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**MEETING MINUTES
AUSTIN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021
AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5:30 PM**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Melissa Swenson, Jay Lutz, Brad Lindberg, Rita Srock, Jana Norman

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Karem Salas Ramirez, Aaron Stewart, Andrew Klenner, Megan Burroughs

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Craig Byram, Planning & Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace, Public

Commission member Swenson called meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Commissioner Swenson asked if all commissioners have had a chance to review the minutes from the Tuesday, January 12, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Lutz motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Norman seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Roll Call below. Motion carried.

Swenson – Aye
Lutz - Aye
Norman – Aye
Lindberg - Aye
Srock – Aye

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: To consider a petition for amendment of an existing conditional use permit from Faith Evangelical Fee Church, to add a 60'x40' open sided Pavilion to the property at 1800 12th St SW

Holly Wallace reviewed the petition and back up material. Letters were sent out to the surrounding property owners with only one response from Charlie Fawver. He requested a site plan which Ms. Wallace emailed to him. He did not have a response for or against the petition. An amendment to a CUP is like having a new CUP. The original CUP for this property was done in 1998. Ms Wallace stated she has put together a conditional use permit using the minutes on file from the that time. Any decision made by the Planning Commission on this petition is final unless a resident appeals to the council.

Commissioner Swenson asked if there are any questions from fellow members.

Commissioner Lutz said he has no issues with the request or questions and would like to make a motion.

Commissioner Lindberg stated he lives two blocks from the church and said they are good neighbors.

Mark Bjorlie, Faith Free Church member and property committee chair. One thing I would like to add is that if any speakers are used they will be projected to the east and away from residents nearest.

Commissioner Lindberg asked what time of day would the structure be used.

Mr. Bjorlie stated it will vary, sometimes for morning church services, youth programs during the summer months. Also church members can use it for outdoor weddings or graduation parties, etc.

Ms. Wallace asked for clarification if the pavilion will be rented out or only for church use.

Mr. Bjorlie stated it will not be rented out, but church members may use it. There will be a schedule for church events and church approved gatherings.

Ms. Wallace said it will be up to the commission if they want to include that in the conditions.

Commissioner Swenson asked if there are any other questions or comments. With none being raised she asked if anyone would like to second the motion made by Commissioner Lutz.

Ms. Wallace stated if there are any conditions they need to be included in the motion, Mr. Byram, do you have anything to add?

Craig Byram said a conditional use permit is allowed for churches and religious institutions. If there are to be a broader use of the pavilion we as a staff will need to discuss what implications that may have on the residential area. The one thing that might be a condition it would be the amplified sound and directing it to the east. The Planning Commission may include a condition that any amplified sound be placed to face east if you think that is necessary to protect the neighbors from noise concerns.

Commissioner Lutz amended his motion to approve the amendment to the conditional use permit with one condition that any amplified sound face east to minimize noise to the neighboring properties. Commissioner Srock seconded. Roll call below. Motion carried.

Swenson – Aye
Lutz - Aye
Norman – Aye
Lindberg - Aye
Srock – Aye

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Commissioner Lutz motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Lindberg. All in favor, none opposed. Roll call below.

Swenson – Aye
Lutz – Aye
Norman – Aye

Lindberg - Aye
Srock – Aye

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.