

CITY OF CONVERSE
ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2009
7:00 PM

The Zoning Commission of the City Of Converse met in a regular meeting at the Converse Conference Room #1 on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 7:00 PM to discuss various items on the agenda. The following were present:

Mr. Bruce Cannon, Chair	Ms. Lorraine Clauss, Vice Chair
Mr. Tito Escobedo, Jr., Member	Mr. Peter Stith, Member
Ms. Cynthia Turner, Member	Mr. Donnie West, Member
Councilwoman Renee Paschall, Liaison	Mr. John Quintanilla, Assistant City Manager
Ms. Penny Hieronymus, City Secretary	

Member Ms. Doris Sargeant was excused for her absence due to being out of town.

1. Call Zoning Commission Meeting to Order

At approximately 7:00 PM, Chair Cannon called the meeting to order.

2. Recognition of Visitors

Councilwoman Renee Paschall – Zoning liaison, Mr. Leon Camarillo, Mr. Paul Clauss & Mr. Victor Valdez were recognized.

3. Action to Approve Zoning Commission Minutes of June 15, 2009

Vice Chair Clauss made a motion to approve agenda item #3. Member Turner seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on a Request for a Variance to Ordinance #612; Section VI, “**BUILDING SETBACK LINE**: a. **FRONT BUILDING SETBACK LINE**: A building limit fixed at a specific distance from the front boundaries of a lot beyond which a building cannot lawfully extend.” This Variance request will approve the construction of a Carport that will encroach approximately seven feet (7’) into the 20’ front setback line at 135 Meadow Way, The Meadows Subdivision (Leon Camarillo)

Mr. Camarillo stated the carport has not been built & he would like to protect his vehicles.

Mr. Quintanilla stated staff recommends approval.

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Vice Chair Clauss made a motion to approve agenda item #4. Member Turner seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on a Request for a Variance to Ordinance #604, Section VI, “B. Signs with flashing, blinking or traveling lights”, for the Construction and Erection of Two (2) Light Emitting Diode (LED) Signs on the Judson High School Campus. One of the LED signs is to be located on FM 1516 South and one is to be located on Schaefer Road in front of the Performing Arts Center (Daniel Kershner, JISD)

Mr. Valdez stated the plans submitted would show what they’ll ultimately end up with.

Member Escobedo shared his concerns on the safety & distractions.

Mr. Quintanilla stated staff recommends approval.

Vice Chair Clauss made a motion to approve agenda item #5. Member Turner seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

6. Report by the City Council Representative on Council Actions and the City Staff on Future Zoning Actions

Councilwoman Paschall had no report.

Mr. Quintanilla stated he might be bringing 2 items to the August mtg.: Special Use Permit & potential re-zone.

Chair Cannon stated tonight was his 24th year anniversary with his wife, Cynthia.

Zoning Commission congratulated him.

7. Next Zoning Commission Meeting will be Monday, August 17, 2009

Chair Cannon stated the next Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2009.

8. Adjournment

At approximately 7:19 PM, Chair Cannon adjourned the meeting.