

Georgia Association of Zoning Administrations (GAZA)
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Scheduled Board Meeting
April 16, 2021
Eatonon, Georgia

In Attendance:

Lisa Jackson, President
Ethan Calhoun, Vice-President
Norman Pope, Secretary/Treasurer
Tom O'Bryant
Janet Hyde
Richard Osborne, Past President

Attendance by Zoom:

Jeanne Anne Marsh
Randy Mannino
Toussaint Kirk

Others:

Caitlyn Dye, UGA-CVIOG

Unable to Participate:

Mike Mastrario

The scheduled board meeting of GAZA was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Lisa Jackson.

A guest, Jennifer Lassen, Executive Director of the Georgia Manufactured Housing Association (GMHA) spoke to the board about her association and its members work. She spoke of their statewide association and their desire to participate with GAZA in projects that would enhance the education of all members.

Minutes of the previous board meeting held on February 5, 2020, at the Great Wolf Lodge in LaGrange, Georgia, were distributed to all in attendance. After review and comments, Richard Osborne made a motion, seconded by Ethan Calhoun, to approve the minutes as written. Unanimous approval.

Minutes of a board meeting held by Zoom on November 6, 2020 were also distributed to all in attendance. After review, Richard Osborne made a motion which was seconded by Tom O'Bryant to approve the minutes of the zoom board meeting as written. Unanimous approval.

A financial report was distributed to all in attendance covering the period of February 6, 2020, through April 15, 2021. Norman Pope, Treasurer, gave a report on income and expenses during that period. Richard Osborne made a motion, seconded by Ethan Calhoun, to approve the financial report. Unanimous approval.

Caitlin Dye, UGA, presented a summary of the GAZA Winter Conference held at the Great Wolf Lodge in February of 2020. Participation was good with 138 participants registered, but expenses were relatively high resulting in only \$434.61 being generated to the GAZA account with CVIOG. Caitlin Dye also informed the board that CVIOG has a new director and his name is Rob Gordon.

A discussion was held concerning the potential ramifications of H.B.317 and its possible effects on zoning, land use, and code enforcement.

Applicants for the Bettye Gecoma Scholarship must be received by May 30, 2022, for the 2021-2022 period. Applicants for the 2020-2021 year will be contacted by Norman Pope to see if they would like to be included in this group as none of these applicants submitted grade reports with their previous applications.

Richard Osborne will continue in his role as chairman of the Legislative Committee and keep the membership informed about pending legislation that may impact zoning, land use, permitting, and code enforcement.

The sponsorship committee will be chaired by Lisa Jackson and Ethan Calhoun and will continue to work toward obtaining sponsors for upcoming conferences. Caitlin Dye was asked to secure some cost information from the Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier for the upcoming GAZA conference.

Membership committee reported that current membership for 2021 stood at 126 members with a second e-mail soon going out to 2019 and 2020 members reminding them to send in their renewals.

Communications committee will be chaired by Ethan Calhoun and he will keep the membership updated on current events and happenings as well as upcoming events. A big thank you to Janet Hyde for her wonderful work in helping members across the state secure help with local challenges.

The GAZA Winter Conference is set to return to Athens on the UGA campus in February of 2022.

Caitlin Dye was asked to secure information and rates on potential sites for the GAZA 2022 Summer Conference. Among the sites mentioned were Reynolds Plantation in Putnam County, North Georgia Mountain Area including Brasstown Valley, Jekyll Island, and St. Simons. She was also asked to look at Lake Blackshear State Park, Augusta, and Savannah for possible winter host sites for 2023.

The upcoming GAZA Summer Conference will be held at the Legacy Lodge at Lake Lanier beginning August 18, 2021 and ending on August 20, 2021. This conference has been expanded to eight sessions rather than the typical six. The conference will begin on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. with two sessions that day, four sessions on Thursday, and finish with two sessions on Friday morning. The room rate will be \$179.00 per night and GAZA has guaranteed 110 rooms for each day of the conference.

The "give-away" for this year's conference will be a cloth briefcase with the GAZA logo on the flap.

The board spent a lot of time in setting up the eight sessions and speakers. The membership should be rewarded with informative and up to date sessions which they can utilize in their jurisdictions.

The board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Registration will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

At the opening session at 1:00 p.m., we will honor any deceased GAZA members we can obtain information about.

Board meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.