



City of Plymouth
Zoning Board of Appeals
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 2, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Elliott, Vice Chair Jim Burrows, Members Mike Devine, Dave Latawiec, Mike Pappas

Also present: Planning and Community Development Director Greta Bolhuis

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Burrows offered a motion, seconded by Latawiec, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2023, meeting.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Burrows, Devine, Latawiec, Pappas, Elliott

MOTION PASSED 5-0

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Burrows offered a motion, seconded by Latawiec, to approve the amended agenda for the March 2, 2023, meeting.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Burrows, Devine, Latawiec, Pappas, Elliott

MOTION PASSED 5-0

5. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Z 23-02, 686 Coolidge: Non-use variance request for an attached garage on lot less than 60 ft. wide and an attached garage less than 22 ft. wide

Applicants Ashley and John LaPointe described their request to put a front-facing garage to replace their carport. They stated that their rear yard is in a floodplain, restricting their ability to build a detached garage there.

Board Member Comments

Board members questioned whether the floodplain does, in fact, run through the rear yard. They consulted a FEMA map, which appeared to indicate it does not. They asked for a topographical survey to further examine the site.

Citizen Comment

Karen Sisolak, 939 Penniman and the chair of the Planning Commission said she worked on the ordinance of which the applicant is requesting a variance and the intent behind it was partially massing, but also to protect the character of the city by encouraging front porches and increasing walkability.

Motion

Burrows offered a motion, seconded by Devine, to table the request until the April meeting with a request for the applicant to come back with more floodplain information.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Burrows, Devine, Latawiec, Pappas, Elliott

MOTION PASSED 5-0

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no board member comments.

8. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Bolhuis said she was working on scheduling a ZBA training this spring. Elliott reminded the group to complete the security training.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was offered at 7:32p.m. by Burrows. Latawiec seconded the motion.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Burrows, Devine, Latawiec, Pappas, Elliott

MOTION PASSED 5-0