

**MINUTES**  
AUSTIN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2004  
5:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Bergstrom, Norman Hecimovich, Suzanne McCarthy, Sue Grove, Brian D. Johnson, Janet Anderson, Sue Howard and Gordon Kuehne

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Glenn Mair

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Craig Hoium, Craig Byram, Council Member Dick Pacholl and Public

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Brian D. Johnson at 5:30 P.M.

There was discussion relating to the necessary corrections to the December 9, 2003 minutes pertaining to the Kristina Reuss public hearing motion on page four. It should read approve the requested conditional use permit, also deleting staff recommended conditions numbers 1 & 2 and adding numbers 6 and 7. No.6) The business is restricted to the principal residential structure, and not to occupy more than one-third the floor area of that floor. No.7) Any necessary building code issues must be reviewed and approved by the City Building Official.

Correction was also made pertaining to the Church of Christ sign appeal motion. It should read recommend approval of this appeal.

Motion made to approve December 9, 2003 minutes as corrected by Commission Member Kuehne, seconded by Commission Member Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Craig Hoium welcomed Norm Hecimovich to the Planning Commission. And also welcomed Richard Bergstrom who will be staying on as a member. Craig also wanted to mention Jack Rosenberg, and his time spent on the Planning Commission. He thanked him on behalf of the City of Austin.

Appointments for the 2004 Austin Planning Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Mr. Hoium asked for nominations for Commission Chairperson.

Commission Member Grove nominated Brian D. Johnson

Craig asked for any other nominations.

Motion made by Commission Member Grove for the nomination of Brian D. Johnson as Chairperson, seconded by Commission Member Kuehne.

Mr. Hoium asked for nominations for Commission Vice-Chairperson.

Commission Member Anderson nominated Sue Grove.

Craig asked for any other nominations.

Motion made by Commission Member Anderson for the nomination of Sue Grove as Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Commission Member Bergstrom.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:**

To consider a request from Rose, Elaine and Marie Pappas, 1100 8<sup>th</sup> ST NE, Austin, MN, for a 12-foot variance from the minimum 12-foot, 6-inch corner sideyard setback for structures located in a “R-1” Single-Family Residence District. This request has been made to accommodate the reconstruction of a 22-foot by 10-foot, 4-inch garage.

Mr. Hoium reviewed the variance request. A fire destroyed the previous garage. Mailings went out with no responses received. Lot coverage with this building would be 37.3%, with maximum lot coverage allowed being 40%.

Mr. Hoium also explained the limitations for this property in question due to its smaller size.

Commission Member Kuehne asked if the garage was going to be in the same location as the previous garage.

Mr. Hoium said yes. The petitioners have had a run of bad luck with this garage. Before the fire the existing detached garage had been run into by a car, which damaged the foundation.

Commission Member Johnson asked if the petitioner was here to talk.

Marie Pappas, 1100 8<sup>th</sup> ST NE, stated that most of their neighbors support them and there is no other place to put a garage. We really need to have a garage.

Commission Member Grove made a motion to recommend approval of the variance as it is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Ordinance and no undue hardship is shown, seconded by Commission Member Hecimovich. Motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hoium said our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The Mayor’s address to the City is that night and Craig also has a conflict, could we change the meeting to February 3, 2004. There were no objections, February’s meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

Mr. Hoium said he is working on his “2003” annual report for the City Council and Planning Commission, and will review this with them during the February 3, 2004 meeting.

Commission Member Anderson asked about the historical project.

Mr. Hoium said there will be a public meeting reviewing the matter this winter.

Commission Member Kuehne asked if they could be notified before Friday with information on open public hearings.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Commission Member Anderson to adjourn the Planning Commission Meeting. Seconded by Commission Member Bergstrom. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:46 P.M.