Thursday, August 30, 2007

Public Hearings and Possible Actions RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 90

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of an ordinance granting floodplain variances requested by Mr. Robert E. Mebane to allow construction of an addition to a single-family residence at 700 Park Boulevard in the 100-year floodplain of Waller Creek and to waive the requirement to dedicate drainage easement to the full limit of the 100-year floodplain, thereby excluding the footprint of the existing and proposed structure.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Mr. Robert E. Mebane proposes construction of an addition to an existing single-family house at 700 Park Boulevard. The addition would consist of a two-story attached garage including storage space above the garage and a family room. The proposed construction is the subject of Building Permit application number BP-06-12927RA.

The proposed addition consists of a 273 sq. ft. family room, 563 sq. ft. attached garage and 455 sq. ft. storage area above the garage, for a total addition of 1,291 sq. ft. The existing house area is 3,068 sq. ft. Currently there is no garage. The applicant seeks variances to the City of Austin's floodplain management regulations to obtain a building permit to construct 1,291 sq. ft. of additional floor space including family room, garage, storage space above the garage and to waive the requirement to dedicate drainage easement to the full limit of the 100-year floodplain, thereby excluding the footprint of the existing and proposed structure.

The depth of water on Park Boulevard at the driveway for this property is up to 1.35 feet during the 100-year flood event. The floodwater depth could reach 0.7 feet at the proposed addition and up to 4.9 feet at the existing house.

THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THIS VARIANCE REQUEST.