

MINUTES
COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
February 21, 2012
7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Don Haines, Chairman
Jay Lewis, Vice Chairman
Justin Evans
Terry Sears

MAYOR/COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

None

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

George Weis, Zoning Officer
Deb LaClair, Clerk

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Frank Doutrich
Patrick McGinness & Dorothy McGinness
David Brumbaugh

CALL TO ORDER:

Don Haines, Chairman, called this regular meeting of the Columbia Borough Planning Commission to order on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Virginia Abendschein, Tiffani Lynn and Jeff Helm were absent from this meeting.

There was a moment of silence and the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES:

Since there were no corrections to the November and December 2011 and January 2012 minutes, Don Haines announced those minutes would be noted as approved.

ZONING HEARING:

353 North Second Street –James & Jean Vinelli–George Weis, Code Enforcement Officer, gave a brief history of the property. The applicant is requesting variances for the conversion of the existing first floor of the garage into a dwelling unit. The second floor space of the garage is an existing dwelling unit along with the house. The property is a registered rental. The first floor space was used by the previous owner for storage. All Commission members expressed their concerns about the square footage of the living area and the fact there was no parking. Justin Evans suggested the proposed first floor conversion be added to the existing apartment on the second floor and that perhaps the owners could recoup part of their money that way.

The Commission members decided to express their concerns but not make an official recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Frank Doutrich asked about the land located at Fourth and Manor Streets. The Commission members stated they didn't know about any activity for this property.

ADJOURNMENT:

Justin Evans motioned and Terry Sears seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. All favored this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Haines

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Chairman



Borough of Columbia

LEO S. LUTZ, Mayor
MICHAEL L. BEURY, Borough Council President
R. L. PFANNEBECKER, Solicitor
NORMAN B. MEISKEY, III, Borough Manager

COLUMBIA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

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Final

1. Call to Order:
2. Period of Prayer:
3. Pledge of Allegiance:
4. Election of Officers:
5. Approval of Minutes: November 21, 2011
 December 19, 2011
 January 17, 2012
6. Special Discussion:
7. Correspondence:
8. Engineer's Review(s):
9. Demolition Applications:

 (Releases: Sewer, Water, Gas, Electric, Cable TV, Tele)
10. Action Items:
11. Discussion Items:
12. Old Business:

 Projects Update:
13. New Business:
14. Public Comments and Questions:
15. Zoning Hearings: 353 N. Second Street – James & Jean Vinelli
16. Adjournment: