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Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 18, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
Reported for Fissinger & Associates
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present in Chambers: Val Gomez, William Allen,
Lilia Ramos, Joanne Moricz, Chanthini Fowler,
Douglas Sloss, Grayling Gordon, Lydia Lopez.

STAFF: Present in Chambers: Richard Morrisroe, Debra
Gritters.

MR. GOMEZ: Before we go on to the Pledge of Allegiance
I would just like to make an announcement. Douglas Powers,
our City Planner, has resigned. And the Mayor accepted his
resignation Friday. So he will no longer be the City
Planner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of Monday,
June 20, 2022

Comments/Questions: None

Motion to approve June 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes made
by Lilia Ramos. Second by William Allen.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

1 NEW BUSINESS:

2 City Planner's Reporter:

3 MR. GOMEZ: Next we'll move on to New Business. We have
4 the City Planner's Report. We have one item on our agenda.
5 Development Plan Review 4204 Homerlee.

6 MR. MORRISROE: For those of you who I haven't worked
7 with before I would just like you to know that I have been
8 doing this on and off since December of 1973.

9 And another kind of interim arrangement with Debbra
10 who is with us. Debbra who read the present and absent.

11 Debbra, how do I pronounce your last name?

12 MS. GRITTERS: Gritters with a G.

13 MR. MORRISROE: The item on the agenda you have a
14 Development Plan Review for 4204 Homerlee. This has been
15 reviewed by the Technical Review Committee. It has been
16 recommended for you, for you to recommend to vote on.

17 We would like to present David Matthews who is a
18 longtime staff person in our Building Department who will
19 give you some background on what is here.

20 We also have Mr. and Mrs. Mota who are the owners
21 of the home as well as Manuel Serrano who is the contractor.
22 They will be here to answer any questions that you have about
23 the work that they want to do on their home.

24 This would not have even come to your attention
25 were it not that it is more than \$10,000. If more than
\$10,000 is invested into a home improvement, it has to go
through the Building Department and through this review.

MR. MATTHEWS: David Matthews, East Chicago Building
Department Electrical Inspector, Building Inspector, H-VAC,
Plumbing.

It's always been a two-unit building. All of the
permits are pending, pending the outcome of the Plan
Commission's approval.

I have a couple of pictures stating that it was a
two-unit prior to Mr. and Mrs. Mota buying the property. And
they want to renovate the front east and west units as well

1 as the basement units.

2 There's going to be a one-hour rated wall dividing
3 in the basement for fire protection and for safety.

4 If you have any questions?

5 MR. MORRISROE: You may simply pass those.

6 MR. MATTHEWS: It's a two-unit electrical. It's always
7 been a two-unit.

8 MR. GOMEZ: So did this go before Tech Review?

9 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes.

10 MR. GOMEZ: There were no issues at Tech Review?

11 MR. MATTHEWS: There were no issues.

12 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions from any Commissioners
13 of Mr. Matthews or the architect?

14 MS. RAMOS: I have a question. You said it's a
15 two-unit. And it's going to remain a two-unit?

16 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes.

17 MR. GOMEZ: There was an issue with the basement or with
18 the concrete?

19 MR. MATTHEWS: Well, they were going to go down 6 inches
20 into the basement floor. They're only going to go 2 inches
21 into the floor. So there will be no issue with the sewer or
22 septic or rainwater or storm water.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions?

24 Comments/Questions: None

25 Motion to approve Development Plan Review and Design
Renovation Plan for 4204 Homerlee made by William Allen.
Second by Chanthini Fowler.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

MR. GOMEZ: Thank you very much and good luck.

1 OLD BUSINESS: None.

2 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None.

3 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

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5 * Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday, August 15,
2022 @ 4:30 p.m.

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7 Motion to adjourn was made by William Allen. Second by Lilia
Ramos.

8 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
9 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

10 * Meeting ended at 4:39 p.m.

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Approval of Meeting Minutes of
Monday, July 18, 2022
Approved and Signed _____

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Lisa Pena, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Portage, Indiana, this 26th day of July, 2022.



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