

Canby Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
August 10, 1981

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners MacKenzie, Baller, Shinn, Schraeder, Davis,
and Cutsforth

MEMBER ABSENT: Chairman Kahut

OTHERS PRESENT: Dorothy Knight, Jonas Morris, City Attorney Roger Reif, City
Planner Stephan Lashbrook, and Secretary Virginia Shirley

The meeting was opened at 7:40 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Catherine Davis.

Commissioner MacKenzie moved to accept the minutes of the July 13, 1981, meet-
ing as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baller and passed
unanimously.

Item No. 1: A request for a variance to the sideyard setback to 5 feet to allow
for construction of a garage on property located on the west side of North Baker
Drive directly west of N. E. Sixth Avenue and described as Tax Lot 2300, Section
32DB, T3S, R1E. The applicant is Jonas Morris. City Planner Lashbrook made his
presentation and gave a recommendation for approval subject to five conditions.
The City Planner explained the plot plan submitted by the applicant, and pointed
out the property on the map. Jonas Morris, applicant explained to the Commission
that he had applied without first talking to his neighbors. He had spoken with
the neighbors today and Mrs. Knight was most opposed to the idea of this garage
at that location on the property. Mr. Morris further stated that he would not
oppose Mrs. Knight in requesting the variance. There being no further proponents,
opponents were called for. Mrs. Dorothy Knight, 655 N. Baker Drive, informed
the Commission and she and her late husband had developed Knight's Addition. They
had wanted a good looking plat, without crowding. She feels they have accomp-
lished this goal as it is at the present time. She noted that the proposed
building would be in full view of anyone traveling west on N. E. Sixth Avenue,
and Mr. Morris already has one accessory building. Mrs. Knight pointed out
that this proposed building is against the private deed restrictions and would
set a precedent. Mr. Morris stood and stated that since he did not want to
oppose Mrs. Knight, he would like to formally withdraw his application. This
was acceptable to the Planning Commission and no action was taken on the appli-
cation.


Mr. Morris asked if he could make a complaint to the Commission. He went on to
state that N. W. Baker Drive is being used by the employees of Globe Union and
he would like to see a stop sign and one-way traffic from N. W. Sixth Avenue
south. Although the street is in very bad condition, it is used heavily and at
very high speeds. He was questioned as to which way the traffic traveled the
fastest. Mr. Morris felt that traffic traveled faster when going north as they
were going home from work - when traveling south they are headed to work. The
Commission asked Mr. Lashbrook what could be done regarding the condition of the
street and traffic signing. Mr. Lashbrook stated that he had made a note of the
complaint and would be talking to Mr. Bud Atwood about the situation in the
morning. Mr. Morris thanked the Commission and left.

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Mr. Baller stated that he had received a "vision clearance letter" from Bud Atwood. He had called Mr. Atwood who had come out to his house to talk to him. In talking to Mr. Atwood, it became clear that there are many plants which are not in the vision clearance area of the corner which are causing problems. He used one in his neighborhood as an example. He expressed the feeling that the City should have an ordinance restricting planting in the street right-of-way. This should not be limited to only the vision corner. After a short discussion, Mr. Lashbrook stated he would put this matter on his list of ordinance amendments for future consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Virginia J. Shirley, Secretary
Canby Planning Commission