

MINUTES
RIGBY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
February 12, 2004
7:00 PM

Members present: Chairman Craig Bates, Karen Durst, Wayne Clark, Stan Borowski, Bill Millet, and City Attorney Steve Clark. Also present was Lorena Peterson, Blaine Robbins and Gary Hibbard. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M.

Chairman Craig Bates opened the hearing for a variance to approve Lorena Peterson's fence at 136 Dove Avenue, Rigby. Lorena Peterson stated that she had torn down her old six (6) foot high wooden fence and replaced it with a vinyl one but the building permit was denied by the Public Works Director. He cited city ordinances 10-1-5, paragraph H; 10-8-6, paragraph A; and 10-9-2, paragraphs B and D as his reasons for denial. Ms. Peterson had assumed since there was no problem with the old fence, the new one would present no problem, either.

Members of the board then discussed the ability of vehicles being able to see oncoming traffic when stopped at that corner and when backing out of the driveway.

The floor was opened for those who wished to speak against the variance and, since there was no one that came forward, the floor was opened for those who wished to speak for the variance. Michael Barrett, who lives in the residence at 136 Dove Avenue, stated that there has never been a problem with the fence since he has lived there.

The hearing was closed at 7:22 PM.

After discussion by the board, Karen Durst moved to approve the variance with the condition that, if the road is widened, Ms. Peterson has the responsibility to move the fence. Stan Borowski seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.

Blane Robbins of Blane Robbins Electric in Blackfoot presented possible choices for lighting in the Pioneer Park Subdivision. He outlined proposals in a letter dated 2-11-04 (Exhibit 1). There was discussion among the board about who would enforce the upkeep and maintenance of the lights and who would bear the cost. Mr. Robbins said there would be a covenant governing the lights and that the homeowners would be responsible for upkeep.

Wayne Clark moved to amend the letter as shown in Exhibit 2 and recommend the policies by adopted as an addendum to the subdivision ordinances. Stan Borowski seconded, all voted aye, and the motion was passed.

It was also asked if this could be a city-wide lighting standards.

Karen Durst moved to support the memo from the mayor (Exhibit 3) and to write a letter of support (Exhibit 4). Bill Millet seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Members discussed the possibility of a member of Rigby Planning and Zoning being on the joint city/county transportation or traffic committee.

The minutes were discussed and approved after making one minor change.

Karen Durst was excused.

The minutes of January 8, 2004, were discussed and approved.

Wayne Clark moved to adjourn and Stan Borowski seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.