

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

PLANNING COMMISSION/ BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS November 19, 2013

Commissioners Present: Cowman, Pfefferkorn, Hardwick, Wrischnik
Commissioners Absent: McLean, Benton, Meinig

Others Present: Mike Gotfredson, Amy Barenklau, Rob George

Item 1: **Pledge of Allegiance**

Item 2: **Consider minutes from the August 20, 2013 meeting.**

Chair Cowman called the meeting to order. The first order of business was the consideration of the minutes from the August 20, 2013 meeting.

Commissioners Cowman and Pfefferkorn made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, with Commissioners Cowman, Pfefferkorn voting in favor and Commissioners Wrischnik and Hardwick abstaining as they were not in attendance.

Item 3: **Consideration and vote on a fence at 1402 E. 303rd, Legacy Contractors, applicant.**

Planner Gotfredson presented the background of the request for approval of the request for a chain link fence around playground equipment at Lighthouse Presbyterian Church. He described the location and size of the proposed area to be fenced. He indicated that his finds are that the application is consistent with Section 03.211(C) of the Land Development Ordinance and that he recommends approval of the application.

Commissioner Cowman he stated he was unsure if a hedge would be required or not by looking at the requirements in the LDO. Planner Gotfredson explained that he interpreted that an approval would require installation of hedges.

The applicant, Rob George, informed Commissioners that the church has several master gardeners as members and he didn't feel that requiring installation of hedges would be an issue.

Commissioner Wrischnik asked if wire mesh was the same as chain link and Planner Gotfredson confirmed that it was.

Commissioners Cowman and Hardwick made a motion to approve installation of a chain link fence at 1402 East 303rd along with the required hedge/landscaping. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Item 4: Community/Economic Development Director Report and Items from Commissioners

Planner Gotfredson announced that the trails are progressing nicely at about 1,000 feet per day as long as weather cooperates. He encouraged members to check out the trails if they had not already.

He gave a brief overview of the KOMA training that was included in the packs and explained the main item for Commissioners to remember was that agenda items could only be discussed in a meeting as group. He explained they could contact staff with questions, but all decisions and discussion should take place during the open meetings.

Planner Gotfredson welcomed Steve Wrischnik back to the Planning Commission and thanked him for his willingness to serve again.

Updates were given on several commercial projects including KCP&L, the Paola Free Library, Lakemary and the Jackson Hotel.

Members were asked if they would like to receive packets electronically and emails were submitted by those interested.

Item 6: Adjournment

Commissioners Cowman and Wrischnik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.