Minutes of A Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Planning Commission for the City of Westwood Hills, Kansas, October 20, 2022

A meeting of the Westwood Hills Planning Commission was held at the Westwood City Hall on the 20th day of October, 2022. Public notice had been properly given of the meeting tonight.

Present were members, Erik LaPrade, Norman Friedman, chairman, Lyle Miller, Michael E. Whitsitt, Chris Fein, and Bryce Crady. Chairman Friedman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The only order of business was to consider the application of the Hills, at 2018 W. 50th Street. Bryce Crady is the structural engineer for this project so he disqualified himself from voting on it. The Chairman determined that a quorum was present. Bryce Crady served as representative of the owners, and presented the application, as neither of the owners were present.

Discussion was had on the application, with a focus on two things: (1) the lack of an architectural seal on the plans, and (2) the apparent violation of section 5-307(h)7, which prohibits solid doors for two or three car garages. Mr. Miller suggested that there may a difference between mandatory code provisions and one like this which may be a design suggestion, rather than a mandate. It was agreed that the plans were very admirable, save for the above concerns. Mr. Whitsitt inquired about whether the commission had any responsibility to check the architectural representation of the percentage of the lot which would be covered by structures, as compared to the coverage permitted by code. This application represents that the coverage will be well within the limits provided by the code. The commission believes that, where there is an architectural seal, we can generally accept the lot coverage representations.

Mr. Whitsitt moved, and it was seconded, that the application be approved on the condition that the two following conditions are met: (1) an architectural seal be obtained, and (2) that the plans be changed to provide for two, not one, garage doors for this two car garage.

Upon motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at about 7:25 p.m.

Michael E. Whitsitt, Secretary