



City of Anna Maria

MINUTES
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING
CITY OF ANNA MARIA COMMISSION CHAMBERS
Tuesday July 10, 2018, 4:00 pm

Pledge of Conduct:

**We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another. We will direct all comments to the issues.
We will avoid personal attacks.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Crane called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Crane, Board Member Margaret Jenkins, Board Member Monika Beard, Board Member Carl Pearman, Board Member Jim Conoly

Absent: Board Member Carter

Staff Present: City Planner Robin Meyer and Administrative Assistant Liz Cleary

Note: David Youngs resigned from the P&Z Board

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion on Variance Criteria.

With the pending variance, Chair Crane proposed an examination of the City's variance criteria. The term "unique hardship" is what a lot of other cities use. Chair Crane asked if the City should require a "unique hardship" before allowing anyone to submit a variance. Board Member Beard thought that a unique hardship should be required, while Board Members Pearman, Jenkins and Conoly thought that a unique hardship should not be required to apply for a variance.

Board Member Pearman asked Chair Crane who would determine whether a variance is a hardship or not. Chair Crane said he would direct the potential applicant to our variance requirements under 114-103. Then that individual can decide for themselves. The cost of applying for a variance is \$1000 and the applicant is responsible for paying for advertising and signs. City Planner Meyer does let people know that it is not easy to request or obtain a variance. There has to be a compelling reason. City Planner Meyer also cautioned the board about being careful what is granted and therefore setting a precedent.

114-103 has a list of eight criteria that must be met using the term "each" - which can be interpreted differently by people. City Planner Meyer and Chair Crane thought a meeting with the City Attorney to help interpret this language would be beneficial. The variance discussion will defer to next month after they have met with the City Attorney.

3. Other

There was a discussion about solar panels and whether to encourage the usage of or whether to discouraging people who want to build in the path of existing panels? A decision was made to not to pursue this subject.

Board Member Jenkins expressed concern about shrubbery blocking parking and views by the Historical Museum. City Planner Meyer will talk to Public Works about the issue.

Board Member Conoly requested that a letter be sent to the City thanking them for the 4th of July festivities.

MINUTES

Meeting of June 12, 2018

Motion: To approve the minutes of June 12, 2018

Action: Motion passed by Board Member Conoly and seconded by Board Member Jenkins.

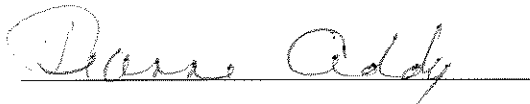
The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

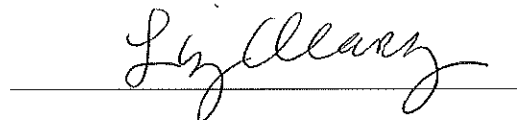
Regular Meeting August 14, 2018

Adjournment

Adjournment at 4:43 PM on motion made by Board member Beard, and seconded by Board Member Jenkins.



LeAnne Addy, City Clerk



Liz Cleary, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved: 8-14-18

SHOULD ANY INTERESTED PARTY SEEK TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING, THEY WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS BE MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON



WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

(FSS 286.26) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND FLORIDA STATE STATUTES, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK FOR ASSISTANCE AT LEAST THREE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING (941) 708-6130.