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## CITY OF FORT PIERCE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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### Board of Adjustment Minutes

OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE CITY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HELD ON THURSDAY, **SEPTEMBER 25, 2014**, IN FORT PIERCE CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PRAYER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Joyce Calvert; Clem Benton, Jr; BJ Beavin; William Nunn; Chairman Bret McCain

Absent: James Crist; Bennie Clark

Staff Present: Rebecca Grohall, AICP, Planning Manager  
Sandy Ramseth, AICP, Senior Planner  
Alicia Rosenthal, Administrative Assistant

Attendees: Steve McCain, Assistant City Attorney

**4. CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES**

Motion was made by William Nunn, seconded by Joyce Calvert to approve the absences of Mr. Clark and Mr. Crist.

AYE: Joyce Calvert, Clem Benton, Jr, BJ Beavin, William Nunn, Chairman Bret McCain  
Passed

**5. CERTIFICATION OF ALTERNATE MEMBER(S)**

Ms. Beavin and Mr. Nunn were made active members for the meeting.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. June 26, 2014 Meeting

Motion was made by William Nunn, seconded by Clem Benton, Jr to approve minutes from June 26, 2014 meeting.

AYE: Joyce Calvert, Clem Benton, Jr, BJ Beavin, William Nunn, Chairman Bret McCain

Passed

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of a variance to deviate from Sections 22-187(6)a. and 22-187(6)b. of the City Code in order to reduce the required landscape strip from ten (10) feet to zero (0) feet and to eliminate the requirement to have installed one (1) tree for each two hundred (200) square feet of required landscape area.

Ms. Ramseth stated the applicant was notified by staff that only four members were going to be present, based on the quorum call. The applicant respectfully requested to exercise procedural rights to continue the meeting until there are five members or until the next available meeting, which will be October 23, 2014. A letter was handed out from Ms. Angelos, the attorney representing the applicant, requesting the matter be continued.

Mr. McCain, Assistant City Attorney, stated the applicant was advised of the provisions of Rule 6. Out of courtesy, the applicants attorney, Ms. Angelos, was notified of the procedural rule that an applicant has an option to either precede with the four members present or ask for a continuance or request the continuance ensuring there will be five board members present. Ms. Angelos respectfully requested the continuance until they can have five members present.

Mr. McCain, Assistant City Attorney, stated the applicant was notified at 4:00 PM that there will be five members at the meeting. Since it was late in the day, and some of the witnesses needed to travel he suggested that a continuance be granted.

Ms. Grohall stated the next available date for a special meeting was October 16, 2014. Since the advertising deadline was today the application will be presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mr. Nunn stated he had told staff at the beginning of the week he was not going to be present at the meeting but his plans changed and he forgot to notify staff.

Motion was made by Clem Benton, Jr, seconded by William Nunn to grant continuance of the variance until the next Board of Adjustment meeting.

AYE: Joyce Calvert, Clem Benton, Jr, BJ Beavin, William Nunn, Chairman Bret McCain  
Passed

## **8. DISCUSSION / OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Grohall is working on Board Workshop.

Mr. McCain, Assistant Staff Attorney, asked the members to notify staff if they are not going to be available for the October 23, 2014 meeting.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**