

NEWTON-NORTH NEWTON PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
April 5, 2021

Members Present: **Newton:** Carl Harris (7-0), Dan Harder (6-1), Denise Goodnite (6-1), Arlan Newell (6-1), Jay Sommerfeld (3-4)

North Newton: Tyson Weidenbener (7-0), Gary Roth (7-0), Joe Slechta (6-1)

Members Absent: **Newton:** Brian Scott (6-1)

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

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

The Newton-North Newton Area Planning Commission met on April 5, 2021 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 March 1, 2021 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Goodnite seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Consider and conduct a public hearing on a variance request from Scott Erb of 417 West 11th Street requesting a reduced side yard setback of two feet. If the variance is granted, the property owner will be allowed to build a garage along the east side of the lot.

Staff presented the variance request and staff report included in the agenda packet.

Chair Weidnebener opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. There being no one to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m. and discussion was brought back to the bench.

Commissioner Harris and Chair Weidenbener asked for clarification on the setback length, placement of the proposed garage and what type of access the owner would have to the garage. If approved, the garage would sit to the south of the home with a setback of 2 feet instead of 7 feet. A driveway is already present and would provide access to the garage from the street.

MOTION: Commissioner Newell moved and Vice Chair Harder seconded to approve the variance. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Old Business

There was no new business to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Sara Schmidt
Recording Secretary