

STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)(

CITY OF FREEPORT)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Planning Commission of the City of Freeport, Texas met in a regular meeting on **Monday, September 24, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.**, at the Police Department Conference Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

Planning Commission:

Diane Williams, Chairperson
Robert Leffingwell
Linda

Allen

Michelle Kent
Roddy Mohler
Abel Garcia - Absent

Staff:

Doug Caffey
Melissa Farmer
Larry Ellis
Wallace Shaw
Nat Hickey

Mayor Larry McDonald - Absent

Visitors:

Mark Wessels
Kim Wessels
Bill Howard
Candy Howard
Eileen Koenig
Elliot Cundieff

Open Meeting.

Mrs. Diane Williams called meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Invocation.

Mr. Robert Leffingwell opened meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes.

Mr. Roddy Mohler moved to accept the minutes for August 27, 2007, seconded by Mr. Robert Leffingwell, unanimous vote for approval.

Discuss/Consider Approval of Re-Plat of Cundieff Properties on West 2nd Street, Freeport, Texas, as Recorded in C.F. 1994-015992, Official Records of Brazoria County, out of Stephen F. Austin, Abstract 32.

Mr. Elliot Cundieff explained to the Planning Commission how in order to sell property on West 2nd Street that it would have to be re-platted. The Planning Commission discussed and considered and Mrs. Michelle Kent moved to accept re-plat of West 2nd, seconded by Mrs. Linda Allen, unanimous vote for approval.

Discuss/Consideration of Retaining Walls.

Doug stated that there were no guidelines or regulations on retaining walls and that there was precedence that retaining walls had been allowed in the 5-foot-setbacks in Bridge Harbor. He said he was looking for direction on how to resolve the matter between the Wessels and the Howards.

Mr. Bill Howard addressed the Planning Commission, stating that they have done everything in their power to address the issues that the Wessels had about the drainage and the retaining wall. He stated that their building plan provides for their drainage to be in compliance with the City of Freeport Building Ordinance, which is to the canal or to the street, and that they will install gutters and downspouts to control the water from the roof.

Mark and Kim Wessels addressed the Planning Commission and stated their concerns were with the drainage and that the wall that the Howards were building was so tall that it would block their primary view.

Mrs. Diane Williams stated that the Howards had done everything to address the issues of drainage and that since there was a precedence that retaining walls had been built in the past, that the Planning Commission really had no choice in the matter but to let the Howards attain the permits they were seeking to build their home.

Consideration of Changing all Waterfront Property Zones.

The Planning Commission considered sending to the City Council a recommendation for a Joint Public Hearing asking to have the waterfront zones of: PUD changed to W-2; the Annexed 2-mile strip changed to W-3; R-2 changed to W-1; and M-1 changed to W-2. Mr. Roddy Mohler motioned to send the request to City Council, seconded by Mrs. Michelle Kent, unanimous vote for approval.

Adjourn.

Mrs. Michelle Kent made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Linda Allen. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Diane Williams, Chairperson