

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES - CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Chambers - 8150 Barbara Avenue

Chair Maggi called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Dennis Wippermann
Brett Kramer
Armando Lissarrague
Annette Maggi
Elizabeth Niemioja
Jonathan Weber

Commissioners Absent: Joan Robertson (excused)
Tony Scales (excused)
Pat Simon (excused)

Others Present: Allan Hunting, City Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the September 4, 2018 Planning Commission meeting were approved as submitted.

ADAM FISCHBACH – CASE NO. 18-49V

Reading of Notice

Commissioner Weber read the public hearing notice to consider the request for a variance to construct a porch addition 27 feet from the rear property line, whereas 30 feet is the required setback, for property located at 6444 Coryell Court. 8 notices were mailed.

Presentation of Request

Allan Hunting, City Planner, explained the request as detailed in the report. He advised that the applicant is proposing to construct a porch on top of existing deck footings 27 feet from the rear property line whereas 30 feet is required. Staff thinks the following points provide some rationale for approving the variance: 1) the proposed porch would not be located any closer to the property lines than it currently is, 2) the southern portion of the deck would be closer to the rear property line than the proposed porch, and 3) the proposed porch would have minimal impact to the abutting properties as it would butt up to a road rather than a neighboring property. Staff recommends approval of the request with the practical difficulty as stated.

Chair Maggi asked what the setback would be if this were a traditional back yard with another home behind them.

Mr. Hunting replied it would still be 30 feet.

Opening of Public Hearing

Adam and Julie Fischbach, 6444 Coryell Court, advised they were available to answer any questions.

Chair Maggi asked the applicant if he read and understood the report.

Mr. Fischbach replied in the affirmative.

Chair Maggi closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Discussion

Commissioner Lissarrague stated he supported the request.

Planning Commission Recommendation

Motion by Commissioner Wippermann, second by Commissioner Kramer, to approve the request for a variance to construct a porch addition 27 feet from the rear property line, whereas 30 feet is the required setback, for property located at 6444 Coryell Court, based on the practical difficulty as stated in the report.

Motion carried (6/0). This item goes to the City Council on September 24, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Fox
Recording Secretary