



CITY OF FOWLER
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
July 9, 2015
MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present Craig Mellon, Henry Fernandez, Juan Mejia, Gary Mukai

Commissioners Absent: Mark Rodriguez

City Staff Present: City Attorney, Scott Cross, Planning Consultant, Bruce O'Neal, Planning Secretary Corina Burrola

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes corrected for June 11th due to minor typo error in name, Under Approval of Minutes: should be Commissioner Mukai not Chair Mellon.

Motion was made by Chair Mellon to approve the minutes with changes to be made; this was second by Commissioner Fernandez with a roll call vote of 4-0-0-1

Public Presentation:

There were no public presentations (Closed at 6:44 pm)

Agenda Item No. 5:

Public Hearing to Consider Variance Application No. 15-01, a Proposal Filed by David Baisa for Scott and Diana Barry to Permit an Accessory Structure for RV Storage for Property Located at 978 E. Boornazian Avenue

Mr. O'Neal presented to the Commission that the applicant is not present and were sent a staff report along with the agenda of tonight's meeting, in the event that they do not attend it is normal procedure to continue the item for the next planning hearing date. Chair Mellon agreed to continue with tonight's meeting if the rest of the Commission agrees as well. All agreed to continue with the Item. Mr. O'Neal presented that the request is for a Variance to allow an RV storage structure; the existing home is located in the R-1-10 zone district with a 7-foot side yard on the east and 18-foot side yard on the west. The side yard on the west is adjacent to property owned by the City which will be developed as a ponding basin. The R-1-10 has a requirement of 7-feet and the applicant requests a reduction of 1-foot on the west side, the maximum height is 10-feet and the applicant is requesting 14 ft., 6 in. for the RV storage structure. The Zoning ordinance allows the Commission to consider a Variance, the Variance runs with the land, the commission is to review and make a decision, if the applicant choses they may appeal the decision to City Council. Recommendation is to deny the Variance because even though this may be a suitable approach it should be looked at from a zoning ordinance stand point rather than an individual variance.

Chair Mellon feels that if granting the Variance it will grant the property owner special privileges because it works for their property and wouldn't be fair to other property owners. Commissioner Mukai feels this project is too far off from City code; the structure is too high and feels it would be an eyesore and feels that everyone in town will be requesting a Variance.

Public Presentation:

There were no public presentations (Closed at 6:44 pm)

Commissioner Mukai moved to deny Variance No. 15-01; this was second by Commissioner Fernandez, passed by roll call vote of 4-0-0-1

Communications:

Chairman Mellon asked about the status of the proposed bar on 8th street that was appealed to City Council, Council approved the bar.

No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm



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