

ALTON PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES
ALTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 30, 2010 – 1:15 p.m.
(As unapproved by the Plan Commission)

PRESENT: Mark Hackworth, John Rain, Joe Blair, Barry Clayton, Sam Gomer, Anne Doucleff, Gary Doerr

ABSENT: Bill Stoutenborough, Chris Schuneman, Terry Dooley

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug Waggoner (Building Code Inspector), Jim Schrempf (Corporation Counselor), and Michelle Heinold (Secretary)

Chairman Hackworth called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken with 7 present and 3 absent.

Motion was made by Joe Blair and seconded by Barry Clayton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2010.

Vote was 7 to 0 in favor

Motion was made by Gary Doerr and seconded by Sam Gomer to open the public hearing.

Vote was 7 to 0 in favor.

Pamela Cunningham petitioned for a special use permit at 834 McPherson to operate a day care facility.

Jim Schrempf explained the public hearing procedures.

Ms Cunningham stated she would like to operate a day care center in her home from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Questions from the Plan Commission:

- Eight children are allowed by the state – Ms Cunningham would like to have infant to six years old.
- Seven foot high fence around rear yard.
- Six room house with walk out ground level basement.
- If she has more than 5 children, will have one more employee.
- Has no off street parking.
- Kids will be walking from Sanborne Street.
- No day care experience.

Public questions:

- Alderman Jim Ryan – Has Ms Cunningham applied through DCFS? Yes, no license yet.

Those in favor in audience – none.

Those in opposition in audience:

- Harold Cole, 831 McPherson, submitted letter with 12 signatures in opposition of the day care center for the following reasons:
 - Street too narrow
 - Speeding on street is dangerous
 - Parking on both sides now.
 - No off street parking
 - Established residential neighborhood.

No written responses for or against the day care center.

Alderman Ryan stated he has received 5 calls from neighbors that the street is too narrow and the parking is bad.

Rebecca Berlinger, 827 McPherson, stated she was in opposition.

Additional questions from the Plan Commission:

- Will the stairway to the upper level of the home be blocked from the children when not in use? Yes.
- Will all stairways have railings? Yes.

Doug Waggoner's memo, see attached, was discussed. City does not support the request.

Motion was made by John Rain and seconded by Barry Clayton to close public hearing.

Vote was 7 to 0 in favor.

Motion was made by John Rain and seconded by Barry Clayton for a special use permit on the property identified by permanent parcel number 23-2-07-03-20-403-033, Section 3, Township 5 North, Range 10 West of the Third Principal Meridian, also known as 834 McPherson, Alton, Illinois, to operate a day care facility.

Vote was 2 in favor: John Rain, Gary Doerr

5 in opposition: Mark Hackworth, Joe Blair, Barry Clayton, Sam Gomer, Anne Doucleff

Adjourned 1:45

Also, the Plan Commission voted on chairman and co-chairman.

Motion was made by Anne Doucleff and seconded by Gary Doerr to reappoint Mark Hackworth as chairman.

Vote was 7 to 0 in favor.

Motion was made by Joe Blair and seconded by Anne Doucleff to reappoint Joe Blair as co-chairman.

Vote 7 to 0.

Adjourned 1:50

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