

Minutes of an Informal Meeting of the Planning Commission for the City of Westwood Hills,  
Kansas, July 20, 2023

An informal meeting of the Westwood Hills Planning Commission was held at Westwood City Hall on the 20th day of July, 2023.

Present were members, Erik LaPrade, Norman Friedman, Sollie Flora, Michael E. Whitsitt, and Chris Fein. Also present was Pete Kowalski, owner, who resides at 4905 Glendale Road. This was an informal meeting to answer questions from Mr. Kowalski about his projected addition. His application for building permit was rejected for lack of an architectural seal on his plans. However, SHPO has approved the proposed plan, subject to two conditions, both of which were expressed in the SHPO letter dated July 11, 2023.

Discussion centered around the size of the proposed addition, and the lot area which would be covered. It generally was felt that, if the SHPO conditions were satisfied, the Planning Commission would approve this project. In fact, it was discussed that Mr. Friedman might approve the plan without the necessity of Planning Commission approval, if an architectural seal were obtained. That appears to be in the discretion of Mr. Friedman. The project is for less than 250 square feet. If Mr. Friedman cannot approve it, the next Planning Commission meeting should be in August.

Questions arose concerning the code provisions for garage doors (Friedman), and for grandfathering the footprint for out-buildings, such as detached garages (Fein) which need to be rebuilt. This has nothing to do with the Kowalski project. It was suggested that those who think the code needs to be changed should submit their proposed language for such a change to the city council for consideration.

Since this was not a formal meeting, there was no need to adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

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Michael E. Whitsitt