

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLEVELAND PLANNING COMMISSION
THURSDAY April 15, 2021

Members present or present via Zoom: Edwin Montgomery, David Griffith, Jordan Goins, Mickey Thompson, Ajax Morris, Robert Heslep, Brenett Haynes

Ex-officio members present: Greg Jackson, Kenneth Taylor, Billy Trotter, Katie Portner, Connie McClellan

Vice Chair Jordan Goins called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

After a review of the March 2021 meeting minutes, Mickey Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Brenett Haynes seconded the motion. The vote was “aye” with no opposition.

Old Business

None

New Business

Cetin and Carmen Oguz appeared before the Cleveland Planning Commission to request a special exemption for their property at 211 N. Pearman Avenue. This property is currently zoned B-2 and is located in the Crosstie Historic District, but is a non-contributing property. They plan to renovate the property purchased from W.S. Brandon Mortuary. The original application submitted to the commission stated that the property would be converted to multiple family units, as well as commercial space. At the meeting Mrs. Oguz stated that they would instead renovate the property as a single-family dwelling and she presented a slide show detailing the current building and the proposed layout. Commission members questioned whether the completed property would be sold or rented, and if rented, would it be to multiple renters. Greg Jackson mentioned that if rented to multiple people, a sprinkler system may be required. He stated that he would check on that issue. Commission members also questioned a means of egress from each room, and the type of windows which would be installed. Katie Portner then explained the requirements for the special exemption. After a lengthy discussion, Mickey Thompson made a motion to send the request to the board and to advertise for a special exemption. Ajax Morris seconded the motion. The motion was carried with no opposition; however, one member did abstain from voting.

Jason Harris appeared before the Planning Commission to request a special exemption for his property located at 301 Yale Street. The property was formerly the CRA gym and is currently zoned R-1. Mr. Harris plans to renovate the existing building to be used as a sports facility, which will include batting cages and other sports items. Mr. Harris also plans to add an additional 5,000 – 6,000 square feet which will house a fitness facility. Commission members questioned him regarding parking, set-backs, and his connection to the property next door. Mr. Harris stated that he would be adding parking in front of the building, which has space for approximately 100 cars. He will be fencing his property, and it will not be connected in any way to the pool property next door. The new addition to the building will meet all set-

back requirements. David Griffith made a motion to send the request to the board and to advertise for the special exemption. Edwin Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Tamika Green appeared before the Planning Commission to request a special exemption for her property located at 501 Yale Street. The property was formerly the CRA pool and is currently zoned R-1. She plans to continue to operate the pool as is, with the necessary renovations and repairs. Ms. Green stated that she will add parking in the space in front of the pool, and there will be space for gatherings behind the pool. She will not add any additional buildings to the property. The pool will be open to members, and there will be access control. Edwin Montgomery made a motion to send the request to the board and advertise for a special exemption. Brenett Haynes seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jordan Goins", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and stylized.

Jordan Goins, Vice-Chair