

GEORGETOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The Georgetown Planning Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 in the Star Hook and Ladder Building. Chairman Sarah Kaminski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Answering the roll were Chairman Sarah Kaminski and Commissioners Paul Nisler, and Kerry Ann McHugh. Commissioners Malcolm Schaefer and Cynthia Skeen were absent. Also in attendance was Recording Secretary/Town Clerk Merinel Williams.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. McHugh moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Nisler seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

AUDIENCE BUSINESS - None.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Hearing - Special Use Permit application #05-02 filed by Elaine McWain for a Secondary Residence (garage apartment) at 301 10th Street

Ms. Kaminski opened the public hearing. Elaine McWain and her architect Gary Long represented the applicant. Ms. McWain explained that the proposed apartment above her new garage is intended to be the residence of a handicapped family member. The design and materials of the garage and apartment will match the existing residence. Mr. Long described the site and proposed changes, which have been approved by the Design Review Commission.

Ms. Kaminski stated for the record that no members of the public were in attendance at the hearing. She reviewed the five responses from adjacent property owners, all of which expressed no objection to the proposal, and the recommendation from the Design Review Commission which recommended approval.

Ms. Kaminski reviewed the standards for approval for this special use permit and the Commission members agreed that the application meets these standards.

Ms. McWain requested that the special use permit be granted to run with the land pursuant to Code Section 17.24.030(b). Mr. Long confirmed that the only exterior light on the garage/apartment will be a single fixture over the entrance door.

Mr. Nisler moved to approve Special Use Permit Application No. 05-02 as requested. Ms. McHugh seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Continued Review of Lighting Regulations and Dark Sky Ordinances

The Commission agreed to table this item until the June 8 meeting. The members agreed to begin their review with the Sandy regulations as a model.

Ms. Kaminski has sent a memorandum to the DRC requesting that a joint work session be scheduled on this issue, but she has not yet received a response. Ms. Kaminski has also discussed the possibility of reduced lighting at the courthouse with Maintenance Supervisor John Black, and he believes the current level of lighting is necessary for safety.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. McHugh moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2005 meeting as corrected. Mr. Nisler seconded and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 p.m. Ms. McHugh moved, Mr. Nisler seconded and it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Sarah Kaminski, Chairman

Merinel Williams, Town Clerk