

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 20th, 2020

Minutes to the Meeting/ Hearing

Roll Call:

Tennis Lilly- Present
Rachel Torres- Present
Eric Lundquist- Present
Mary DiMauro- Present

Also Present:

Pedro Soto- Planning Department Director

Upon a motion made by Mr. Lundquist and seconded by Ms. Torres, the commission unanimously decided to open the public meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lilly began the public meeting by stating that he and the rest of the members of the commission had not been able to thoroughly review the Notice of Intent (NOI) that was submitted. He stated that the NOI had been loaded onto the share drive about an hour and a half before the meeting which isn't sufficient enough time to review beforehand. He then stated that the choice on how to proceed would be left to the applicant. He stated that the applicant can choose to continue the meeting until the next time that the commission gathers or that the applicants can present and the commission can open the public hearing and continue the matter without closing the public hearing or the commission can continue the matter altogether. The applicants decided that it would be best to open the public hearing and continue the matter until the next meeting.

Scott Cameron then spoke to the members of the board. He then stated that in order to get some sort of production out of tonight, he decided that he would like to present. He stated that it is not a big project and that it is not near a wetland.

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Mr. Lilly then stated that the commissioners could decide to ask their questions or hold them until the next meeting.

Mr. Cameron then presented a slideshow to the members of the commission.

Mr. Cameron then stated that the lot was used as an industrial site previously that does not have any greenspace or trees. He stated that there had been a building paralleling the rear lot line that had been torn down. He stated that the project had received zoning relief in 2006. He then stated that COVID has delayed the project. He stated that the access to the property comes off of Andover Street. He then stated that the driveway is very narrow and leads to a big, open area.

He then stated that it was addressed by city officials that there is a low-lying area in the rear of the property that appeared to have wetland plants. He then stated that he and his colleagues established a buffer zone. He stated that is why he and his colleagues are before the board. He then stated that he and his colleagues would like to put a four lot subdivision on the lot. He also stated that the project has already gone through the various city departments.

The project will contain two family homes and a turnaround circle. He then stated that the cul-de-sac cuts into the buffer zone. He then stated that creating a highpoint in the rear of the property would help alleviate storm water concerns. He then referred to his plan to show a portion of a project which would be closed drainage. He then stated that most of the site was gravel and concrete and that most of the project would be getting the water back into the ground.

He then stated that the new use would be environmental beneficial. He stated that a water main would be brought in as well as a sewer line. He also added that the roofs will be brought down into a roof system as well. He then presented a roadway plan. He then said that the site is very flat. He then stated that the erosion controls are already in place. He also stated that the portion of the project that is outside of the buffer zone has gone forward. He then stated that a small section of the project will be in the buffer zone. He then asked the board if they had any questions.

Ms. Torres said she had no questions. Mr. Lundquist agreed.

Mr. Lilly asked if there was a planting schedule. Mr. Cameron stated that many trees would be planted. He then stated that most of the project will be loam and seed as opposed to the gravel and concrete that was there before.

Mr. Lilly stated that he would like to see a species list. He then stated that the commission would like to see a diverse selection of trees.

Mr. Vesey stated that he joined the meeting to get some info and he said that it is very interesting.

Mr. Lilly then stated that he would like to close the meeting until September without closing the public meeting. He then stated that a site walk would be conducted on September 12th at noon. He then stated that the meeting would fall on September 17th.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Lundquist and seconded by Ms. Torres the board decided to continue the matter until the next meeting.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Lundquist and seconded by Ms. Torres, the commission unanimously decided to close the public meeting.