



CITY OF FOREST PARK
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Environmental Courtroom- Planning & Community Development Building

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PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
785 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

MINUTES

Andy Porter, Chairman
Azfar Haque, Vice Chairman
Michael Clinkscales, Member
Roderick Jackson, Member
Donald Williams, Member

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Vice Chairman Azfar Haque called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

ROLL CALL: A quorum was established.

Present:

Azfar Haque
Michael Clinkscales
Roderick Jackson
Donald Williams

Others Present:

LaShawn Gardiner, Planning & Community Development Director
SaVaughn Irons, Principal Planner
Latonya Turner, Planning & Community Development Administrative Supervisor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of July 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Michael Clinkscales made a motion to approve the July 20, 2023 meeting minutes. Roderick Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

SaVaughn Irons requested the members entertain a motion to amend the agenda and remove Item 4. Case# CUP-2023-06 and Item 5. Case# CUP-2023-07.

Michael Clinkscales made a motion to amend the agenda and remove Item 4. Case# CUP-2023-06 and Item 5. Case# CUP-2023-07. Roderick Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Case# VAR-2023-11 - Variance for 4281 Huntoon Pl., Parcel# 13017B C017 Forest Park, Georgia. SaVaughn Irons read the staff report as it was presented and recommended approval of the variance. The floor was opened to public comments.

- Applicant Plinio Quezada, assisted by Fatima Fernandez, stated he purchased the home on March 4, 2022 and began construction of an accessory structure 9 months ago without a permit. Azfar Haque stated staff should cease recommending approval of variances for which the proper permits have not been obtained. Mr. Quezada apologized for his actions and stated he was unaware he needed a permit when he began construction. LaShawn Gardiner stated that, with the assistance of the Code Enforcement Department, staff is attempting to address the issue with the public. Ms. Irons stated that Mr. Quezada had been in the process of obtaining permits when he was told he needed a variance.

The floor was closed to public comments.

Michael Clinkscales made a motion to approve the variance. Roderick Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Case# VAR-2023-12 - Variances for 5050 Park Ave., Parcel# 13050C G001 and 730 South Ave., Parcel# 13050C G021 Forest Park, Georgia.

SaVaughn Irons read the staff report as it was presented and recommended approval of the variances. The floor was opened to the public.

- Applicant Billy Freeman stated that he is proposing to build 6 new homes along Park Ave. and South Ave. to improve the neighborhood and living conditions for residents. The homes will be modern, well-built, and bring increased value to the area. His company, Technique Construction, will assist potential buyers with securing financing if needed.
- Sydney Epstein and Kylan Williams, of SEA Studio, spoke about some of the features and amenities that will be included in the design of the homes while remaining within the guidelines of the setback requirements.

The floor was closed to public comments.

Michael Clinkscales made a motion to approve the variance. Roderick Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Case# CUP-2023-06 - Conditional Use for 4035 Jonesboro Rd. #220, Parcel# 13015B A001 Forest Park, Georgia. **WITHDRAWN**

5. Case# CUP-2023-07 - Conditional Use for 4035 Jonesboro Rd. #280, Parcel# 13015B A001 Forest Park, Georgia. **WITHDRAWN**

6. Text Amendment of Article A. General Provisions. Sec 8-2-2.-Permits (f) (1).

LaShawn Gardiner read the staff report as it was presented and requested approval of the text amendment.

- Mrs. Gardiner explained that the vendor contracted by the city will not perform building inspections when permit fees have been waived and that the ordinance as written doesn't require churches to pay fees. The permit fees vary depending on the value of the project and the scope of work.

The floor was opened to the public.

The floor was closed to public comments.

Michael Clinkscales made a motion to approve the text amendment. Roderick Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Clinkscales made a motion to adjourn. Roderick Jackson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.