

**MINUTES
CITY OF DARIEN
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
April 18, 2012**

PRESENT: Beverly Meyer – Chairperson, Ron Kiefer, John Lind, Ray Mielkus, Pauline Oberland, Louis Mallers, Ken Ritzert, Michael Griffith – Senior Planner, Elizabeth Lahey-Secretary

ABSENT: Don Hickok, Susan Vonder Heide

Chairperson Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall – City Council Chambers, Darien, Illinois and declared a quorum present and swore in the audience members wishing to present public testimony.

A. PZC 2012-04: 1417 Sequoia Lane: Petitioner seeks approval of a variation to reduce the required setback for a driveway from 5 feet to zero feet, related to the construction of detached garage in the rear yard.

Mr. Michael Griffith, Senior Planner, reported that the petitioner proposes to construct a detached garage in the rear yard and to extend the driveway through the west interior side yard into the rear yard to the garage. He reported that the proposed garage complies with the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Griffith reported that proposed driveway will extend to the lot line where the Zoning Ordinance requires a five-foot setback. He stated that the PZC has approved similar petitions in this area. He further stated that he received a few telephone calls when the sign was displayed but that once explained there were no issues.

Chairperson Meyer stated that she spoke with Director Dan Gombac who reported that there were no drainage issues.

The petitioner, Ms. Soni Macy, 1417 Sequoia Lane, reported that she received an email from the neighbor most affected stating that they did not have any issues with the proposal.

Commissioner Lind questioned if the driveway would be concrete or asphalt.

The petitioner stated that although concrete would be nice that they could only afford to install asphalt.

Commissioner Mielkus questioned if the gas line would be moved.

The petitioner stated that her general contractor is working with NICOR and if it cannot be moved that there is plenty of room for a car.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment and Chairperson Meyer closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Commissioner Mallers made a motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Kiefer that based upon the submitted petition and the information presented, the request associated with PZC 2012-04 is in conformance with the standards of the Darien City Code and move that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval of the petition as presented.

Upon roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 7-0. Commissioner Hickok and Commissioner Vonder Heide were not present.

Mr. Griffith stated that this would be forwarded to the Municipal Services Committee on Monday, May 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS/PLANNER'S REPORT:

Mr. Griffith reported that the Commission received an updated Zoning Map. He reported that the Euclid Foundation has completed construction.

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Commissioner Kiefer made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Ritzert to waive the reading of the April 4, 2012 Meeting Minutes.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 7-0.

Commissioner Mallers made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Mielkus to approve the April 4, 2012 Meeting Minutes.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 7-0.

NEXT MEETING:

Mr. Griffith announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Mallers made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Ritzert to adjourn. Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Lahey
Secretary

Beverly Meyer
Chairman