

PUBLIC HEARING

November 10, 2011

The November 10, 2011 Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Scott Washburn, Chairman. Planning Commission members present were Scott Washburn, Sara Lou Brown, Evie Hall-Case, Nancy Johnson, and Jordan Treadway.

Others present included: Kenneth McMillan, Zoning Inspector; Kyle McColly; Paul Burger; Don Spiegel; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this public hearing was to discuss possible amendments to the City's zoning and building regulations.

Planning Commission members and visitors discussed the City's fencing regulations pertaining to swimming pools. Alternative security measures for swimming pools were suggested including: a cover tied securely, removal of the ladder, temporary snow fencing or other types of fencing.

Mr. Paul Burger indicated that he was contacted by Mr. McMillan concerning his temporary swimming pool and he constructed a fence in compliance with the City regulations, however he feels the regulations for a temporary swimming pool should be defined separately in the regulations. Mr. Burger noted that his pool is above ground and has hard sides. Mrs. Johnson inquired as to how long Mr. Burger expects to have his pool in his yard, and Mr. Burger responded that he estimates he will have his pool four to five years. Mrs. Johnson noted that perhaps the City needs to establish a definition of a temporary swimming pool because an in-ground pool can be filled in the same as an above ground pool can be taken down.

Mr. McMillan stated that swimming pools are a public safety issue and some sort of fine needs to be established to make residents comply with the City's regulations.

Mrs. Treadway indicated that she does not like the City telling residents what they have to do on their property and feels it should be the responsibility of the property owner and childrens' parents to ensure safety. Mrs. Hall-Case indicated that she feels that security is important. Mrs. Johnson noted that a fence surrounding a swimming pool protects the property owner and the public. Mayor Washburn stated that the issue has to be addressed and regulations that are enforceable need to be established.

Planning Commission members agreed to continue discussion on this matter and derelict properties at a future Planning Commission meeting. It was noted that a public service announcement can be made prior to the swimming pool season to inform residents of fencing requirements in association with swimming pools.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the hearing adjourned.

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Scott Washburn, Chairman

PLANNING COMMISSION

November 10, 2011

The November 10, 2011 Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Scott Washburn, Chairman. Planning Commission members present were Scott Washburn, Sara Lou Brown, Evie Hall-Case, Nancy Johnson, and Jordan Treadway.

Others present included: Kenneth McMillan, Zoning Inspector; Kyle McColly; Paul Burger; Don Spiegel; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the October 13, 2011 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Planning Commission member, were approved as received.

Planning Commission members requested regulations be obtained from other municipalities concerning fencing requirements in association with swimming pools. Mr. McMillan will contact other municipalities for this information.

Planning Commission members agreed to schedule another Public Hearing on January 12, 2012 beginning at 6:30 p.m. to continue discussion on possible amendments to the City's zoning and building regulations.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Scott Washburn, Chairman