

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday, November 2, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS:

Valeriano Gomez, President  
Anthony Serna, Vice-President  
Lilia Ramos, Secretary  
Monique Kurmis, Commissioner  
Joanne Moricz, Commissioner  
Douglas Sloss, Commissioner  
William Allen, Commissioner  
Lydia Lopez, Commissioner  
Stacy Winfield, Commissioner

STAFF:

Esperanza Ceja-Ramirez  
Richard Morrisroe  
Joseph Allegretti

Reported for Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR RPR

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Present: Valeriano Gomez, Anthony Serna,  
William Allen

Present through Zoom: Lilia Ramos, Joanne  
Moricz, Douglas Sloss, Lydia Lopez,  
Stacy Winfield

MR. GOMEZ: Meeting is called to order.  
We have a quorum. First order of business is approval  
of minutes.

Motion to approve meeting minutes of Monday, October 19,  
2020, as written, made by William Allen. Second by  
Anthony Serna.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Move on to New Business. Planner's  
report, 4858 Alexander Avenue, two-story, 4-unit  
apartment remodel; Jeffrey A. Shaw, architect.

First, is it confirmed we don't have  
a representative on the phone? (No Response)

MR. MORRISROE: If I may, Richard  
Morrisroe, Acting Planning Director. Mr. Shaw sent to  
us the prints for the 4858 Alexander Avenue. However,

1 while we understand he submitted those to the State, and  
2 I believe he has a CDR -- Construction Design Release --  
3 that's based on conversation with James Portalatin this  
4 afternoon, our Building Commissioner. We tried calling  
5 Mr. Shaw to see if he was going to be part of this  
6 conference, either virtually by phone or through being  
7 present. And Miss Ramirez went down to the security  
8 person to let him know, if Mr. Shaw came, that he was to  
9 be admitted. We have had no other contact with Mr. Shaw  
10 and you may want to table this matter.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Has this gone before Tech  
12 Review?

13 MR. MORRISROE: No, it has not.

14 MR. GOMEZ: Is it suppose to?

15 MR. MORRISROE: It should at some time.

16 MR. GOMEZ: We don't have the architect  
17 and still hasn't gone before Tech Review.

18 MR. MORRISROE: He submitted it for the  
19 Plan Commission. We did not allocate it for Tech  
20 Review.

21 MR. GOMEZ: Does it usually go to Tech  
22 Review first?

23 MR. MORRISROE: Usually would.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Are there any comments or  
25 questions from anyone -- from the commissioners?

MS. WINFIELD: You say it did not go in  
front of Tech Review?

MR. MORRISROE: That is correct. We are  
not asking for approval, Miss Winfield.

MR. GOMEZ: We are not asking for  
approval. We are going to table this because we don't  
have a representative and we don't have Tech Review  
consideration. And I think James would be the only one  
to speak on that and he's not here either. So I'd like  
to suggest we table this.

Motion to table the 4858 Alexander Avenue, 2-story,

**ORIGINAL**

1 4-unit apartment remodel, made by Anthony Serna. Second  
2 by Stacy Winfield.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Let's table this and see if  
4 he can be here at the next meeting.

5 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
6 Opposed: None

7 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

8 Move on to the next item on the  
9 agenda. We have the verbal resignation from Monique  
10 Kurmis as Plan Commissioner and also have the verbal  
11 resignation from Monique Kurmis as Board of Zoning  
12 Appeals member, representative of Plan Commission.

13 Mr. Morrisroe, as far as you know,  
14 she did give a resignation as far as a committee person;  
15 is that correct?

16 MR. MORRISROE: Yes, she had spoken to  
17 Belinda of our staff and mentioned that she was  
18 resigning.

19 MR. GOMEZ: Just for the record on this,  
20 I understand she has some physical problems and she  
21 wished to resign.

22 MR. MORRISROE: That's correct.

23 MR. GOMEZ: So, for the record, we enter  
24 in the record her verbal resignation that she conveyed  
25 -- to you, Mr. Morrisroe?

MR. MORRISROE: She did not. I did not  
speak to her.

MS. CEJA-RAMIREZ: She spoke with Belinda  
before she left.

MR. GOMEZ: So someone from Planning  
Department.

MS. CEJA-RAMIREZ: Yes, the previous  
recording secretary.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay. Any questions or  
comments on accepting the resignation of Monique Kurmis?

MR. MORRISROE: We'd just like to note

1 that Monique Kurmis has spent at least 30 years on the  
2 Plan Commission, and most of that time as well on the  
3 Board of Zoning Appeals.

4 MR. GOMEZ: I would entertain a motion we  
5 approve Monique Kurmis's verbal resignation, and enter  
6 it into the record.

7 Motion to approve Monique Kurmis resignation on Planning  
8 Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals made by Anthony  
9 Serna. Second by William Allen.

10 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
11 Opposed: None

12 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

13 She was our representative from the  
14 Planning Commission on the Board of Zoning Appeals, so  
15 that means one present member now --

16 MR. MORRISROE: Should be appointed by  
17 the Plan Commission to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. I think for next  
19 meeting, if anybody wishes to be on the Board of Zoning  
20 Appeals, we can have nominations and a vote.

21 MR. MORRISROE: Nominations and vote,  
22 correct.

23 MR. GOMEZ: So for next meeting, if any  
24 of the commissioners wish to be the representative of  
25 Plan Commission on the Board of Zoning Appeals, next  
meeting we'll have nominations and we'll take a vote.  
Is that acceptable?

MR. MORRISROE: I believe that is.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay. We'll put that on the  
agenda for next meeting. Any questions or comments on  
this proposal? (None) No motion is necessary, that  
will be for next meeting.

That concludes new business. We  
have no old business. Any comments from commissioners?  
(None) Any comments from the public? (None)

Next meeting will be Monday,  
November 16, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. That concludes our  
business and agenda today.

Entertain a motion for adjournment.

1 Motion to adjourn meeting made by Anthony Serna. Second  
by William Allen.

2 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
3 Opposed: None

4 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.  
Meeting adjourned.

5 \*\*\*\* Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.\*\*\*\*  
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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Monday  
November 2, 2020

Approved and signed



Valeriano Gomez, President

Anthony Serna, Vice-President



Lilia Ramos, Secretary

Joanne Moricz



Douglas Sloss



William Allen

Lydia Lopez



Stacy Winfield



Esperanza Ceja-Ramirez

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Peggy S. LaLonde, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of the said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 4th day of November, 2020.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR

