

**NEWTON-NORTH NEWTON PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
July 6, 2020**

Members Present: **Newton:** Carl Harris (2-0), Denise Goodnite (2-0), Brian Scott (2-0), Arlan Newell (2-0)

North Newton: Tyson Weidenbener (2-0), Gary Roth (2-0)

Members Absent: **Newton:** Dan Harder (1-1), Jay Sommerfeld (1-1)

North Newton: Joe Slechta (1-1)

[Note: attendance-recording period runs from 5-1-2020 to 4-30-2021]

Staff Present: **Newton:** Justin Erickson, Building and Zoning Supervisor
Matt Mullens, Assistant City Attorney
Sara Schmidt, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant

The Newton-North Newton Area Planning Commission met on July 6, 2020 in a regular meeting at the Newton City Hall commission chambers, 201 E. 6th Street, Newton. At 6:00 p.m., a quorum was present, and Chair Weidenbener called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Consider approval of the June 1, 2020 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Scott seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Consider and hold a public hearing on a variance application from Melanie Babbitt of 1208 Harrison Street, of Section 3.3, of the Newton-North Newton Zoning Ordinance which requires that structures in a R-1 Zoning District maintain a side yard setback of 7' (ft). If the variance is granted the property owner will be allowed to build with a reduced side yard setback of 2' (ft). The property is legally described as Lot One (1) EXCEPT the East 65 feet thereof, in Block Six (6), South-Breeze Subdivision in the City of Newton, Harvey County, Kansas.

Building and Zoning Supervisor Erickson presented the variance. Discussion was held over whether an open sided carport is considered a permanent structure and if the City authorizes rock driveways. Staff answered yes on both questions.

Chair Weidenbener opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. There being no one to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:06 p.m., and discussion was brought back to the bench.

Commissioner Newell moved and Commissioner Goodnite seconded to approve the variance. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Adoption of the 2021 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

Errors were found in the previously approved schedule; therefore, it was brought back for approval.

Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Scott seconded to approve the meeting schedule. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4


New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Planning Commission, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.



Sara Schmidt
Recording Secretary