

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
September 1, 2009

PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT: Asia Bednar, Joe Paiement, Chris White, Diane Wirth, Kevin Witt

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Wallberg

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Livingston, Gloria Phillips

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Paiement at 7:05 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE** was said.

3. **APPLICATION BY GLORIA PHILLIPS FOR VARIANCES TO REPLACE THE FAILED SEPTIC SYSTEM AT 569 QUIXOTE AVENUE NORTH** [*Chair Paiement noted Joe Chaves was to be present but unable to attend.*]

A. Public Hearing on Application

1. **Call to Order** at 7:06 p.m.

2. **Introduction of Application** – Wallberg introduced application for variances to replace a failed septic system at Gloria Phillips house at 569 Quixote; it is to bluffline setback and setback to building; County Public Health septic permit folks have reviewed as well as the designer, Barry Brown, who does a lot of work in the City along with Joe Chaves; location proposed is the only one that makes sense; one of the questions that came up was from the DNR about changing drainfield where tanks are proposed and vice versa; plumbing into the house is such that the tanks need to be where they are; one of the tanks will be updated but will stay there and they don't gain anything by making that kind of switch because there is actually more grading, filling, and excavating required to make those changes; public hearing has been published and noticed as required by law; this is a failed septic system, so would like to move forward as quickly as they can so Phillips can run the water in her house; otherwise they have the percolation reports and other pertinent reports in their packets. Paiement also noted a diagram in their packet showing where the existing tank is and where the new tank would go; variances are needed because lot is such that they just can't put another one on there without a variance; knows by personal experience they will need a variance somewhere in order to get it installed; lots just not big enough.

3. **Public Comments** – none

4. **Written Comments** –

Maurice P. Newell, 587 Quixote Avenue North. Has no objection and recommends the variance be granted.

5. **Hearing Closed** at 7:11 p.m.

B. Discussion & Recommendation

Bednar glad they won't make Phillips move the tanks. Wallberg would request that any recommendation made would include input from WMO; nothing specific there but should be included as part of the resolution that goes forward. White agrees; also did notice in item 2 where it discusses a silt fence; it does mention that Chaves is planning to put in silt fence and re-sod, but that information really puts it there and actually gives Chaves something more to go on.

M/S/P (White/Witt) to forward the application by Gloria Phillips for variances to replace the failed septic system at 509 Quixote Avenue North to the CC for approval, along with WMO recommendations regarding erosion control measures for project in letter dated 8/26/09. Motion passed.

4. MEMBER REPORTS

M/S/P (White/Wirth) to approve the July 14, 2009 PC minutes. Motion approved. Bednar noted she attended last month's CC meeting; there was a rumor she left in a huff and she wanted to clarify she did not leave in a huff and if it came across that way she apologies. Wallberg quite generally didn't hear anything and she didn't think Bednar in huff. Wirth commented that CUP coming due again in September. Wallberg noted that letters will be worded differently this time just because they don't know more than they do; rather than say the specific PC representative, it will just say a representative of the City; won't have codification finished to eliminate all the confusion by that time anyway so need to follow the existing ordinances and go through the process. Paiement stated next CC agenda will include possible elimination of PC, so this might be their last meeting.

5. **ADJOURN – M/S/P (Bednar/Wirth) to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Motion passed.**

Joe Paiement, Chair

Kate Piscitello, Recording Secretary

