She asked. "No, I uh..."

Then she curtsied, I bowed stiffly at the waist, and we were off. I plopped both hands on her shoulders,

she carefully re-set them where they should go, and we began to move in time. I am not at all claiming that we achieved Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers levels of skill and proficiency, but I am telling you that it went very, very well, and brought a loud round of applause once we were finished and bowed to the crowd.

Beauty convinced the Beast to dance. I outweigh this woman by 70 pounds. I could very literally bench press her 30 times. And yet she was able to convince me to do the one thing I determined never to even attempt again for as long as I live.

For good or bad, the raw power of a woman is an amazing thing. Delilah destroyed Samson. Esther remade Ahasuerus. Jael was the doom of Sisera. Jezebel sent the mighty Elijah into hiding. Ruth rescued Naomi with one hand while winning the heart of Boaz with the other. Mary agreed to bear the Christ-child and changed the entire course of history. There is

simply nothing quite so powerful as a woman.

But like all power, it can be used or misused. Consider the list above, and notice how some used their power to build, while others used it to destroy. Stating the ideal, Proverbs 18:22 says, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the LORD." But not all ladies fulfill that ideal, as Solomon himself well knew by experience.

Ladies, the question is not whether or not you are powerful; you are powerful. The only question is how will you use that power, to build or to destroy, to laud or to teach, to serve yourself or to serve others?

I need to go now, Beauty is calling.

Bo Wagner is pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Mooresboro, N.C. He is a widely traveled evangelist and the author of several books. He can be reached by email at zkwagner@csbcweb.org.

Wyatt Earp

Ninety years ago today... Glancing at the calendar I was amazed by something significant but couldn't read the note.

The memo was to write you about that day but could not recall what it was. I did the reasonable thing, an internet search, but there were just too many events on the thirteenth of January.

Actress Shelly Winters married Gerry DeFord in 2006 a few hours before she died. She was 85. They cohabited for nearly twenty years and must have felt it was then or never.

And who was Gerry DeFord? I don't know.

And so it went until it came to me as things do these days. Wyatt Earp was not particularly famous during his life but when he lived in Tombstone, Ariz., it was not a backwater place.

News the gunfight at the OK Corral spread across the country and might have been part of the reason why my grandfather's brother headed west and became a lawman. My grandfather was 10 years old in 1881.

News reports told of lawmen who took on a gang of thugs and came out on top. Thirty rounds were fired in thirty seconds. That was a very, very long gunfight.

But what was Tombstone, Ariz., like at 3 p.m. on Wednesday the 25th of October 1881? The town sat on a honeycomb of silver mines and the mine tailings were crushed and spread over the streets. It was dusty.

There were three newspapers, two barber shops with baths, two banks, two drug stores, seven grocery stores, nine "fine" restaurants including Italian, French and Chinese. There were bakeries and an ice cream shop, an ice plant, four church buildings and fire hydrants. The volunteer fire department had two-horse carts and a hook-and-ladder wagon.

There were scores of saloons of various sizes, a bowling alley, a school, brothels, a bunch of lawyers and a few doctors. There were lumber yards, women's

shops, hardware stores, clothing stores, blacksmiths. There were telegraph poles along the seventy-five foot wide streets and four-inch water mains were being replaced by six-inch pipes.

The population was in majority miners, prospectors plus cowboys, single men who wanted to spend their money on the wild side.

In July of 1882 a special census recorded the names, ages and place of birth of 5,300 men who were registered to vote.

Women and children were not counted. The itemized residents included 559 Irish, 423 Hispanics, 245 Chinese with a sizable Jewish and German population.

People sought a normal life. Mine owners, upright citizens

and investors wanted a stable community. Women of the town held dances such as the Home Dramatic Association, tea dances and concerts by the Tombstone Brass Band.

There was high entertainment including opera and famous traveling performers at the huge Schiefelin Hall and low entertainment at the Bird Cage Theater.

The Masonic Lodge, "King Solomon Lodge #75" still meets in Schiefelin Hall.

Wyatt Earp died January 13, 1929.

Joe Phillips wrote his "Dear me" column for several small newspapers. He has many connections to Walker County, including his grandfather, former superintendent Waymond Morgan. He can be reached at jphillips@hotmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE
WALKER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
 Thursday, March 14th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
 Walker County Civic Center
 Rock Spring, GA 30739

The Walker County Planning Commission will meet and review the following requests:

New Business:

Rezoning:

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 Conditional Use Variance:

- Cynthia Pierce Askew requests a conditional use variance for property located at 253 Pierce Road Rock Spring, GA, 30739. Tax map: 0-344-006

Variance:

- Edna Gail Cordell requests a variance for property located at 679 Monroe Green Road Trion, GA, 30753. Tax map: 0-501-034.

The second and final hearing on the rezoning and conditional use variance requests will be heard on March 28th, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Walker County Courthouse Annex III located at 201 S. Main Street LaFayette, GA, 30728.

For further information please call Walker County Planning & Development at 706-638-4048.

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