

**BRISTOL TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL REGIONAL
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MINUTES
March 18, 2021**

Members Present:

Katherine Stigers
David Rudd
Joel Staton
Garrett Addington
Dustin Goforth

Staff Present:

Tim Beavers
Danielle Smith
Cari Seaton
Cherith Young
Ross Peters

Others Present:

Samuel McPeak

This meeting was conducted electronically using Zoom.

Katherine Stigers called the Bristol Tennessee Board of Zoning Appeals meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2021. Ms. Stigers performed roll call, and a quorum was declared present.

DISCUSSION OF NECESSITY FOR CONDUCTING ELECTRONIC MEETING:

City Attorney Danielle Smith stated that Governor Lee suspended the provisions to the Open Meetings Act to the extent necessary for conducting meetings electronically instead of physically in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 crisis. Danielle Smith stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals must make a determination on whether or not meeting electronically is necessary rather than in person. Joel Staton made a motion to conduct the meeting electronically, and David Rudd seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote to conduct the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting electronically.

Approval of Minutes – December 16, 2020:

There being no changes to the December 16, 2020 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting minutes, David Rudd made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Joel Staton seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Court Order – 803 Pennsylvania Avenue

City Attorney, Danielle Smith announced that Board of Zoning Appeals was provided with a ruling from the Sullivan County Chancery Court related to Chris Foran's appeal of a decision made by the Board of Zoning Appeals in July 2020. Mrs. Smith commented that it is necessary for the board to decide any action they wish to take in regards to the Court ruling. Mr. Sam McPeak of the law firm of Herrin, McPeak & Associates was present to assist the board with any questions regarding this case. Mr. McPeak represented the Board during this litigation. Mrs. Smith stated that in order to preserve the confidentiality within an attorney-client privileged discussion, the board will meet with Mr. Sam McPeak during a closed session.

The Board entered a closed session.

Following the closed session, Chairwoman, Katy Stigers stated that the Board had concluded their discussion with Mr. McPeak, and asked for a motion from the Board. Joel Staton made a motion to schedule to rehear the case of Mr. Chris Foran at the April 15, 2021 meeting. Garrett Addington seconded the motion. Ms. Stigers asked if there were any remaining questions or concerns. Having no further questions, the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

DISCUSSION:

A. Board Training

Mr. Tim Beavers stated that within the first year of board member appointments, four hours of training are required, and each calendar year thereafter. Tim Beavers stated that there are training opportunities listed on the training matrix, and encouraged members to take the BZA and Property Rights training that was held in December 2020. Mr. Beavers reminded the Board to report their training hours to staff for credit to be documented.

ADJOURN:

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.



Chairwoman, Katherine Stigers