

# Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

## Monday, October 16, 2023

On a motion by Robert Brown, Jr., seconded by Dorothy Hill, and with a unanimous vote the agenda was approved as presented.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Martha Cabiness.

Robert Brown, Jr. gave the invocation.

Roll Call indicated that Robert Brown, Jr., Martha Cabiness, Dorothy Hill, and Laura Vann were present.

Randy Bentley was out due to a conflict in schedule.

Building Inspector Charles Kelly, and Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant Tekla Sellars were present.

Citizens and Delegations: Utoria Thomas, Garrick Murray, Jim Parker, and Mary Parker

On a motion by Laura Vann, seconded by Robert Brown, Jr., and with a unanimous vote the minutes from the July 17, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting were approved as presented.

### **New Business**

#### **Mary Parker-271 S Boulevard St-Variance**

The request was presented.

Mary Parker was recognized.

Questions were asked.

Discussion ensued.

Jim Parker was recognized.

Mr. Parker presented some photos of the area in question and fencing for the Planning Commission members to view.

Questions were asked.

Discussion ensued.

Chairwoman Martha Cabiness asked if there were anyone present that would like to speak for or in opposition of the variance request.

Ms. Utoria Thomas was recognized.

Questions were asked.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Garrick Murray was recognized.

Questions were asked.

Laura Vann was recognized.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Jim Parker was recognized.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Utoria Thomas was recognized.

Mr. Garrick Murray was recognized.

Mr. Robert Brown, Jr. was recognized.

Chairwoman Martha Cabiness read from the City of Camilla Zoning Ordinance Section 3.18-Fences, 1 and 2.

Chairwoman Martha Cabiness called for a motion.

On a motion by Robert Brown, Jr., seconded by Dorothy Hill, to deny the request for the variance to raise the fence height from 4 ft to 6 ft.

Laura Vann abstained from voting.

Chairwoman Martha Cabiness called for a vote on the motion presented, with a majority vote and 1 abstaining, the request for the variance was denied.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Other Business**

None

Chairwoman Martha Cabiness thanked everyone for their attendance, and with nothing further, called for the meeting to be adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Tekla Sellars

VARIANCE NO.       **DENIED**      

**A VARIANCE TO ALLOW FOR THE RAISING OF A MAXIMUM FENCE HEIGHT FOR THE FRONT SIDE YARD TO SIX (6) FEET FROM THE MAXIMUM FOUR (4) FEET BASED ON CITY OF CAMILLA ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 3.18 FENCING.**

WHEREAS, Mary Parker, as owner of property located at 271 S Boulevard Street, has requested a variance in the maximum fence height for a 6ft fence, instead of the maximum 4ft, based on the City of Camilla Zoning Ordinance Section 3.18-Fencing, sections 1 and 2.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby **DENIED** under the authority of The Planning Commission that **NO VARIANCE** in fence height be granted, for the purpose of extending a 6ft wooden privacy fence into the front side yard.

Martha Cabiness  
(Chairwoman Martha Cabiness)

10/16/2023  
(Date)

Jill C Seem  
(Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant)

10/16/2023  
(Date)