

**COLUMBIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING / REGULAR SESSION
VIA "ZOOM MEETING"
JULY 20, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.**

PLANNING

COMMISSIONERS:

Kelly Niles, Chair*
Barbara Gordon, Vice-Chair*
Coralee Aho
Doug Calkins
George Fortier*
Dana Marble*
Bill Amos

*Denotes Commissioner absent

STAFF:

Lauren Scott, City Planner
Helen Johnson, Planning Administrative Assistant

OTHERS:

None

MEETING TO ORDER:

Commissioner Bill called the meeting to order in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair at 6:48 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None.

CITIZEN INPUT AND REQUESTS:

None.

BILL CLOSED THE REGULAR SESSION AND OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Bill stated the hearing this evening is quasi-judicial, the applicant is Beverly Markstrom and she is requesting approval from the Planning Commission for a wooden fence and attached lattice that is approximately 7 feet in height, exceeding the allowed 6 feet as outlined in the code.

Staff report:

Lauren stated the site is 450 M Street and the request is to keep a fence that has already been placed that exceeds the 6 feet height limit, the fence is approximately 7 feet in height and runs along the northern property line and half of the eastern property line. She explain the code states that fences exceeding the 6 feet height limit must be approved by the Planning Commission. Lauren stated staff has added one condition of approval, the applicant within 30 days of this approval must provide a site plan demonstrating compliance with the Vision Clearance Area as there is a driveway to the north on the other side of the fence.

Lauren also stated if the application did not receive approval from the Planning Commission, the City would be starting enforcement action to ensure the fence would not exceed 6 feet in height.

BILL CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENED THE REGULAR SESSION.

Helen stated for the record there was no written comments reached relating to this application.

Bill mentioned that typically a fence is limited to 6 feet for one reasons being wind load. He stated this fence has latticing which allows the air to flow through and it looks good. Bill also stated with the fence being located on an alley, the extra height allows for a bit more privacy.

IT WAS MOVED (DOUG) AND SECONDED (CORALEE) TO APPROVED THE FENCE HEIGHT EXCEPTION, PER THE STAFF REPORT AND IT'S CONDITION OF APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bill commented he has noticed more people getting security conscious and are putting up extremely bright lighting. He know we have a light trespass ordinance and will be advising City Hall of a few concerns. He also stated he feels the problem is people purchasing 60 watt LED bulbs, and it is almost like putting up a 500 watt regular bulbs.

NEW BUSINESS:

No meeting for August.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Bill Amos
Planning Commissioner

Attest by:

Helen K Johnson
Planning Administrative Assistant