

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
KINGSPORT HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION**

June 10, 2024

1:30 p.m.

Members Present

Jewell McKinney
Dineen West
Jack Edwards
Chip Millican
Joe Cross

Members Absent

Dr. Erin Reed
Scott Schriefer

Staff Present

Ken Weems
Lori Pyatte
Finn Hounshell

Visitors Present

Maria Emery

Chairman Jewell McKinney called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The Chairman called for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Dineen West, seconded by Jack Edwards, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously 4-0. The Chairman called for approval of March 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes. A motion was made by Jack Edwards, seconded by Dineen West, to approve the March 11, 2024 regular minutes. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

New Business

1215 Watauga Street Privacy Fence

Ms. Maria Emery presented the case to the Commission. Ms. Emery stated that the requested privacy fence along the west side of the property is needed to help with adding a private space for grilling in her side yard. Staff noted that only a portion of the proposal meets the City's Design Review Guidelines. Staff stated that the design guidelines only permit the privacy fence to begin 1/3 the depth of the house away from the public street that serves it. The applicant's requested privacy fence extends into the front yard by 5 feet. Staff recommended approval of the fence as submitted due to staff's opinion that the fence improvement would be partially obscured from public view along Watauga Street. The Commission, after reviewing the matter, inquired with the applicant to see if it would be helpful to have the privacy fence approved only up to the front of home, with the requested 4' wide section connecting perpendicular to the fence along the side yard property line. The Commission voiced concerns about setting a precedent of allowing privacy fences in the front yard. The applicant agreed that the fence only coming up to the front of the home and not into the front yard any would be better than 1/3 of the way back from the front of the home. A motion was made by Chip Millican, seconded by Joe Cross, to only approve the 6 foot privacy fence with 4 foot wide perpendicular portion attached, dark walnut in color, up to the front of the home. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

The Chairman opened public comment. No public comment was received.

Staff made a final comment that the City's Traffic Department was replacing the official historic zone street signs and showed the new design to the Commission.

With no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jewell McKinney, Chairman