Late Backup

Item #126. 2006 Hopi Trail

Steven Nacamuli (applicant) appealing the Residential Design & Compatibility Commission (RDCC) decision to deny Subchapter waiver request.

Background

- o February 2007
 - Demolition permit applied & issued for 2100 Hopi Trail.
 - Structure straddled 2100 and 2006 Hopi Trail
 - Both lots are owned by the applicant
- o August 15, 2007
 - City received an application for new construction of a single family home on 2006 Hcp! Trail
 - ⇒ FAR requested at 0.49 (2,949 sq ft)
 - Sidewall length proposed at 61 feet without articulation
- September 5, 2007 RDCC Waiver Request
 - Increase FAR by 25% (605 sq ft)
 - Increase length of side wall from 32 ft to 61 ft before articulation is required
 - RDCC postponed, requesting FAR of other properties within 300 ft of the subject property

Background (cont...)

- o October 3, 2007 RDCC Hearing
 - Opposition included
 - 5 letters & a petition signed by 16 area property owners
 - Presentation by West Austin Neighborhood Group (WANG) providing FAR analysis of properties within 300 ft
 - Applicant presented photos of 8 area properties & compared square footage.
 - RDCC denied request (6-2-1 vote)

Appellant's Claim

- o Commissioners stated that plans:
 - Met the requirements of Subchapter F
 - Complied with neighborhood design guidelines
 - Consistent with streetscape
 - Consistent with scaling
 - Considerate of impact of privacy to neighbors
- o Commissioners did not state any objection to the house plan.
- Appellant requests Council overturn RDCC's denial.

Council Options

- o Approve the appeal
 - Overturns RDCC's denial
 - Subchapter F is waived:
 - \circ 0.5 FAR = 3,025 sq. ft maximum
 - Sidewall articulation waived for a proposed wall length of 61 ft.
- Deny the appeal
 - Upholds RDCC's denial
 - Residence must comply with Subchapter F
 - \circ 0.4 FAR = 2,420 sq. ft.
 - o Sidewall articulation must occur at 32 ft

Questions & Answers

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