

SPECIAL BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING 11-10-2020

Call to order

This special meeting of the Norwalk Board of Adjustment was held electronically due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) State of Emergency WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 372.14(2) and the Norwalk City Code Chapter 15.02(2) grant the Mayor powers in emergency circumstances when public danger exists to take extraordinary steps to protect the public health and safety; therefore, all in attendance met via google hangout, Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Chairperson Brent Hinders called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present at roll call were: Katheryn Thorson, Rachel Parker, and Brandon Foldes. Absent: Dennis Cassidy

City Staff present were Luke Parris, Community Development Director, Elliot Klimowski, City Planner and Hillarie Ramthun, Community Development Coordinator.

(Cassidy arrived at 6:02 p.m.)

Approval of Agenda – 20-27

Motion by Parker and seconded by Thorson to approve the agenda. Approved 5-0

Approval of August 18, 2020 Minutes – 20-28

Motion by Cassidy and seconded by Foldes to approve the August 18, 2020 minutes. Approved 5-0

Welcome of Guests

No guests present.

Public hearing and vote on a special use permit request from the City of Norwalk to allow for work in a flood overlay area near Beardsley and Lake Colchester—20-29

Public hearing opened at 6:06 p.m.

The City is requesting a special use permit to allow work to be performed in a flood overlay zone related to the Great Western Trail Connector Project. The Consultants on the project, Bolton & Menk completed the application on behalf of the City for the property around the bridge that crosses the inlet of Lake Colchester on Beardsley Street. Applicable Zoning Ordinance 175C.01 and 175C.03 state any work completed in flood overlay zones require review of project and a special use permit.

All neighboring properties were notified of the public hearing and it was also published in the Des Moines Register on October 30, 2020. Staff recommends approval of the request. No public was present for comment.

Public hearing closed at 6:12 p.m.

Foldes made a motion to approve the request for the special use permit to allow work in a flood overlay area near Beardsley and Lake Colchester and Cassidy seconded. Approved 5-0

Adjournment – 20-30

Motion by Cassidy and seconded by Foldes to adjourn meeting at 6:15 p.m. Approved 5-0

Brent Hinders, Chairperson

Elliot Klimowski, City Planner