

Regular Minutes of the
Ashland City Planning Commission
December 7, 2009

The Ashland City Planning Commission met in regular session on December 7, 2009
At 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Acting Chairman Chris LaCrosse called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Gary Norwood, Hadley Williams, Yvonne Stinnett, Chris LaCrosse, Jim Yates, Ed Nichols

Commissioners Absent: Joe Macha

Others Present: Michael W. Armstrong, Franklin Wilkinson, A. M. Armstrong, Sharon Caton, Chuck Walker

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mayor Norwood and 2nd by William to approve the minutes as written. The motion to approve the minutes passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Forum:

Mayor Norwood announced that Jim Yates has accepted a position with the City Council and would no longer be serving as a member of the Planning Commission. Jim Yates replacement will be Dwayne Noe. The remaining members of the Planning Commission, the Building & Codes Department and the Planning Department expressed their gratitude to Jim Yates for his years of service to the Planning Commission.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. Discussion of mini-storage proposal as a special exception in a C-2 zoning – 700 Highway 12 North – Michael Highers

Caton addressed the Commission and stated that Franklin Wilkinson had received a call from Mr. Highers before the meeting and he is sick and will not be attending the meeting tonight. A motion was made by Nichols and 2nd by Mayor Norwood to move forward with the discussion in the absence of Mr. Highers. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Caton stated that the use of mini-storage in a C-2 Zoning requires a special exception from the Board of Zoning Appeals and the lot will have to be subdivided. The Planning Department suggested that Mr. Highers schedule a discussion with the Planning Commission initially to get some direction as he would have to come back to this body for final approval of the site plan after getting the use approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals contingent upon the subdivision of the property and after the subdivision process is moving forward. Caton reviewed the procedures per the Zoning Ordinances for

acquiring a special exception from the Board of Zoning Appeals and articles as it relates to having a residential occupancy at on the site. The Commission reviewed the Concept Review and Caton presented an overview of the property regarding zoning, flood zones, topographies, streams and existing fill. Caton stated that the Concept Review and Planning Department processes refers the applicant to the Building Official and the Fire Chief for details of construction plans after the final approvals from the Planning Commission. The Planning Department does not review construction plans. After further discussion, Michael Armstrong stated that any construction plans presented would be thoroughly reviewed by the Building Official and the Fire Chief as the plan relates to building codes, fire protection, fire hydrants, fire separation, ISO ratings, ordinances, etc.

Other:

Michael Armstrong requested the Commission decide how to proceed with the upcoming Land Use Meetings. A motion was made by Mayor Norwood and 2nd by Stinnett to cancel the Land Use meeting for December. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The Commission decided that the Land Use meetings will resume in January 2010 and will proceed on the last Wednesday of every month until completed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Stinnett and 2nd by Williams. Adjournment passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Acting Chairman Chris LaCrosse