

CITY OF WHITE HOUSE
Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals
MINUTES
Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Call to order 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present Chairman Jessie Wilkinson, Ken Carver, Shane Cutrell, Homer Gibson, Tommy Jenkins, and Reed Hillen, Secretary.

Members Absent Walton Plummer, Gerald Pay, and Craig Johnson

Others Present Joe Palmer-Fire Chief, Jeremy Sisk, Assistant Fire Chief, Valerie Webb-City Attorney, Sean Hagan-City Building Inspector.

Approval of prior minutes dated: August 5, 2015. Motion was made to approve by Homer Gibson, seconded by Ken Carver. Motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING:

Item # 1 **Donna Clifford:** Requests an application for an appeal as an equivalent method of protection from the City of White House 2006 International Fire Code, Section 508.5.1, Fire Protection Water Supplies regarding the maximum distance of a fire hydrant from proposed building construction. Property is located at 499 Calista Road.

Chairman Wilkinson discussed the applicant's request. Ms. Clifford, property owner, stated that she did install a fire hydrant approximately eight years ago. Ms. Clifford stated that her request today is to install fire sprinklers in addition to a fire hydrant. Ms. Clifford stated that the city required her to install the fire hydrant eight years ago before she could subdivide the property. Staff stated that the fire hydrant that was installed, due to the fencing along the property, due to the access would not count because of accessibility. Staff stated the fire hydrant that is most accessible on Calista Road is further than the 600 feet fire code requirement. Joe Palmer, Fire Chief, stated the means to provide fire protection is close to 1500 feet from a fire hydrant.

Chairman Wilkinson opened the public hearing. There being no one to speak for against this item, Chairman Wilkinson closed the public hearing.

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Ken Carver asked is going forward if there would be way to eliminate this step that this type of request be approved by city staff so that the property owner is not delayed. Fire Chief Joe Palmer stated that an ordinance could be formulated and brought to the Board of Mayor and Alderman for approval. Reed Hillen, City Planner, stated that he has discussed this issue with the City Administrator, and has recommended amending the ordinance so that these types of requests would not have to come back to this board for approval if all city staff is in agreement. Tommy Jenkins asked if attics are required to be sprinkled. City Staff stated no.

Motion was made to approve request by Scott Cutrell, seconded by Homer Gibson

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.



Attest: Reed Hillen, Secretary


Chairman, Jessie Wilkinson

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