

City of Seward Planning Commission Minute Record July 13, 2015

The City of Seward Planning Commission met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. July 13, 2015 at the Municipal Building, 142 No. 7th Street, Seward, Nebraska. Upon roll call the following Commission Members were present: R. Wallman, S. Bowen, T. Spunaugle, C. Corum, D. Ellis, M. Langner, R. Niemoth. Other Officials present: Code Enforcement Director Ed Gonzalez.

Absent members were: K. Gustafson, C. Kotera, R. Souchek.

All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

The meeting with the Planning Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman Ron Wallman at 7:30 p.m. He requested that all individuals speaking during the public hearing limit their comments to five minutes each and one representative per household.

Commission Chairman Wallman announced that a copy of the agenda for this meeting is posted on the front window of the Municipal Building and copies are available on the north wall where a copy of the open meetings act is also posted for the public.

1. Public Hearing – Schwartz Minor Plat

Erich Helge, 1048 North 1st, Seward, NE spoke. Helge asked for clarification of the application that it was putting 2 lots together and why this was not done administratively.

E. Gonzalez confirmed the request was to put the two lots together and this was the proper process to do so.

Commission Member T. Spunaugle made a motion to approve the Schwartz Addition Minor Plat; Commission Member C. Corum seconded.

Commission members questioned the development of the lot. E. Gonzalez confirmed the irregular-shaped lot was the lot to be combined with the existing lot. The irregular shape developed as the result of abandoned railroad property.

Aye: Langner, Wallman, Spunaugle, Niemoth, Bowen, Corum
Abstain: Ellis; Motion carried.

2. Public Hearing – Blight Study Amendment.

The 2015 Blight Area Designation For the City of Seward, Nebraska was presented to the Planning Commission. Discussion regarding the designated properties and the qualifications of blighted property occurred.

Commission Member D. Ellis made a motion to approve the amended Blight Study; Commission Member T. Spunaugle seconded.

Discussion continued among Commission members. E. Gonzalez confirmed there were no zoning changes being made. It was confirmed by all present the number of acres identified in the first paragraph were incorrect and therefore the legal descriptions identified in the study also could not be confirmed.

Commission Member D. Ellis amended his previous motion to approve the amended Blight Study with the legal description of the property identified on the submitted map; Commission Member T. Spunaugle seconded the amended motion; motion carried unanimously.

3. Report on Meetings
No meetings were attended.

5. Consent Agenda
The minutes of May 11, 2015;
The minutes of June 8, 2015.
Commission Member T. Spunagle made a motion to approve the minutes; Commission Member R. Niemoth seconded; motion carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Bowen".

Sue Bowen
Secretary