

Brookland Planning Commission Meeting August 6th, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Steve Phillips. Commissioners present: Ralph Crain, Jerry Blair, Tara Reed, and Earl Owens. Absent were: Linda Anderson Reece. Consultants present: James Walden.

Chairman Steve Phillips opened the meeting by ensuring that everyone had a copy of the minutes for the meeting from June 4th noting that there was no meeting held in July due to lack of agenda. After it was confirmed that all commissioners had viewed the minutes, a motion was made by Jerry Blair to accept the minutes as recorded seconded by Tara Reed. Motions carried unopposed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Craighead Solar @ 775 Hwy 230 E

Representing Craighead Electric was Project Manager Chris Bloodworth. Mr. Bloodworth discussed the 1 MW Solar facility and how it would benefit the city and would be open to students for tours. It was also discussed that the land would be used for quail habitat in conjunction with Arkansas Game and Fish. All commissioners reviewed the plans. A motion was made by Jerry Blair to approve the site plan. The motion was seconded by Earl Owens. All were in favor.

2. Rocky Gilley's New Building Behind Building @ 8400 HWY 49 N

No representative was present. No action was taken.

Additions

1. Dismissal of Linda Anderson Reece from Planning Commission

In recognition that Linda Anderson Reece has missed three consecutive meetings Chairman Steve Phillips will be making a written request to the Mayor to replace the position.

Public Discussion

- 1.** A question was raised about the use of a Pre-Fabricated single-family residence in city limits and what zone it would be allowed in. Consultant James Walden voiced concerns firstly about whether or not the home would meet required building codes stating that if the home met building codes it would be allowed anywhere city ordinances allowed a single-family residence under the proper regulations to which apply. It was noted that the Planning Commission's responsibilities are in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing laws.
- 2.** A question was raised about the use of storage containers as allowed by Zoning Code. This question is in consideration of future usage of a storage container as part of a commercial building. During this discussion Consultant James Walden stated that he had been reviewing addition of code to cover storage containers recently. A motion was made by Jerry Blair to add the discussion of storage containers to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Sonny Crain. All were in favor.
- 3.** As part of the review of future additions to code consultant James Walden reviewed the acceptance of storage containers only when used for temporary usage in construction and commercial inventory or when being sold or rented as allowed by permit. As part of the discussion, acceptance of storage containers modified to meet building codes as part of a commercial building. These

discussions are still under way and all applicable codes will be taken into account as well as the well-being of the city.

Being no more discussion, Chairman Steve Phillips entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm. The motion was made by Tara Reed and seconded by Ralph Crain with all commissioners being in favor.