

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF POTTER §
AND RANDALL §
CITY OF AMARILLO §

On the 26th day of June, 2017, the Amarillo Planning and Zoning Commission met in a work session at 2:45 PM to review agenda items, then convened in regular session at 3:00 PM in the City Council Chamber on the third floor of City Hall, 509 East 7th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas, with the following members present:

| VOTING MEMBERS | PRESENT | NO. MEETINGS HELD | NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED |
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| Mike Good, Vice-Chairman | Y | 118 | 83 |
| Dean Bedwell | Y | 203 | 192 |
| Rob Parker, Chairman | N | 71 | 58 |
| Rick Thomason | Y | 41 | 34 |
| Bowden Jones | Y | 32 | 24 |
| Dick Ford | N | 16 | 11 |
| Terry Harman | Y | 15 | 15 |

PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF:

AJ Fawver, AICP, CNU-A, Planning Director
Jan Sanders, Recording Secretary

Jeffery English, Planner I

Vice-Chairman Good opened the meeting, established a quorum and conducted the consideration of the following items in the order presented. Jeffrey English gave the recommendation for the agenda items.

ITEM 1: Public Comment: Citizens who desire to address the Planning and Zoning Commission with regard to matters on the agenda or having to do with policies, programs, or services will be received at this time. The total time allotted for comments is three (3) minutes per speaker. Planning and Zoning Commission may not discuss items not on this agenda, but may respond with factual, established policy information, or refer to staff.
(Texas Attorney General Opinion. JC-0169)

No comments were made.

ITEM 2: Approval of the minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting was made by Commissioner Thomason, seconded by Commissioner Bedwell, and carried unanimously.

ITEM 3: Z-17-12 Rezoning of Lot 18, Block 44, Hamlet Addition Unit No. 5, in Section 158, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Residential District 1 (R-1) to Residential District 1 with a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a Carport. (0.17 Acres) (Vicinity: Sequoia St. & Balsam Ln.)

Mr. English advised the applicant is proposing to change the zoning in order to place a carport within the front yard setback on 2900 Sequoia Street. Mr. English stated when a carport application is submitted, staff observes the surrounding area to see what impacts a carport could have on the overall character of the neighborhood. The proposed does not compromise the 2010 Comprehensive Future Land Use and Character Map. Mr. English stated staff believes the request is appropriate due to the lack of disruption of the existing streetscape character, and therefore, recommends approval as submitted.

Vice-Chairman Good asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of or against said request. No comments were made.

A motion to approve Z-17-12 was made by Commissioner Bedwell, seconded by Commissioner Thomason, and carried unanimously.

ITEM 4: Z-17-14 Rezoning of Lot 11 and South 15 Feet of Lot 12, Block 14, Miller Heights Unit No. 1, in Section 168, Block 2, AB&M Survey, Potter County, Texas plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from Multiple Family District 1 (MF-1) to Neighborhood Service District (NS). (0.15 Acres) (Vicinity: NW 9th Ave. & N Hughes St.)

Mr. English advised the applicant is requesting the zoning change in order to develop the property into an office/community center space for the Amarillo Area Black Chamber of Commerce. Mr. English stated the two vacant lots to the south across from NW 9th Ave are categorized at General Commercial on the future land use map, and therefore, this lot does exist near the edge of a general residential area. Mr. English mentioned the site is located within the North Heights Neighborhood Plan and is consistent with the principles set forth in the Plan. Mr. English stated staff believes the request is appropriate and recommends approval as submitted.

Vice-Chairman Good asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of said request. Mildred Darton, 2005 NW 14th Ave., stated she feels the rezoning will enhance the neighborhood.

Vice-Chairman Good asked if anyone wanted to speak against said request. No comments were made.

A motion to approve Z-17-14 was made by Commissioner Harman, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and carried unanimously.

ITEM 5: P-17-46 Hamilton Acres Unit No. 1, a suburban subdivision to the City of Amarillo, being an unplatted tract of land in Section 35, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Randall County, Texas. (38.46 Acres) (Vicinity: S Coulter St. & Longoria Rd.)

Vice Chairman Good asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of or against this item. No comments were made.

A motion to approve P-17-46 was made by Commissioner Bedwell, seconded by Commissioner Harman, and carried unanimously.

ITEM 6: Planning Director's Report.

Ms. Fawver informed the Commissioners of the three vacant positions within the Planning Department. Ms. Fawver updated the Commissioners on the two on-going Neighborhood Plan programs, and their progress thus far. Ms. Fawver advised staff continues to work on the implementation of the North Heights Neighborhood Plan, and are beginning to see more applications within the area. Staff intends to have another neighborhood meeting in the fall to provide updates to the community. The Barrio Neighborhood Plan is approximately 40% complete and three advisory committee meetings have been held. Currently, staff is working on the larger ideas of the Plan, by identifying goals and actions, and is writing the plan with the 10-14 committee members. Ms. Fawver stated staff plans to host another Barrio meeting in September to reveal some of the draft work that has been done. Ms. Fawver advised the City Council is working on board appointments, but are currently working through the budget process. As an FYI, the Planning Department currently has two street renaming items before the City Council. Ms. Fawver also mentioned staff is also working on an annexation petition that will be presented to City Council in July, and will also be reviewing the land use within the area as the annexation process continues.

ITEM 7: Discuss Items for Future Agendas.

No further comments were made and the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 P.M.



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