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MEETING MINUTES
AUSTIN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH 2023
AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jay Lutz, Melissa Swenson, Jana Norman, Megan Burroughs, Aaron Stewart, Rita Srock, Karem Salas Ramirez

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jason Duffy, Brad Lindberg

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

Commissioner Lutz called meeting to order at 5:30 pm. March minutes were not in the packet and will be approved at the May meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: To consider a petition from Nikola Baumann for a renewal of her five-year Interim Use Permit to house four to five horses on her property with structures related to their care.

Holly Wallace went over the proposed information as well as what the commissioners should be considering. Baumann is requesting a 5-year renewal and to add 1 horse, totaling 5 horses on the property. Her 14.8-acre property is surrounded by residential and commercial. No complaints have been received to date regarding the horses. Notices were mailed for this hearing. Jim Hahn at 2800 2nd Ave NW was present and made a statement in favor of the request.

Commissioner Swenson questioned if the larger structure was on a different parcel, 2806.

Holly explained the covenant that combines the lots.

Commissioner Lutz confirmed she would be adding 1 horse.

Commissioner Norman motioned to recommend to council approval of renewing the 5-year Interim Use Permit as presented sighting all 9 staff recommendations. Commissioner Swenson seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

Lutz – Aye
Swenson – Aye
Stewart – Aye
Burroughs – Aye
Salas Ramirez – Aye
Norman – Aye

Srock- Aye
Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: To consider a petition from Nikola Baumann at 107 27th St NW for a variance allowing a 60x80 addition be added to a building on her 14.8-acre lot.

Holly Wallace went over the request. There are two detached structures on the property. The proposed square footage will total 11,888. We currently allow 1,800 sq ft. The proposed lot coverage will be 1.8% and we allow 40%. Notices were mailed to the neighboring properties.

Craig Byram explained that the variance will stay with the property even if the IUP expires. i.e., next property owner may use building for other types of storage.

Commissioner Srock motioned to recommend approval to council to approve the variance as presented. Commissioner Stewart 2nd. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

Lutz – Aye
Swenson – Aye
Stewart – Aye
Burroughs – Aye
Salas Ramirez – Aye
Norman- Aye
Srock- Aye

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Holly Wallace stated our zoning use table has been updated and she will email it to the commissioners to review.

Commissioner Burroughs motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Swenson 2nd. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

Lutz – Aye
Swenson – Aye
Stewart – Aye
Burroughs – Aye
Salas Ramirez – Aye
Norman- Aye
Srock- Aye

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.