

**ABBREVIATED MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2008**

The Planning Commission met in the City of Bradenton Council Chamber, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, Florida on November 19, 2008 at 2:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Planning Commission Members: Diane Barcus; Adam Buskirk, Allen Prewitt, Jason "J.B." Taylor, Joseph Thompson

City Staff: Tim Polk, Planning Director; Thomas Cookingham, Assistant Director; Ruth Seewer, Development Review Manager; Arlan Cummings, Public Works; Ken Langston, Fire Marshal; Karen Aihara, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Planning Commission Members: Lucienne Gauffillet, Chair; Allen Yearick, Vice-Chair; Brady Cohenour (alternate), O.M. Griffith (alternate)

PRELIMINARIES

Meeting called to order by Ruth Seewer at 2:05 p.m.

- 1) Motion to have Ms. Barcus (past chair) act as Temporary Chair for this session of the Planning Commission by Mr. Prewitt, second by Mr. Buskirk. Approved 4-0, Ms. Barcus abstained.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) The Chair advised that with the exception of variance requests, all items being considered at this meeting would be heard by City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. unless otherwise announced. Any display materials or boards used for presentation are required in duplicate for all public hearings.
- 4) Mr. Thompson moved, with a second by Mr. Buskirk, to approve the Minutes of October 15, 2008 Meeting. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.
- 5) Ms. Aihara swore in all those wishing to speak before the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

VA.08.0051 WARD 5 NEIGHBORHOOD 7.02B

Request of Vicki White for the City of Bradenton, Agent, for a dimensional variance to reduce the front yard setback from 25 feet to 11 feet, and a reduction in lot area from the required 6,000 square feet to 4500 square feet in order to replace a single family residence for the property located at 1016 20th Street East (Zoned R-1C)

Ms. Seewer read the request.

Ms. White representing City of Bradenton gave an overview of the Affordable Housing project through the City of Bradenton. No questions from the Planning Commission.

Public Hearing - The Chair opened the public hearing for those wishing to speak in favor or against. No one appeared. Public hearing was closed.

Public Works – Mr. Cummings had no objections.

Fire Department - Fire Marshal Langston had no objections.

Staff Report - Ms. Seewer read the staff recommendation for **APPROVAL** to replace the existing single family home.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: APPROVAL

Mr. Prewitt moved, with a second by Ms. Thompson, to approve VA.08.0051. Motion carried, 5-0.

RV.08.0024 WARD 1 NEIGHBORHOOD 4.07

Request of Daniel and Elise Knox for vacation of right of way for a portion of 9th Avenue West abutting the property located at 901 63rd Street West (Zoned R-1B)

Ms. Seewer read the request.

Mr. Knox requested ownership of the right-of-way next to his home. Mr. Knox has owned his property since 1989, and requested vacation in order to maintain the property and restrict access. Mr. Knox answered questions of the Commission Members. Stipulation requested that Mr. Knox work with Public Works on type and location of plantings in the easement.

Public Hearing - The Chair opened the public hearing for those wishing to speak in favor or against. No one appeared. Public hearing was closed.

Public Works - Mr. Cummings requested that owner work with him on planting locations.

Fire Department - Fire Marshal Langston had no objections.

Staff Report - Ms. Seewer read staff recommendation for **APPROVAL** based upon the General Standards and Regulations requirements pursuant to Section 202.G, of the Land Use and Development Regulations, with the stipulation that the area proposed for vacation be designated as a utility easement and planting locations are approved by Public Works.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: APPROVAL

Mr. Taylor moved, with a second by Mr. Thompson, to approve RV.08.0024 with the stipulation. Motion carried, 5-0.

NEXT MEETING: Motion to postpone the one pending December 17th agenda item to January meeting by Mr. Prewitt, second by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried, 5-0. 2009 Planning Commission dates were distributed to the members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Taylor moved, with a second by Mr. Prewitt, to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Diane Barcus
Temporary Chairperson

PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 286.0105, IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD, COUNCIL, AGENCY OR COMMISSION AT THIS MEETING, SUCH PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, MAY NEED TO WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.