

BRISBANE PLANNING COMMISSION
Action Minutes of May 14, 2020
Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Sayasane called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners, Gomez, Gooding, Mackin, Patel and Sayasane.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Community Development Director Swiecki, Senior Planner Ayres, Associate Planner Robbins

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gomez moved adoption of the agenda. Commissioner Patel seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Gooding moved adoption of the consent calendar (agenda items A and B). Commissioner Patel seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no oral communications.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Sayasane acknowledged two written communications, one regarding walkable streets and the other regarding item C.

OLD BUSINESS

C. Grading Review EX-4-19; 338 Kings Road; R-1 Residential District; Grading Review for approximately 330 cubic yards of soil cut and export to accommodate a new driveway, attached garage, and additions for an existing single-family dwelling on a 6,400 square foot lot with a 43% slope; Abraham Zavala, applicant; Huang John & Chen Joy Trust, owner. *(Administrative note: no findings of denial regarding this item were adopted during the previous meeting of February 27, 2020; therefore, final action on this item was continued to this meeting.)*

Senior Planner Ayres gave the staff presentation.

The Planning Commission discussed with staff their concerns with their purview of authority when reviewing grading permits, particularly with potential impact to site hydrology.

At the request of staff, the meeting was recessed for 5 minutes to address technical issues associated with the call-in public access to the meeting.

Chairperson Sayasane brought the meeting back to order and the recognized members of the public wishing to address the Commission.

Prem Lall, Brisbane resident, spoke against the project.

There were no other members of the public wishing to address the Commission.

After some discussion, Commissioner Mackin made a motion to deny the applicant's request for reconsideration and adopt findings of denial for the project, but later withdrew the motion.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Patel moved to grant the applicant's request to reconsider the application at a future public hearing. Commissioner Gooding seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Zoning Text Amendment RZ-1-20; Various zoning districts; Zoning text amendments to update the existing accessory dwelling unit (ADU) regulations in the zoning ordinance to comply with updated State regulations, and to increase the existing floor area ratio (FAR) exception of 200 square feet to 400 square feet for covered parking on substandard lots; City of Brisbane, applicant.

Associate Planner Robbins gave the staff presentation.

The Planning Commission identified concerns about potential implications of increasing the FAR covered parking exception in conjunction with the required, limitations on ADU parking requirements in State legislation.

Chairperson Sayasane opened the public hearing.

With no one coming forward to address the Commission, Commissioner Gooding moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Gomez seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Following deliberation, Commissioner Mackin moved to recommend City Council adoption of the draft ordinance by adopting Resolution RZ-1-20. Commissioner Gooding seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

Chairperson Sayasane read the appeals process of Planning Commission actions.

ITEMS INITIATED BY STAFF

There were none.

ITEMS INITIATED BY THE COMMISSION

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mackin moved to adjourn to the regular meeting of Thursday, May 28, 2020. Commissioner Gomez seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Attest:



John A. Swiecki, Community Development Director

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