City of La Vernia

Section 3. Item A.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT



102 E. Chihuahua St., La Vernia, Texas 78121 March 09, 2023

6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

(Martin Poore, Dianell Recker, Amanda Hutchinson, Justin Oates, Gary Gilbert, and Garrett Rabel, all present)

2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge

Pledge led by Mayor Poore, prayer led by Pastor Bobby Nixon

3. Consent Agenda

(All consent agenda items are considered routine by Planning & Zoning and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)

A. Minutes from 10-20-22 Regular Meeting
MOTION: Justin Oates made a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed, seconded by Dianell Recker, all in favor

4. Public Hearing

A. Hold a Public Hearing at the request of the current owner of 15010 us why 87 W, La Vernia, Texas 78121, Bonnie Chessher, and potential partners NP Homes, requesting a variance from Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, Sec. 38-208. - Dimensional and development standards, and; Sec. 38-402. - Off-street parking and loading requirements. for the following:

Increase the current code height allotment which maxes out at 30 feet, to 45 feet and; reduce the requirement for 1.5 parking spaces per bedroom to 1.5 spaces required per unit

- a1. Open Public Hearing
- a2. Applicant Presentation
- a3. Staff Presentation
- a4. Questions and comments by Board Members
- a5. Close Public Hearing
- a6. Motion
- a1. Open Public Hearing

The public hearing opened at 6:03 pm

a2. Applicant Presentation

AJ Murphy, representative of NP homes presented

a3. Staff Presentation

The City Administrator provided feedback regarding previous conversations with NP homes, as well as research conducted on how other cities deal with requests such as these

a4. Questions and comments by Board Members

The board discussed, specifically regarding concerns for fire safety, and building height standards

a5. Close Public Hearing

The public hearing was closed at 6:18 pm

a6. Motion

MOTION: Dianell Recker made a motion to allow for 1 parking space per bedroom of the apartment unit, regarding the variance request for parking standards, seconded by Justin Oates, all in favor

MOTION: Justin Oates made a motion to deny the building height variance request, seconded by Gary Gilbert, all in favor

- B. Discuss and consider action on a variance request from The Texan, 14114 US Hwy 87 W, requesting a variance from Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Section 26-110 Permitting Regulations for the following: larger building side sign and larger monument sign than the code allows for (currently 48 and 100 square foot allowed respectively)
- b1. Open Public Hearing
- b2. Applicant Presentation
- b3. Staff Presentation
- b4. Questions and comments by Board Members
- b5. Close Public Hearing
- b6. Motion
- b1. Open Public Hearing

The public Hearing opened at 6:22 pm

b2. Applicant Presentation

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b3. Staff Presentation

City staff presented regarding examples of "Texan" signs in other cities

b4. Questions and comments by Board Members

The board discussed concerns regarding light pollution

b5. Close Public Hearing

The public hearing was closed at 6:38 pm

b6. Motion

MOTION: Gary Gilbert made a motion to approve the facade sign variance application to only apply for two sides of the building (left, and front, but not right,) or on all three sides, but the right one would not be a "lit" sign, seconded by Justin Oates, all in favor

MOTION: Gary Gilbert made a motion to approve the request for the monument sign variance, seconded by Dianell Recker, all in favor

5. Items Specific to Future Line Items on the Agenda

Potential to bring to Planning and Zoning and City Council an ordinance to amend the monument sign size standard, as well as ordinance changes to parking minimum standards

6. Adjourn

MOTION: Justin Oates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm, seconded by Garrett Rabe, all in favor

DECORUM REQUIRED

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Lindsey Wheeler, City Secretary

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