

REGULAR SESSION

FEBRUARY 14, 2012

The Zoning Board of Adjustments of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Athens City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Bob McDonald
Jack Bateman
Mamie Stafford
Joe Whatley
Todd Fowler

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development
Pam Watson, City Secretary

others present: Tony Kalawe, Sarah Hueber, Greg Mason and other interested citizens;

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

Member McDonald called the meeting to Order.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2012
REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Bateman, seconded by Member Whatley to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2012 Regular Session, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING FENCE VARIANCE FOR LOT 11A,
BLOCK A, MATTHEWS ADDITION, OWNED BY THE FAMILY PEACE
PROJECT (720 EAST CORSICANA ST.)

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development explained that The Family Peace Project is planning to place a fence around their property located at 720 East Corsicana St., and are requesting a 25 ft. fence setback variance to allow them to place a six ft. (6') black chain link fence along the Matthews St. (west) side of the property. He stated that twelve (12) surrounding property owners were notified and no objections were received.

Tom Diboll, representative of Spanish Trace Apartments, expressed his objection to the front yard fence being a chain link fence, as it would not conform to others on the street.

Member Whatley explained that the reason this item was tabled last month was to allow the owner the opportunity to consider ornamental fencing, as well as relocation of the fence setback.

Mike Wilson, representative of the fence company, stated that the front yard fence will be a four ft. (4') wrought iron fence that will comply with the Ordinance, with Mr. Diboll stating that he has no objection to the wrought iron fence.

After discussion, the public hearing was closed.

CONSIDER FENCE VARIANCE FOR LOT 11A, BLOCK A, MATTHEWS
ADDITION, OWNED BY THE FAMILY PEACE PROJECT (720 EAST
CORSICANA ST.)

A motion was made by Member Whatley, seconded by Member Fowler to approve a 25 ft. fence setback variance for the Matthews St. (west) side of Lot 11A, Block A, Matthews Subdivision to allow for placement of a six ft. (6') black chain link fence. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING VARIANCE TO CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, SECTION 27.4 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS, J. OUTDOOR USES FOR LOTS 1 & 4B, BLOCK 9, ATHENS ORIGINAL TOWN, OWNED BY STEPHEN SPARKMAN (222 EAST TYLER ST.)

Mr. Crecelius stated that the owner has a tenant proposing to lease this property for the purpose of selling patio furniture. He explained that the tenant is requesting a variance to allow him to permanently display products outside in a display area to be located under and to the west of the existing canopy, with the Ordinance requiring that the outside display of items in the Central Business District be removed at the end of each business day. He stated that seventeen (17) surrounding property owners were notified and no objections were received.

Fred Kurlander, prospective tenant, explained that he will have rattan and wicker type furniture inside the building, however, he will have poly type furniture which will be displayed outside and secured with chains. He expressed his feelings that his business this will enhance the area.

After discussion, the public hearing was closed.

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After discussion, a motion was made by Member Bateman, seconded by Member Whatley to approve a variance to Central Business District, Section 27.4 Special Requirements, J. Outdoor Uses, for Lots 1 & 4B, Block 9, Athens Original Town to allow for permanent outside display to be limited to new outdoor/patio furniture only, in the display area as depicted in Site Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF MARCH, 2012.

Bob McDonald, Chairman

ATTEST:

Pam Watson, City Secretary