
MINUTES
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Meeting of September 6, 2011

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas met on TUESDAY, September 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the T.W. "Turk" Cannady/Cedar Hill Room, 285 Uptown Boulevard Building 100, Cedar Hill, Texas.

Present: Chairman Theresa Brooks, Vice-Chairman Bill Strother and Commissioners Gehrig Saldaña, Stephanie Freeman, Lisa Thierry and Tim Hamilton.

Absent: None

I. Call the meeting to order

Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. declaring it an open meeting in which a quorum was present and the meeting notice was duly posted.

II. Approve the minutes of the August 23, 2011 regular meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2011, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Freeman. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Chairman Brooks, Vice-Chairman Strother and Commissioners Saldaña, Freeman, Thierry and Hamilton.

Nays: 0

Chairman Brooks declared the motion carried.

III. Citizens Forum

No one spoke

VI. Case No. 11-28 - Review and consider the Amended Site Plan of New Beginnings Community Fellowship Church, generally located on the southwest corner of Kingswood Drive and U.S. Highway 67. *Requested by Marion Johnson of Design & Development Consultants.*

Steve Hasting, Operations Manager of New Beginnings Fellowship Church stepped forth to present this request and answer any questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Hamilton asked the applicant to explain the look of the proposed 6 ft. wooden fence.

Mr. Hastings stated that the wooden fence would be a stained Pine wood and would be consistent throughout the entire property, with the first segment being about 300 ft.

Vice-Chairman Strother asked what kind of posts would be used to secure the wooden fence.

Mr. Hastings stated they would use metal posts in a concrete base.

Vice-Chairman Strother asked if the posts would be at least 2 ft. deep.

Mr. Hastings stated yes, they are willing to adhere to the City's standards.

Commissioner Freeman asked the applicant to explain the proposed 20 ft. landscape buffer.

Mr. Hastings stated that on the west side of the property there are existing houses. Between the church's property and the parking lot, there is a 20 ft. buffer with existing trees, this is being provided in addition to the wooden fencing.

Vice-Chairman Strother stated that he would like to complement the church on the very attractive design of their building.

Chairman Brooks concurred with Vice-Chairman Strother comment on the church's attractive design; however, she did not like economics to play a factor in requesting such deviations from the City's regulations. She did also state that she sympathizes with the church in these hard economic times.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Strother to approve Case No. 11-28, as presented. Chairman Brooks asked if the motion included the stipulation of steel posts with a concrete base. Vice-Chairman Strother replied yes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Freeman. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: 6 – Chairman Brooks, Vice-Chairman Strother and Commissioners Saldaña, Freeman, Thierry and Hamilton.

Nays: 0

Chairman Brooks declared the motion carried.

V. Staff Reports & Discussion Items

I. Staff Reports & Discussion Items

1. Discussion on minimum masonry standards

Rod Tyler, Director of Planning, briefed the Commission on the status of this project.

2. Discussion on in-home elderly care facilities

Rod Tyler, Director of Planning, briefed the Commission on the status of this project.

3. Recent Submittals

This item was covered in the briefing session.

VI. Adjourn

A motion was made, followed by a second for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Theresa Brooks
Chairman

Belinda L. Huff
Development Services Coordinator
