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MEETING MINUTES
AUSTIN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 15TH, 2024
AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5:30 PM

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Megan Burroughs, Aaron Stewart, Jason Duffy

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

Commissioner Lutz called meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Commissioner Swenson made a motion to approve the September minutes. Commissioner Srock 2nd. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Lutz – Aye
Lindberg – Aye
Swenson – Aye
Norman – Aye
Bartley – Aye
Srock – Aye

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: To consider a petition from Mill on Main II LLC for a variance at 34.579.0010 from City Code Sections 11.054 Subd. 3 requiring 154.5 parking stalls (1.5/apartment) for the Mill on Main II Apartment development. Mill on Main II proposes in the alternative to provide 125 parking stalls based on the parking needs of various proposed apartment offerings of 103 units which equates to 1.21 spaces per unit.

Holly Wallace went over the petition. The property is in a B-2 district surrounded by commercial, multi family, industrial, and mill pond.

Commission Bartley questioned the current parking situation at Mill on Main and asked how do they know how what occupancy they are at. The parcel in question is the old overflow parking lot for the YMCA.

Commissioner Swenson lives there and stated she has two drivers with no issues finding spots. She leases an indoor spot and the other driver parks in the outdoor parking lot.

Commissioner Norman is employed at Mill on Main, they have been fully occupied since they opened. A lot of the tenants do not drive. Some are from out of the country doing research at Mayo Clinic or The Hormel Institute.

Commission Lutz expressed his concerns regarding decreased parking regulations in metro areas and does not want to see that go any lower in our zoning code but agrees they can be looked at on a case-by-case matter. He also questioned if they assign spots to the tenants.

-They assign indoor parking spots. Not outdoor.

Commissioner Lindberg motioned to recommend approval of the petition as presented to council. Commissioner Srock 2nd. Commissioner Norman abstained. 5-0 in favor. Motion Carried.

Lutz – Aye

Lindberg – Aye

Swenson – Aye

Norman– Abstained

Bartley – Aye

Srock- Aye

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

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

Lutz – Aye

Lindberg – Aye

Swenson – Aye

Norman– Aye

Bartley – Aye

Srock- Aye

Ayes – 6 Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.