

## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES - CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall Chambers - 8150 Barbara Avenue

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

Commissioners Present: Tom Bartholomew  
Paul Hark  
Pat Simon  
Christine Koch  
Dennis Wippermann  
Mike Schaeffer  
Tony Scales

Commissioners Absent: Damon Roth (excused)  
Harold Gooch

Others Present: Allan Hunting, City Planner

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the October 5, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

### **CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS – CASE NO. 10-33ZA**

#### **Reading of Notice**

Commissioner Simon read the public hearing notice to consider the request for an ordinance amendment to Chapter 10-3-4 of the City Code (Zoning Ordinance) relating to criteria granting a variance. No notices were mailed.

#### **Presentation of Request**

Allan Hunting, City Planner, stated the request is for an ordinance amendment to conform the City Zoning Ordinance dealing with variances to the language of the State statute dealing with variances. He advised that the biggest change was precipitated by a recent Supreme Court decision where they felt that cities were not following the language as it was written in statute in regards to the granting of a variance and the necessity for the property in question not to have a reasonable use without a variance. Staff recommends approval of the proposed ordinance amendment.

Chair Bartholomew asked if the City had anything in place to inform the public of the proposed variance language.

Mr. Hunting replied that staff informs all applicants of the variance requirements, including the language regarding 'reasonable use'. He stated he would update the variance handout accordingly.

Chair Bartholomew suggested putting an update in the *Insights* newsletter.

#### **Opening of Public Hearing**

There was no public testimony.

#### **Planning Commission Recommendation**

Motion by Commissioner Simon, second by Commissioner Schaeffer, to approve the ordinance amendment to Chapter 10-3-4 of the City Code (Zoning Ordinance) relating to criteria granting a variance.

Motion carried (7/0). This item goes to the City Council on November 8, 2010.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Hunting advised there is information on the City's website regarding bow hunting regulations.

Commissioner Simon asked if hunting with guns was allowed in the early morning hours, to which Mr. Hunting replied that the discharge of weapons was not allowed anywhere in the City at any time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bartholomew adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Fox  
Recording Secretary