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## Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Clayton County Board of Zoning Appeals was held this date of October 15, 2015 in the Commissioner' Board Room, Administration Building, 112 Smith Street, Jonesboro, Georgia.

Members present were: Chairman Don McMillian, Jr., Vice Chairman William Hill, Board Member DeMont Davis, and Board Member Frances Solomon. Present from Community Development Department were Kimberly Smith, Reggie James and Linda Willis.

Members absent were: Board Member Joe Hamilton and Board Member Keith Parker. No representation from Legal was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.

The motion to approve the agenda was made by Board Member Frances Solomon and seconded by Board Member DeMont Davis. The vote was unanimous.

The motion to approve the minutes of October 15. 2015 was made by Board Member DeMont Davis and seconded by Board Member Frances Solomon. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Don McMillian, Jr. stated that there were no persons having business with the Board of Zoning Appeals; no report of Officers and Committees and no old business with the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The Procedures for the Clayton County Board of Zoning Appeals' Public Hearings was given by Ms. Linda Willis.

Chairman Don McMillian, Jr. called for New Business.

## 1. Case Number: BZA-15/09-74

The Applicant, Melanie Chavez, on behalf of CP ATL Aviation is requesting a variance from Article 8, Sec. 8.14.C Sign Standards to exceed the maximum 10% front façade allowed for wall signage, and Sec. 8.14.F to exceed the maximum 36 square feet allowed for internal signage. The subject property is located at 251 Charles W Grant Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30354 and otherwise identified as parcel number 13-011-012-001. The subject property is approximately 16.343 +/- acres and has a Light Industrial District zoning classification

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Mrs. Kimberly Smith presented the Staff Report for the above case.

Mrs. Kimberly Smith: The Planning and Zoning Staff recommended approval of this request

Chairman Don McMillian, Jr. called for the petitioner to present their case.

The Applicant was represented by Ms. Melanie Chavez and Manuel Chavez, II, located at 250 West Court, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

Mr. Manuel Chavez: What we are requesting is to increase the amount of allowable signage on our facility. We are a very large facility with about 16 acres of covered parking. What's very important with our signage package is that it allows our customers a way of finding our facility and providing for a more sufficient experience. This is both for customers that are parked on our lots trying to exist, making sure they exist the correct way, not shuttle lanes, and if they are paying with cash or credit. This is also for people entering, making sure they enter the correct lanes and not backing up in other lanes of traffic. Additionally it is important as people drive down the road and approach us. As you are well aware our facility is a parking facility, so our frontage is not as large as a building or it doesn't represent the size of our overall project as a building might. It is very important that we have adequate signage to provide people with enough distance and warning to slow down and get into the appropriate lane in order to make left or right hand turn into our site.

Chairman Don McMillian, Jr. called for any public concerns/comments. There were none.

Chairman Don McMillian, Jr. asked the Board Members if they had any questions/concerns.

Board Member DeMont Davis: What is the total signage requested? Mr. Manuel Chavez: The wall signs is 453 square feet, and the island mounted signs are 61 ½ square feet. (Note: Total wall signage requested is 468sf)

**Board Member DeMont Davis:** From the Ordinance, what is the maximum allowed? **Mr. Manuel Chavez:** 250 square feet total for wall signage.

Board Member DeMont Davis: Correct me if I am wrong, when this Ordinance was created back in 2008, it was for more or less for lots with some type of building and not for 16 (vacant) acres? Mrs. Kimberly Smith: That's correct. Ms. Melanie Chavez: This does not really have a building.

The motion to approve BZA-15/09-74 was made by Board Member DeMont Davis and seconded by Board Member Frances Solomon. The vote was unanimous,

There being no further business the motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Frances Solomon and seconded by Vice Chairman William Hill. The vote was unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Linda Willis, Assisting Secretary

Zoning Board of Appeals Clayton County, Georgia Don McMillian, Jr., Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals

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