

Board of Zoning Appeals
Minutes
February 4, 2014

I. Call to order

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Board appointed Glenn Thornburg to preside over the meeting. Mr. Thornburg called the regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order on February 4, 2014 at 5:30p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 1207 Palm Boulevard. Other members present were Carolyn Holscher and Jay Leigh; also Secretary Douglas Kerr was present. Arnold Karig and Mike Layman were absent.

II. Approval of minutes

The next item on the agenda was the review of the minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting. Mr. Leigh made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

III. Home Occupancies

Mr. Thornburg explained that the Board acted as a quasi-judicial body and all comments made were treated in the same manner as court testimony; therefore, any person who would like to speak to the Board should be sworn in. He then swore in all members of the audience that would be speaking.

7 Links Clubhouse Court

Mr. Kerr explained that the applicant was requesting a special exception to allow the establishment of an event planning and floral design business at her home. He explained that the applicant has indicated that there will be no business related traffic coming to the house in connection with the business.

Mr. Thornburg asked the applicant if there was anything to add to the application. Ms. Jourdain, the applicant, explained that she will hold meetings outside of the house at event venues and she would be doing office work only at the house. Mr. Thornburg asked if there would be any signs visible on cars or elsewhere. Ms. Jourdain answered no.

Ms. Holscher made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Leigh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

#30- 32nd Avenue

Mr. Kerr explained that the applicant was requesting approval to allow the establishment of a recovery life coach business at #30-32nd Avenue. He explained that the home would be used for office work only and that there would be no business related traffic coming to the home. He added that a real estate business was authorized by the Board in November 2013, and that a

code amendment now allowed multiple home occupancies at a residence. He explained that there were two applicants on the application and the business was technically a partnership, but that only the resident of the home, Mr. Clarke, would be working from this residence.

The applicant, Mr. Steven Clarke, explained that his partner would be working out of his own personal residence in Mount Pleasant. He explained that the only activity that would be happening at the house would be record keeping, phone and general office administration.

Mr. Thornburg asked the applicant to elaborate on what a recovery life coach does. Mr. Clarke explained that it typically involves rehabilitation from substance abuse and he would be providing positive reinforcement to clients via visits to them and phone conversations.

Ms. Holscher asked if the business was a franchise or an independent business of the two partners. Mr. Clarke answered it was just the two partners.

Mr. Thornburg asked how the business was funded. Mr. Clarke answered that the funding comes primarily from his partner.

Mr. Thornburg asked if there would ever be a reason for a client to visit his home. Mr. Clarke answered no.

Mr. Leigh made a motion to approve the request and Ms. Holscher seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

IV. Executive session

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to go into executive session to have an annual legal briefing by the City Attorney.

V. Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.