

North Little Rock Building and Housing Board of Adjustment

Minutes

May 9, 2017

The North Little Rock Building and Housing Board of Adjustment meeting was called to order by Brad Hughes at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Planning Conference Room B.

Members Present

Tommy Cupples
Brad Hughes
Gladys Webb
Basil Shoptaw

Member Absent

Jeremy White, Chairman

Staff Present

David Forstrom, City Planner
B.J. Jones, Secretary

Others Present

Marie-Bernarde Miller, Deputy City Attorney

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Cupples formed a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mr. Shoptaw seconded the motion. There was no dissent.

Administrative:

Mr. Cupples formed a motion to excuse Jeremy White's absence from today's meeting.

Ms. Webb seconded the motion and there was no dissent.

Mr. Forstrom advised the Board that the applicant for case 2017-4 had not met notification requirements; therefore, that case would postpone to the next meeting after proper notification had been done. He added that notification is required to be done ten days in advance and the applicant

had only notified six days in advance of today's meeting.

Mr. Shoptaw asked if the applicant would resend notification of the new meeting date.

Mr. Forstrom confirmed that new notice with the new meeting date would be required.

Mr. Hughes observed that no one is in attendance for the other case either.

Mr. Forstrom asked Ms. Miller if the applicant is required to attend the meeting.

Ms. Miller replied in the negative and explained that the applicant loses the opportunity to represent themselves.

Public Hearings

1. **Sign Board 2017-3** To allow 1.8' front property line setback for a ground mounted sign at 601 W. Broadway St.

Mr. Hughes asked staff if the applicant had been notified of today's meeting.

Mr. Forstrom replied in the affirmative and added that the applicant asked for the variance due to high pedestrian traffic and that they had moved the sign for servicing of a light pole. He noted that the current location does not interfere with a sight triangle.

Ms. Webb asked for the definition of the site triangle.

Mr. Forstrom complied. He added that the approved sign location had include a five-foot setback and the applicant had changed the location after the fact, knowing it was in violation of code.

Mr. Hughes expressed dissatisfaction with the sign location and stated he could not support the applicant's request, especially in light of the fact that the applicant was not in attendance at this meeting.

Ms. Webb questioned if there is adequate space to place the sign as it was initially approved.

Mr. Forstrom replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Cupples formed a motion to deny the applicant's request and have the sign moved.

Ms. Webb seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

Ms. Miller noted that the applicant has thirty days to appeal this Board's decision or move

the sign.

Public Comment/Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Cupples at 9:40am and seconded by Mr. Shoptaw. There was no dissent.

Passed: June 13th, 2017 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Brad Hughes, Vice-Chairman