



MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
7651 E. Central Park Ave, Bel Aire, KS
September 12, 2024 6:30 PM



I. Call to Order: Vice-Chairman Phillip Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners John Charleston, Phillip Jordan, Dee Roths, Deryk Faber, and Paul Matzek were present. Commissioners James Schmidt and Edgar Salazar were absent.

City Engineer Anne Stephens, City Manager Ted Henry, City Attorney Maria Schrock and Community Development Director Paula Downs were also present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Vice-Chairman Phillip Jordan led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Commissioners noted a typo in section VI. (Next Meeting Date). The motion should be corrected to reflect that the motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Roths moved to approve the minutes of August 8, 2024 as amended. Commissioner Faber seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

V. Old Business/New Business

A. CON-24-02 - Property owner has requested to build an oversized private use shed, in an R-1 zoned district.

City Attorney Maria Schrock asked if Commissioners had been involved in any ex-parte communications and if they had any reason to be disqualified from the discussion of this matter. No ex-parte communications were reported and no one reported any reason to be disqualified. Vice-Chairman Phillip Jordan then opened the public hearing.

Applicant Mark Hopp presented his application and answered questions from the Commission.

Carolyn Gunzelman, 5029 E 39th Street, said she wants to make sure the setbacks will be followed and asked if access to the shed will be on gravel or grass.

No others requested to speak. The Commission then discussed the application in relation to the “Golden Factors” of zoning. Commissioners found that the requested conditional use would be consistent with uses in the surrounding neighborhood, consistent with the character of the neighborhood, and that approval has been recommended by permanent staff.

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved to recommend approval based on the condition of the verification of the setbacks remain the same, Permit CON-24-02 as presented. Commissioner Charleston seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

B. PUD-24-02 - Proposed rezoning PUD to R-5 and R-6 single and multi-family uses from R-4, and to include C-1 commercial as zoned.

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The agent for the applicant, Ken Lee of Garver, presented the application for preliminary Planned Unit Development and stood for questions from the Commission.

Jeff Englert, 5140 E 53rd Street North, spoke to the Commission. He is concerned about the proposed setbacks, minimum lot width, and minimum square footage. He would like for the fence to extend further into the rear lots of phase 3, and he suggested the owner could agree to a restricted covenant to prohibit manufactured homes.

Commissioners asked Mr. Lee questions related to drainage, screening, lot sizes, greenspace, and proposed uses. Mr. Lee said that plans could be revised to address the Commission’s concerns about lot sizes, prohibiting manufactured homes, and restricting uses to single-family homes.

Staff reported no written communications were received regarding this matter. No others requested to speak. Vice-Chairman Jordan then closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved to table the preliminary Planned Unit Development (PUD-24-02) changing the zoning to R-5 and R-6 single and multi-family uses from R-4, and to include C-1 commercial as zoned. Vice-Chairman Jordan seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

C. SD-24-03 - Proposed platting R-5 and R-6 single and multi-family uses, and to include C-1 commercial as zoned.

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Vice-Chairman Phillip Jordan then opened the public hearing. No one requested to speak, and the public hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Commissioner Roths moved to table the preliminary plat of SD-24-03 to next month's meeting. Commissioner Faber seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

D. PUD-24-03. Proposed Final PUD containing approved duplexes to be converted townhouses with zero interior lot lines on a reduced lot size in an R-4 zoning district as built (Bristol Hollows).

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City Engineer Anne Stephens provided a brief staff report. Per the development agreement for this land, the duplex units were to be held by one owner and maintained as rentals. Recently, the Developer filed metes and bounds survey with Sedgwick County, allowing for the individual units to be sold to buyers, without going through the lot-splitting process with the City. Now, City staff is concerned that the individual units will be non-conforming to City Zoning Codes, including setbacks and minimum lot width. This non-conformance will make it impossible for future owners of the units to obtain building permits for repairs or improvements to the properties. City staff are recommending approval of the proposed zoning change in order to correct this situation and bring the units into conformance with City Zoning Codes.

The agent for the applicant, Ken Lee of Garver, spoke to the Commission and stood for questions.

No others requested to speak. Vice-Chairman Jordan then closed the public hearing.

Following the public hearing, the Commission discussed the application in relation to the City's Zoning Code and the "Golden Factors" of zoning standards including: the character of the neighborhood, the recommendations of permanent staff, the zoning uses of nearby properties, the suitability of the property for the proposed uses, and the opinions of other property owners. There was consensus that the developer should provide proof that the covenants have been filed with the register of deeds

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Jordan moved to recommend approval of the Final Planned Unit Development (PUD-24-03) containing approved duplexes to be converted townhouses with zero interior lot lines on a reduced lot size in an R-4 zoning district as built be approved with the conditions that the covenants that evidence that the filing with the Register of Deeds has indeed been done. Commissioner Matzek seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

E. PUD-24-04 - Proposed Final PUD containing approved duplexes to be converted townhouses with zero interior lot lines on a reduced lot size in an R-4 zoning district as built (Chapel Landing).

City Attorney Maria Schrock asked if Commissioners had been involved in any ex-parte communications and if they had any reason to be disqualified from the discussion of this matter. No ex-parte communications were reported and no one reported any reason to be disqualified.

City Engineer Anne Stephens reported that the agent for the applicant has requested that this item be tabled until the next Planning Commission meeting.

Vice-Chairman Phillip Jordan then opened the public hearing.

John Sutherland, 5100 Prairie Ct. North, spoke to the Commission. Mr. Sutherland spoke about his experience as a developer and on a planning advisory board in another city. He asked if there will be an HOA for this development and requirements that things are kept up. He asked if the development agreement will be updated and if trees will be planted in the open areas.

Justin Price, 5341 Pinecrest, spoke to the Commission. He owns one half of a duplex in Chapel Landing. He asked what would happen if his duplex is converted to a townhome.

Mike Schmidt, 5343 Pinecrest, spoke to the Commission. He asked for information about what is being developed in the area around his property.

MOTION: Commissioner Jordan moved to table the Final Planned Unit Development (PUD-24-04) until next month. Commissioner Faber seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

VI. Approval of the date of the Next Meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Charleston moved to approve the date of the next meeting: October 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Vice-Chairman Jordan seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

VII. Current Events

The Commission briefly discussed upcoming events, such as the Curbside Cleanup on October 5th. No action was taken.

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner Charleston moved to adjourn. Commissioner Roths seconded the motion. ***Motion carried 5-0.***

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Approved by the Bel Aire Area Planning Commission this _____ day of _____, 2024.

James Schmidt, Chairman