

City of Lafayette
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ron Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. **Present:** Michael Karl, Ron Kerr, Jo Johnson, George Larsen, Doreen Vantyne (via Zoom)
- b. **Absent:** Michel Shaw
- c. **City Staff Present:** City Planner Jim Jacks, Assistant City Administrator Kevin Perkins
- d. **Others:** Ian Stone

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Michael Karl made a motion to approve the January 20, 2022 minutes. George Larsen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA:

None

5. WORK SESSIONS:

- a. *Fence Standards for a side yard adjacent to a street (continued from January 20, 2022):*

Ron Kerr gave a brief summary of what was discussed at the January 20, 2022 meeting.

The Commission discussed different options for establishing clear language in the code for fencing on each the front yard, interior side yard, rear yard and side yard adjacent to the street. Discussion continued.

Jim Jacks provided a detailed explanation of the fence code and setback requirements as it is currently written. Discussion ensued.

Michael Karl suggested leaving the fence code as it is currently. Stating if homeowners would like to have a six-foot high fence on their property line adjacent to a street, they can apply for a variance. The commission discussed the difficult criteria a homeowner would have to meet to have a variance approved.

Ron Kerr made a motion to initiate the legislative process to amend the Lafayette Zoning and Development Ordinance to allow a six (6) foot high fence on any property line except the front yard and clear vision area. Jo Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 to 2 (Michael Karl and Doreen Vantyne voting no).

Jim Jacks explained that the hearing for this legislative change will take place during the April 2022 meeting, to allow time for the DLCD 35-day notice and other notices required.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

7. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

8. **NEXT MEETING:** March 17, 2022

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Jo Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Karl seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Minutes approved on 17th day of March, 2022.

CERTIFIED:



Chairperson, Ron Kerr

ATTESTED:

Community Development Clerk, Danielle Oliveira