

MINUTES
AUSTIN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016
5:30 P.M.
AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Bremner, Laura Helle, Steve Kime, Jay Lutz, Troy Nelson, Greg Siems, and Lynn Spainhower

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Mino and Aaron Stewart

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Wallace, Craig Byram and public

Commissioner Kime called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Commissioner Bremner made a motion to approve the March 15, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Lutz seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Ms. Wallace indicated the introduction of the new member would be moved to the end of the agenda. A request was made for 2016 Chair and Vice Chair positions. The 2015 Chair was Steve Kime and the Vice Chair was Laura Helle, which both indicated they would be interested in the 2016 term. Since there were no other nominations, Commissioner Bremner made a motion to approve the appointments of the nominees for the 2016 Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner Spainhower seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: The petitioner has a five acre homestead with five existing accessory structures. The petitioner wishes to remove an 8' x 10' shed and replace it with a 12' x 16' shed. The parcel is unique in the City of Austin at 217,800 square feet, which is approximately 36 times larger than the minimum residential lot of 6,000 square feet. The requested variance is pursuant to Austin City Code Section 11.01, Subd.1 allowing a maximum of two accessory structures and coverage of 1,584 square feet.

Commissioner Kime read through the open public hearing request and Ms. Wallace continued by indicating the request was being made by Clarice Seavey. She referred to the monitor showing the property location and surroundings. This parcel is very large and out of the norm for city parcel sizes.

Kyle Hendrikson of 2708 11th Street NE is the son-in-law of Clarice Seavey. He explained she would like to continue gardening and with the location of the shed it is not feasible to haul the garden tools across a yard that size. Removing and adding a shed in another location would suffice. Due to the large size of the lot there is extra storage needed for lawn tractors and maintenance equipment.

Mr. Byram provided the land size in this situation is more rural than a regular or normal size city lot located in an urban setting thus more difficult in following the ordinance. If the property is every subdivided, there would be a process to be followed separating this area of land in an appropriate manner.

Commissioner Spainhower made a motion to recommend approval of the variance to the City Council following the staff recommendations and statutory requirements. Commissioner Bremner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Wallace introduced the new Commissioner, Greg Siems, to the Planning Commissioners. Commissioner Siems is excited to be a part of the group.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Spainhower made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Spainhower seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourn at 5:49 pm.