Minutes Huntington Planning Commission November 7, 2022

A meeting of the City of Huntington Planning Commission was held on November 07, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mr. Gallagher called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Brian Gallagher, Sarah Walling, Sean Hornbuckle, Carl Eastham, Ursulette Ward, Gerry Holley

Members Absent: Sharon Pell, Stephanie Vlahos Bryant, Holly Smith Mount

Janney Lockman, Planner Staff Present:

Ericka Hernandez, Assistant City Attorney Nathanial Crum, Planning Technician

Mr. Eastham made a motion to approve the September Minutes as presented; Ms. Walling seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the Minutes were approved.

PC 22-MS-09

A proposal to develop storage units on a property that is approximately 58,125 SF or 1.3 acres. The property is located on the southern side of the 1700 block of Virginia Avenue and is zoned C-2 Highway Commercial District.

Petitioner/Property Owner: B&B Holdings, 1539 Greenup Ave. Suite 101, Ashland, KY

Ms. Lockman presented the Staff Report.

Mr. Hornbuckle - Could you say again the requirements listed by AEP?

Ms. Lockman – AEP has a power line that runs along the alley, and the recommend roughly about 12ft of clearance between any buildings and a powerline. Currently the storage units are setback 5ft from the alley, so AEP request was to shift the storage units to meet the recommended setback of about 12ft.

Michelle Bissett, a representative of B&B Holdings steps forward. I will be able to answer some questions but probably not everything because I do not know everything with this particular development. However, I do not believe there should be an issue with moving the units a little bit because they are prefabricated units. We will just need to have the engineer create a new set of plans showing that movement that is requested.

Mr. Hornbuckle - Is there any knowledge of switching plans from parking lot to storage units?

Ms. Bissett, Unfortunately I was not a part of the decision to make the switch from parking lot to storage units so I do not have that information at this time.

Mr. Holley - What sort of buildings were torn down on these lots?

Ms. Bissett, the buildings were vacant homes and have already been torn down. Currently the seven parcels in questions are completely empty.

Mr. Eastham - Directly across the street from this site, there is construction taking place. Is this B&B Holdings as well? Is that not where they relocated what they wanted to do on this lot?

Ms. Bissett - No, what they are wanting to do over there was something that was brought up at the same time the storage unit plans were constructed. I believe it is going to be done in phases, the first phase being the asphalt that was poured on the lot across the street, the storage units are phase two, and the final stage is the other portion of the lot across the street.

Teresa Colton, 308 18th Street W. Voices their concern saying that they have trouble sleeping with the traffic in the area and that this could increase traffic which would further inhibit their quality of sleep. I feel that we are being surrounded by commercial businesses and access ways and will soon be asked to sell our homes.

Mr. Gallagher closes public comment.

Mr. Eastham motions to approve PC 22-MS-09. There is no second.

Mr. Hornbuckle motions that the petition be moved to the next meeting, Mr. Eastham seconded the motion. Motion passed to push the petition to the next meeting by a vote 6 Yes to 0 No.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Date approved:

Chairperson:

Brian Gallagher

Prepared by:

Nate Crum, Planning Technician