Thursday, November 1, 2007

Public Hearings and Possible Actions RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 68

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance granting variance requests by David Burnett and Dwane Ideker to allow construction of an addition to the single-family residence at 1111 Berger Street in the 25-year and 100-year floodplains of Tannehill Branch and to waive the requirement to dedicate a drainage easement to the full limit of the 100-year floodplain for the footprint of the existing and proposed structures.

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

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David Burnett, the applicant and Dwane Ideker, the agent of the owner of the property, propose construction of an addition to an existing single-family house at 1111 Berger Street. The addition would consist of two bedrooms, bathroom, wood deck and covered front porch. The proposed additions amount to substantial improvement to the existing structure. The proposed construction is the subject of Building Permit application number BP-07-125798.

The proposed addition consists of 324 sq. ft. for two bedrooms and one bathroom, 60 sq. ft. for a wood deck, and 50 sq. ft. for a covered porch. The existing house is 659 sq. ft. in size and is located in the 25-year and 100-year floodplains of Tannehill Branch. The applicant seeks variances to the City of Austin's floodplain management regulations to obtain a building permit to construct the addition and to waive the requirement to dedicate drainage easement to the full limit of the 100-year floodplain by excluding the footprint of the existing and proposed structures.

The 25 and 100-year floodplain inundate most of the lot. The depth of water at the Berger Street curb line during the 100-year flood event will be approximately 2.35 ft. deep. The floodwater depth at the proposed addition/house would be approximately 2.00 ft. deep during the 100-year flood event.