

Draft Minutes for the May 1, 2018 Planning Commission Regular Meeting

PZ-18-009: Public hearing and recommendation to City Council regarding the proposed rezoning request to apply a Special Use Permit to allow the short term rental of a single-family residence in the “C-3” Commercial District, addressed at 481 East Torrey Street.

(Applicant: C. Booe; Case Manager: H. Mullins)

Mrs. Mullins presented the Staff report and recommended approval, with the following requirements:

1. The existing residential appearance of the building must be maintained.
2. The property will remain in compliance with the approved site plan. Any significant changes to the site plan will require revision to the SUP.

Chair Edwards asked if anyone wished to speak in favor.

Kenneth Booe, 344 Clark Road, Abilene TX, wished to speak in favor. He stated he believed the short-term rental would benefit the neighborhood economically.

Chair Edwards asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition.

Theresa Koepp, 871 and 897 American Blvd, wished to speak in opposition. She stated a short-term rental would not be compatible with the surrounding residences. She reflected on previous issues her tenants had with short-term rental properties and read an article from the local paper regarding short-term rentals.

Motion by Commissioner Laskowski, seconded by Commissioner Tubb, to close the public hearing. The motion carried (7-0-0).

Motion by Vice Chair Sonier, seconded by Commissioner Nolte, to recommend approval to City Council regarding the proposed rezoning request to apply a Special Use Permit to allow the short term rental of a single-family residence in the “C-3” Commercial District, addressed at 481 East Torrey Street, with Staff recommendations. Motion carried, with Commissioner Hoyt in opposition (6-1-0).