

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2006

The Van Buren Planning Commission held the regular monthly meeting Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Room of the Van Buren Municipal Complex. The following items were on the agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from the last meeting
2. Variance request by Eric Armstrong, represented by Satterfield Land Surveyors, requesting the front yard setback be reduced to 17.2 feet from the 25-foot setback the zoning ordinance requires, at property located 620 Highland Avenue, Van Buren, Arkansas. Zoning for this property is presently R-1.
3. Discussion by Planning Commission on floodplain
4. Any other business that comes before the Commission

Members Present:                      Bob Freeman, Chairman  
   Phillip Bagby, Co-Chairman  
   Sue Moore  
   Lyn Brown  
   Frank Newman  
   Andrew Dibble  
   Dorvan Wiley  
   Mark Evans

Members Absent:                      Mike Burgess

Others Present:                      Cami Brown, Recording Secretary  
   David Martin, Chief Bldg. Inspector  
   Ricky Hill, Satterfield Land Surveyors  
   Kevin Robinson  
   Curt Harris

Chairman Bob Freeman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. First order of business was approval of minutes from the February meeting. A motion was made by Co-Chairman Philip Bagby to approve minutes as written. This motion was given a second by Sue Moore, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The next item addressed by the Planning Commission was a Variance Request by Eric Armstrong represented by Satterfield Land Surveyors, requesting the front yard setback be reduced to 17.2 feet from the 25-foot setback the zoning ordinance requires, at property located 620 Highland Avenue, Van Buren, Arkansas, Zoning R-1. Chairman Bob Freeman stated he was not voting on this issue, as he holds the financing on this house. After much discussion, a motion was made by Lyn Brown to approve the request, and this motion received a second from Dorvan Wiley. The motion passed, with Chairman Bob Freeman abstaining from the vote.

The next item in front of the Commission was on a Conditional Use Permit Request from Trinity Episcopal Church, 918 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, for a Head Start Family Services to be conducted at their location. Representing Trinity Episcopal Church was Kevin Robinson. After some discussion, Dorvan Wiley made a motion to approve, which was given a second by Frank Newman. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Next item was information on floodplain, presented to the Planning Commission by Chief Building Inspector David Martin. Mr. Martin went over changes that are coming in the near future and how they will affect the Industrial Park properties in the City of Van Buren. Bob Freeman commented these things are a result of the Katrina disaster and this is not affecting just this area, but is nationwide.

At this time, the meeting was adjourned.

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Bob Freeman, Chairman

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Cami L. Brown, Recording Secretary