

Minutes
Village of Maple Bluff Building Board
Tuesday, December 8, 2015 5:15 p.m.
Village Center – 18 Oxford Place

Members Present: Chair Eric McLeod, Mary Duff, Dave Easton, Kent Johnson, Jennifer Kuehn and Colleen O’Meara.

Members Absent: John Duffy

Others Present: Mary & Mike Grant of 309 Kensington Drive, Brandon Nguyen & Graetel Anderson of 524 N. Sherman Avenue, Bruce Morrow of 212 Kensington Drive, Hank Whipple of 317 Kensington Drive, Assistant Fire Chief Matt Sutter, Chief Tim Krueger, Clerk/Treasurer Sarah Danz, and Deputy Clerk Rene Dopkins.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Jennifer Kuehn and seconded by Kent Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes dated November 10, 2015: A motion was made by Dave Easton and seconded by Mary Duff to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 Building Board meeting. Motion carried.

Citizen comment on any subject other than items on the agenda: None.

Request of Brandon Nguyen and Graetel Anderson of 524 N. Sherman Avenue to build a new Single Family Residence: Brandon & Graetel appeared to present the project. Eric McLeod described the process for razing and building a new home. Brandon reviewed the plans for the new house. The major trees will remain. Mary Duff questioned the reason to raze the current home. Brandon described the condition of the home and the foundation issues. Further discussion included the need for a three car garage and possibly relocating the garage to be side loading, the use of vinyl siding, making the front entrance more prominent, and work on the back yard. Brandon stated that he would like to maintain the character of the village and will take the suggestions back to the architect.

A motion to table this item was made by Kent Johnson and seconded by Mary Duff. Motion carried.

Request of Brandon Nguyen and Graetel Anderson of 524 N. Sherman Avenue to raze the current home: A motion to table this item was made by Kent Johnson and seconded by Mary Duff. Motion carried.

Request of Mary Grant of 309 Kensington Drive to raze the current home: Mary & Mike Grant appeared to present the project. Mary described the condition of the home after many years of water damage. The plan is to raze the home now and build in the spring. Suggestions included limiting the time for the lot being vacant, and taking care of the lot. Chief Krueger read from the zoning code regarding razing a home. Neighbors Hank Whipple and Bruce Morrow spoke in favor of razing the home.

A motion was made by Kent Johnson and seconded by Jennifer Kuehn to approve razing of the home at 309 Kensington Drive. Motion carried.

Discussion with Eric Harms regarding the creation of a new Maple Bluff Logo and Identity:

Signage for entrances to the village was discussed. Eric will meet with members of the committee to develop ideas.

A motion to adjourn was made by Colleen O'Meara and seconded by Mary Duff.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Dopkins
Deputy Clerk

Assistant Fire Chief Sutter spoke with the applicants regarding using their residences for training before razing.