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MEETING MINUTES
AUSTIN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
DECEMBER 10th, 2024
AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5:30 PM

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: **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 Lindberg made a motion to approve the November minutes. Commissioner Bartley 2nd. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: To consider a petition from Scott Soderberg at 2408 16th Ave SW for a variance from City Code Section 11.031 limiting the number of accessory structures on a lot one acre or less.

Holly Wallace went over the petition. The homeowner currently has five detached structures on his property totaling 892 sq ft. The structures on the West side of the property are not set back 5 ft from the line and are going to require an agreement to build from the neighbor. This contingency should be involved in the recommendation to council.

Notices were mailed with no response from any of the neighboring properties.

Commissioner Bartley questioned if these were old structures.

Property owner Scott Soderberg stated all but two have been added within the last 5 years. These structures are not permitted. He was unaware that he needed one.

Commissioner Srock questioned if any of the neighbors have complained.
No.

Commissioner Burroughs questioned why five structures.

Collector vehicle, motorcycle, riding mower and roller, tools, wood.

Mr. Soderberg explained he has lived there for 25 years and continues to improve the property. He has done all new concrete and the structures match the aesthetics of the home.

Commissioner Bartley motioned to recommend approval to council with the contingency that the neighbor on the West signs an agreement to build form. Commissioner Srock 2nd. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

Lutz – Aye

Lindberg – Aye

Bartley – Aye

Burroughs– Aye

Swenson – Aye

Norman- Aye

Srock - Aye

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Holly Wallace and the commissioners thank Brad Lindberg for his service as this was his last meeting.

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

Lutz – Aye

Lindberg – Aye

Bartley – Aye

Burroughs– Aye

Swenson – Aye

Norman- Aye

Srock - Aye

Ayes – 7 Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.