

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Austin, Texas

Special Meeting -- February 26, 1960

The meeting of the Commission was called to order at 3:40 p.m. in the Conference Room, Municipal Building.

Present

D. B. Barrow, Chairman
Howard E. Brunson
Doak Rainey

Absent

Marvin B. Braswell
Carl A. Johnson
S. P. Kinser
H. F. Kuehne
W. Sale Lewis
Emil Spillmann

Also Present

Hoyle M. Osborne, Director of Planning
E. N. Stevens, Chief, Plan Administration
Dudley Fowler, Asst. City Attorney

SPECIAL PERMIT

CP14-60-2 City of Austin: Branch Library
Bowman Ave. and Exposition Blvd.

The Director reviewed the information in the staff report and presented the following analysis of the application:

CHARACTER OF SITE AND AREA: The site is undeveloped. The area is developed predominantly with single-family dwellings. A commercial development with Tarrytown Shopping Center exists at the corner of Windsor Road and Exposition Boulevard.

SITE PLAN: The applicant proposes to use the site for a branch library with parking facilities and controlled ingress and egress, and a recessed curb area to provide for a drop box on Bowman Avenue.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS:

Storm Sewer - O.K.
Fire Prevention - O.K.
Fire Protection - None
Traffic Engineer - O.K.
Water & San. Sewer - O.K.
Building Inspector - It is recommended that planting screen be put on west side also
Legal Department - None

Director of Public Works - recommend revised parking lot plan along with corrections indicated on said plat
Electric Department - Electric service location has been worked out with the architect
Office Engineer - O.K. if curb and driveway layout as designed by Traffic and Transportation is used.
Tax Assessor & Collector - none

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The staff called attention to a revised plan prepared by the department showing a screen planting along the north and west sides, the north screening having been agreed to by the architects and the west screening having been recommended by the Department of Public Works in the event the adjoining lots are developed residentially. The staff reported that the Director of Public Works has requested a $4\frac{1}{2}$ -foot width for the sidewalk as required instead of the 4 feet as shown as an extension of the existing sidewalk. Attention was also called to a bicycle rack which was added for the convenience of children visiting the library. The architect agreed to the changes as recommended.

Miss Mary Rice (Librarian), Mr. R. W. Pettway and Mrs. A. W. Harris (Library Commission), and Mr. Bob Landis (Architect) appeared in support of this request. Miss Rice asked about the possibility of off-set parking on Bowman Avenue but the Director recommended against this and explained that the Traffic Engineer will place "No Parking" signs on Bowman except by the drop box.

Mrs. John M. Barcus (2711 Bowman Avenue) was interested as a neighbor in the off-street parking and the safety of the children. She said children have been playing on this property and she suggested the possibility of a cyclone fence to better protect them from using the paved parking area than a hedge would serve. After a general discussion, it was agreed that the hedge would be more attractive and would be a sufficient barrier.

The staff called attention to the setback of 25 feet for the building and explained that the $22\frac{1}{2}$ feet as previously discussed was an error.

The Commission reviewed the site plan and the recommendations presented and found that the plan complies with all sections of the Zoning Ordinance and is a matter of public necessity and convenience as reflected in the Capital Improvements Program for 1956-1961, subject to the following conditions:

1. That a screening hedge be planted along the north and west sides, and
2. That the sidewalk be made $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet in width.

It was therefore

VOTED: To APPROVE the site plan as revised and to authorize the Chairman to sign the necessary resolution issuing the Special Permit, subject to the conditions listed above.

AYE: Messrs. Barrow, Brunson and Rainey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Messrs. Braswell, Johnson, Kinser, Kuehne, Lewis and Spillmann

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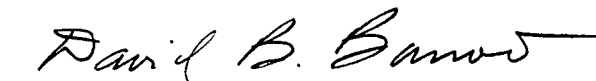
Because there were only three members present, Messrs. Kinser and Lewis were polled by telephone and voted to approve the above action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.


Hoyle M. Osborne
Executive Secretary

APPROVED:


Chairman