

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

January 25, 2016

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crocker at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Present

Mayor Sarah Crocker
Robert Bailey
Kinney Bridges
Jason Dittrich
Gail Good
John Pate
Cyndi Timbs

Absent

Others Attending: Tammy McKinney, Town Recorder; Rick Stieg, City Planner;

Guests: Reginald (Reggie) McDow; Charles Ennis; William (Billy) L. Reed, Charles Putnam

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes Approval: Regular Meeting November 23, 2015. Cyndi Timbs made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by John Pate. All approved. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

AutumnShire LLC, Lots 16C and 17C Grandview Dr – Preliminary Site Plan for the Green House Project

The applicant wished to present a preliminary site layout and land use for a 6 unit skilled nursing facility located on Grandview Drive East of the West Clinic. Since “group home” is an acceptable use in the B-1 General Commercial, this use is acceptable under the current zoning.

The applicant is seeking preliminary approval before proceeding to the more involved site plan application which will require engineering plans-including an extension of Grandview Drive to south property line.

Mr. Stieg, City Planner, stated that they are not required to provide a turnaround because it doesn't include the other 3 lots. However, they will be required to provide a stub street.

Mayor Crocker gave Mr. Billy Reed the floor. Mr. Reed explained he and his partner, Mr. Reggie McDow, became aware a different type of facility for assisted living. The Greenhouse Project

deinstitutionalizes assisted living and instead provides skilled nursing care in the comfort of a residence/house. Each residence will be approximately 6800 square feet with 10 bedrooms and bathrooms. They will share a common lobby area, hearth room, kitchen, dining area, laundry, fitness room, office and patio. The grounds will be landscaped and fenced. The plan is to construct a total of 6 houses. Three houses on each lot. There will be 3 nursing assistants on staff during the day and 2 nursing assistants at night. There will also be a doctor and several nurses coming in and out during the day. A housecleaning staff will also be provided. There will be ample parking available for the residents, staff and visitors.

Mr. Charles Putnam, 74 Sanders Drive, Brighton, requested to make a comment on behalf of this project. Mr. Putnam runs a non-profit company in Memphis that help low income individuals. He is excited to be a part of this “new age home”. The residents will have the chance to participate in pet therapy, gardening and etc. He also stressed that this project would allow local residents the opportunity to stay in Brighton and work instead of commuting to Memphis.

Mr. John Pate of the Brighton Planning Commission asked “who ultimately manages the property”? Mr. Reed replied that they will manage the property. It’s not a “franchise” of The Green House Project but they are allowed to use their name.

Mr. Pate asked “is The Green House Project church affiliated”? Mr. McDow replied that it is not church affiliated. However, he furthered stated that it doesn’t mean they can’t have one.

Ms. Cyndi Timbs made a motion to proceed with allowing Autumnshire LLC to bring a site plan to a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jason Dittrich. All approved. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kinney Bridges made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Pate. All approved. Motion carried.

Sarah Crocker, Mayor

Tammy McKinney, Recorder