

MINUTES
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2010
4:03 PM

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:03 PM with the following members and staff present:

Board of Adjustment

George Whitlock, Chairman
Michael Pooser

Shirley Brown
Russ Summers

Melva Sawyer

Arcadia City Staff

City Recorder Dana Williams

Assistant City Administrator Judi Jankosky

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was the consensus of the Board to retain the same Chairman and Vice Chairman as is in office for the Planning and Zoning Board. For election of the BOA's Secretary position as provided for in the Code, Russ Summers nominated Shirley Brown. Ms. Brown declined the nomination. Mr. Whitlock nominated Melva Sawyer, who similarly declined the nomination.

On motion of Michael Pooser and seconded by Russ Summers, the membership voted unanimously, 5-0, to appoint RoseAnne Collins as Secretary of the Board of Adjustment.

2. CONSIDERATION OF VARIANCE REQUEST

The Chairman briefly outlined the details of the request by the School District of DeSoto County and confirmed his explanation with Robert Hrstka, Director of Facilities for the School District. Mr. Hrstka elaborated that the school system will be moving an existing program, *DeSoto Connections* from West Elementary to the new property due to limited space and that basically the property will only be used during the school day but that the fence enclosure provides for children's safety as well as a deterrent to vandalism. Mr. Hrstka also explained the *DeSoto Connections* program was computer based and designed to bring dropouts back into the educational system.

The Chairman opened a public hearing to receive audience questions. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, 219 N. Roger Avenue, neighboring property owners, asked about the specifics of the variance request, but had no objections to the extra height on the fence. Hearing no others, the Chairman closed the public hearing portion.

Melva Sawyer stated her belief that the fence would be an asset and provide protection to both the students and workers of the program. With that said, she then made a motion to approve a variance for the 8' chain link on the property at 930 E. Cypress Street as shown in the application materials. Russ Summers provided a second to the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0, upon voice vote of the Board.

ADJOURN

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

ATTEST:


Dana L.S. Williams, CMC, City Recorder

APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2011.

By:


George Whitlock, Chairman

Michael W. Pooser, Vice Chair