

**CITY OF CLEWISTON  
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD  
Regular Meeting  
March 1, 2010**

Mr. Hughes called a regular meeting of the Clewiston Planning and Zoning Board to order at 5:39 p.m., in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Members Present: Lewell Hughes  
Ramon Iglesias  
Sassy Whitehead

Members Absent: Leroy Hare

City Personnel Present: Travis Reese  
Debbi Towner

City Attorney Present: Charlie Schoech

Visitors Present: Margie Geddes  
Amy Moeller

Approval of Minutes.

Mr. Iglesias made a motion, seconded by Ms. Whitehead to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2010 meeting. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Request from Ms. Margie Geddes to install a fence in city right-of-way.

Mr. Reese opened the discussion by reviewing the survey and pointing out the area where the fence would be installed. Ms. Geddes told the board that there is a 135 foot Kapok tree in the right-of-way that she's been maintaining since she's owned the property. As this home is on the national registry of historic homes, Ms. Geddes feels it is important to keep the property looking beautiful. The Sugarland Tour bus stops in front of her home 2-3 times a week and the new fence would not be visible from the street due to the angle that she would install it. She presented the board with pictures depicting where the fence would go.

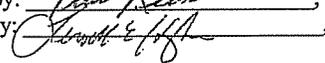
Mr. Schoech spoke to the fact that the Planning & Zoning board cannot grant a variance, that only the owner of the property can grant permission to use their land. As this right-of-way belongs to the City of Clewiston it should be heard by the City Commission and that the P&Z board can only recommend their approval or denial. He also recommends a stipulation be added about requiring removal should the situation in the neighborhood change in the future. A special permit should be issued to Ms. Geddes allowing her to install the fence in the right-of-way.

Mr. Iglesias made a motion to recommend the request as presented by the City Attorney, seconded by Ms. Whitehead. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Whitehead, seconded by Mr. Iglesias at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by: , Director of Building & Zoning

Approved by: , Chairman