



MINUTES

Planning and Zoning Commission

Tuesday, April 3, 2018
Grant County Administration Building
1400 Hwy 180 East
Silver City, New Mexico

Commissioners Present

Sherry Clements, Chair
Carmon L. Steven
Sam Castello
Otto Khera

Commissioners Absent

Nickolas Seibel, Vice Chair

Staff Present

Priscilla Arredondo, Planner/Zoning Administrator

The regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Sherry Clements. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A roll call of commissioners was taken and a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Steven moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Castello seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote of 4/0.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Khera moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 with corrections, Commissioner Steven seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote of 4/0.

Public Hearings

VA 18-01: A request for a Variance to construct an eight foot fence bordering the south and east side of the property. The property is addressed as 1728 and 1730 N. Georgia Street, Silver City, New Mexico. The applicant is Dana Baskett, Owner.

Six people were sworn in for testimony. Priscilla Arredondo presented the staff report. The Notice of Decision is attached as Appendix A.

Commissioner Khera motioned to disapprove VA 18-01 with all seven findings not met. Commissioner Castello seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote of 3/1.

New Business

None

Community Forum

None

Reports from Staff

Ms. Arredondo asked to go back to the approval of minutes and do a formal motion and second with corrections.

Reports from Commission

Commissioner Steven wanted to have a discussion of fencing around parks and adjacent public land because of personal experience. She lived across the street from a park and there was approval for landscaping that was dense and an unfortunate incident happened on the park side. She wanted to know as a town, would they allow a park to be closed in with no line of sight. Commissioner Clements suggested she put a recommendation in writing to the Town Council.

Commissioner Clements stated that she would have eight years in October as Chair of the Commission and hoped someone else would be chair. She was unsure of the official process and would talk to the Co-Chair, Commissioner Seibel.

Commissioner Khera stated that it was extremely impressive to watch the Chair and appreciated the tone that had to be imparted upon. He also thanked the City for restraint shown and professionalism. He stated what seemed like a straight forward case, was more difficult and thanked Commissioner Castello for pointing out the first finding not being met. He added that he is not ready to step up and the Chair was needed by the Commission.

Commissioner Clements stated that they all do an excellent job and did not know that the first finding had to do with the land. Commissioner Steven added that it made the first and second finding redundant to each other. Commissioner Castello added that training with the Town's Attorney would help straighten it out. Ms. Arredondo agreed that it would also help her to clarify on her end.

Commissioner Khera asked if there was a more standardized way for the department heads to sign off, for example a checklist. Ms. Arredondo asked if he wanted more input from departments. He responded by stating that instead of saying no comment, they could say they had no reason to not approve.

Commissioner Steven added that she received an email about the Attorney General coming to town about Sunset laws, and other type of laws, but when she sent her RSVP it was sent back and was not sure on the date.

Community Input

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Steven moved to adjourn. Commissioner Castello seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote of 4/0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Sherry Clements, Chair
Planning & Zoning Commission

Date