

Board of Zoning Appeals
Minutes
January 15, 2013

I. Call to order

Chairman Mike Layman called the regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order on January 15, 2013 at 5:30PM in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard. Other members present were Frances Anderson, Scott Davidson, Arnold Karig and Glenn Thornburg; also Secretary Douglas Kerr was present. Mr. Kerr explained that the meeting was advertised in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Mr. Layman requested to reorder the agenda to allow two more members to show up prior to electing Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Board agreed to reorder the agenda.

II. Approval of minutes

The next item on the agenda was the review of the minutes of the November 15, 2012 meeting. Mr. Karig made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

III. Home occupations

Mr. Layman explained that the Board acted as a quasi-judicial body and all comments made were treated in the same manner as court testimony and therefore any person who would like to speak to the Board should be sworn in. He then swore in all members of the audience that would be speaking.

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Mr. Kerr explained that the applicant was requesting a special exception to allow the establishment of a photo booth business at his home. He stated that the home will be used for office work only, that there will be no business-related traffic coming to the residence, and there will not be any employees working in the residence.

The applicant, Mr. Alex Andrews, addressed the Board and explained that there would be nothing happening in the house other than office work. Ms. Anderson asked what a photo booth was. Mr. Kerr showed her a picture of the booth and Mr. Andrews explained that he set the booth up at special events and people are able to have a photo made. Ms. Anderson asked what would happen with the booth when it was not in use. Mr. Andrews answered that it would be stored at a friend's house in Mount Pleasant. Mr. Layman asked if there were any signs on his vehicles or other signs that would be visible. Mr. Andrews answered no.

Mr. Karig made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

IV. Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Kerr explained that the cellular carriers were requesting that City Council authorize an application for a Special Exception to allow the replacement of the water tower with a cellular tower. He stated it is possible that this request could be before the Board next month.

V. Nomination and Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mr. Layman asked for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Karig nominated Mike Layman and Francis Anderson seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Mr. Karig made a motion to elect Mr. Layman Chairman. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Layman asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Karig nominated Scott Davidson and Ms. Anderson seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Mr. Karig made a motion to elect Mr. Davidson Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

VI. Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.