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didn't get approval for the high rise sign. Mr. Williams stated they would have a 24 ft. tall freestanding sign. Mrs. Quarterman asked if they would have a wall sign. Mr. Williams stated they would have wall signage, but you have to be close to see the wall sign.

Mr. Rick Williams, 3331 Plantation Drive, approached the podium. He stated their business was a family business and based out of Adel. He said they moved to Valdosta years ago and built a Comfort Inn and Suites recently, and this Candlewood Suites was their first venture into extended stay facilities. He stated he would estimate their business to be about half interstate travelers and half extended stay. He stated you couldn't really see the signage because of the trees. Mrs. Hobby asked who owned the trees. Mr. Rick Williams stated there were several owners. Mrs. Hobby asked if they had spoken to the owners about trimming the trees. Chairman Strickland stated he wasn't sure they could do that because of buffering and landscaping regulations. Mrs. Quarterman stated that the hotel property was commercial, and the adjacent property is commercially zoned as well. Ms. Tolley stated that Mrs. Quarterman was correct in the sense that both properties were commercially zoned and that the city arborist and landscaping staff would need to be consulted to find out what options are available.

Chairman Strickland asked if anyone else would like to speak. No one spoke. Chairman Strickland asked if anyone wanted to speak in opposition. No one spoke. Chairman Strickland asked if anyone had contacted the office. Ms. Tolley stated no one had contacted her office.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Strickland opened the floor for a motion. Mrs. Quarterman made a motion to deny the request as presented. Mrs. Hobby seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 to 3, with Mr. Alvarado, Mr. Brantley, and Mr. McCall voting against the motion. The applicants thanked the Board for their consideration.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item # 5: Approval of Minutes: December 5, 2017**

Chairman Strickland said it was time to consider the minutes. He stated there were a few grammatical errors, which he had called Ms. Tolley about. Mrs. Braswell stated she had noticed a few grammatical errors, but would talk to Ms. Tolley afterward. Chairman Strickland called for a motion. Mr. McCall made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion and it was called and carried unanimously (6-0 vote).

**Agenda Item # 6: Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

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Allan Strickland, IV, Chairman

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