

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING

MINUTES

AUGUST 27, 2014

2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Paul Skipper, Chairman
George Scribano, Member
Laurie Vallett, Member
David Littell, Vice Chairman

ABSENT:

Sandie Lyman, Member (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT:

Anne Marr, Zoning and Permit Administrator
Rebecca Haynes, City Clerk

1. Changes to the Agenda

Chairman Skipper announced that he received a letter from the applicant for Case 20140030. The applicant requested to postpone the hearing for their case until the September 24, 2014 Board of Adjustment meeting.

Member Vallett made a motion to postpone the hearing for Case 20140030 to the September 24, 2014 Board of Adjustment meeting.

Chairman Skipper asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to comment on the motion to postpone.

Attorney Amanda Felten, 3786 Belle Vista Drive East, on behalf of Mrs. Marsha McBrayer, asked the Board to hear their objection to the variance and to put the objection on the record. Chairman Skipper stated it was not proper to continue the

hearing and then discuss the hearing. Chairman Skipper informed Attorney Felten that she could speak during the audience comments portion of the hearing. Attorney Felten voiced a concern that she had spoken with the City and had received word that the application may change and possibly the drawings. Ms. Marr stated if the plans are altered, there will be a re-mailing of a notice to all the property owners and a new drawing will be attached. Furthermore, Ms. Marr informed Attorney Felten that she had instructed the applicant that the mailings have to go out by September 10, 2014 if they re-modify the plan.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Littell and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

In reference to the September 24, 2014 Board of Adjustment meeting, Ms. Marr stated that the meeting will need to be scheduled for 1:00 p.m. as opposed to the normal time of 2:00 p.m. due to scheduling constraints.

2. Minutes for Acceptance – 7/30/2014

Member Vallett made a motion to approve the minutes of July 30, 2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Littell and unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

3. Audience Comments

There were no comments from the audience, and Chairman Skipper closed the audience comments period.

4. Public Hearings

Case 20140034: Property address is 555 Gulf Way. Applicant requests a variance from Section 11.7 of the Land Development Code to permit the installation of covered parking (carports) to encroach 5.0' into the required 10.0' secondary front yard setbacks (5th & 6th Avenues) and encroach 2.5' into the required 20.0' rear yard setback.

Anne Marr, Zoning and Permit Administrator, informed the Board this variance had previously been granted in June 2013 but expired while working with Duke Energy and multiple entities. The request is to install new carports which all encroach into the required setbacks. Ms. Marr commented there were no letters or phone calls objecting to this variance.

Chairman Skipper asked the applicant to come forward if present.

Theresa Schefstad, 555 Gulf Way, Pointe Towers Association, was accompanied by Thomas Buffington, 5959 Central Avenue, Suite 103, St. Petersburg, Florida, their

engineer. Mr. Buffington stated the contractor was ready to move forward if the variance is approved. The scope of work will be approximately 3 to 4 months.

Chairman Skipper asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak in favor of or in opposition to the variance. There were no comments.

Chairman Skipper closed the public hearing portion and asked for discussion from the Board.

Vice Chairman Littell made a motion to approve the variance application for Case 20140034 as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Vallett and was unanimously approved by an individual roll call vote.

Chairman Skipper stated this concluded the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Ms. Marr informed Board members the next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2014.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Paul Skipper, Chairman

Minutes approved on: 9-24-2014