

Lane, Mike

From: Amy Taylor <amyta57@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2023 3:41 PM
To: Lane, Mike
Subject: Re: 708 E Lemon Ave. I would like a response from the City

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Thank you for the update. I will plan to be present on July 20th.
Amy Taylor

On Fri, Jun 23, 2023 at 12:39 PM Lane, Mike <LaneM@eustis.org> wrote:

Ms. Taylor:

I called earlier and hadn't heard back so this email will reiterate my voicemail. I want to make sure that you received this information so that you wouldn't make a trip to Eustis on a date that won't work for the City Commission (to hear the Conditional Use Permit Application for the above referenced address).

Unfortunately, we were unable to secure an advertisement in the local newspapers to meet the required 10-day notice before the July 6th Meeting. The deadline would have been this past Wednesday to run in next week's edition. We will have to get this placed on the following City Commission Meeting which will be July 20th.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach back out.

I appreciate your cooperation and assistance with this matter.

Have a wonderful afternoon/weekend!

Best regards,

Mike

Mike Lane, AICP

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Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 1:36 AM

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Dear All,

I would like to know why the June 15 hearing regarding the standalone garage conversion to a studio was tabled. I sent the (copied below) email to planners and others on June 15, 2023, and asked them to respond.

I am certain that I fulfilled all requirements for the June 15 meeting. An email thread exists where I stated that I would not be present but my contractor, James Svenson, would be. An email thread where I addressed the unpermitted ramp exists. My house is not, and has not been for sale. Other pertinent objections are explained in the following copy.

I notified all neighbors within 500 feet with no objection.

I took a derelict house with a totally unsecured swimming pool across the street from an elementary school! and made it a place that will build Eustis' reputation as a destination.

I would like for July 6 to be the second and final hearing and for the tabling of the June 15 hearing to be amended. Otherwise, please tell me exactly why.

Thank you,

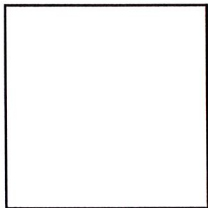
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June 15 email below

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Amy Taylor <amyta57@gmail.com>

to Heather, Mike, Jeff, James



Dear All,

I was disappointed to hear that the hearing on June 15 was tabled because a commissioner objected to my request to convert the stand-alone garage at my property to a studio ADU. I would ask that this email be distributed to that commissioner and any other interested party.

I live most of the year in Oregon. I was never told that I needed to be present for the June 15 meeting, and I assumed that all of the relevant information had been disseminated before the hearing. My contractor, James Svenson was present, as you know.

I would like to appeal that we may have a second and final meeting on July 6 as planned, as none of the 63 neighbors I sent notifications to were present on June 15 to voice an objection. I'd like to present some information on the sticking points, which I understand to be an opinion that I may be someone who is playing loose with City rules. I am not.

1. I am a Florida native, not some out-of-state opportunist. I was born in 1957 in Rockledge, I grew up on a citrus farm in Melbourne, Florida. My whole family lives in Florida: Melbourne, Palm Bay, Orlando, Sarasota, Lake City. Eustis was the center of it all, that's why I bought a house there. I care.

2. I had the front porch ramp built by my paver and irrigation guy, Dustin Curtis. I did that because the existing monolithic concrete step had separated from the house and was pitched forward to the yard. It was dangerous. My best friend's daughter is disabled and there was no way she could get into the house. I didn't know it needed a permit and Dustin didn't tell me. It's a solid structure and I was told by the Eustis Building department that I can post-permit it with length, slope, a drawing, and an engineer's sign-off and I am working on that. I honestly did not know. How is a ton of concrete pitched forward to the lawn better than what I had done? I understand it has to be approved.

3. My son, Joseph Seufferheld, 23, who works at the Ace in Eustis, and is enrolled in the Police Academy (I know Ms. Croney met him) was living in the house from 2021-Jan. 2023. He then briefly stayed in a tent next to the garage. Why, you may ask? Because with months of notice that I was listing the home as a vacation rental and that he needed to be out, he got NOT ONE, but TWO german shepherds (they are adorable but OMG). Which made him unhousable in almost any apartment complex. This was not my first choice, believe me. I had taken reservations, I could not disappoint guests who had made plans. So I informed them and with their consent I put Joe in the tent while we desperately looked for a home for him. James Svenson, contractor, had filed the plans for the garage/ADU with the city. He is a caring guy, he was worried about me, and worried about Joe and the dogs (it was still winter) so yes he did some work before the permit cleared. Everyone had the best of intentions. Nobody was trying to beat the system. We found a duplex for Joe on N. Center Street March 1.

4. My purpose for converting the garage to a studio ADU is because I have twenty years of experience in the hosting business. I want a family member on site to care for the giant pool and ensure peace. See my reviews, you can see all my listings through this link. <https://link.spamstopshere.net/u/2ff94af0/MkKw5L4Q7hGELIkTh3soMg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.airbnb.com%2Frooms%2F1213052> This is a business I take very seriously, for my guests and for my neighbors. The City of Eustis is currently collecting lodging tax on every stay, if you are not aware of that.

5. I would like to petition you all that we can proceed with July 6 as the second and final meeting. No neighbors objected, I am making a plea to the City to accept my good intentions. I will be present in person July 6 if it is necessary to get this project going.

Thanks for your consideration,

Amy Taylor

owner [708 E Lemon Ave. Eustis FL](#)

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