

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
November 18, 1997**

**PRESENT**

Ken Salzberg  
Wendy Treadwell  
Wayne Groff  
Irene Struck  
Toni Middleton

**ABSENT**

Tom Brace  
Paul Kuettel

**ALSO PRESENT**

Carla Asleson, Planner  
Sue Gehrz, Mayor

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chair Treadwell.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 21, 1997 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Salzberg, seconded by Commissioner Struck, to approve the minutes of the October 21, 1997 planning commission meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**REVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

The September 24, 1997 and October 22, 1997 city council minutes were reviewed by the commission for informational purposes.

**REQUEST TO EXTEND THE TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION OF A GARAGE WITH A  
FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE AT 1596 NORTHROP STREET**

Planner Asleson reported that Eric Schiffman and Karen Kloser, 1596 Northrop Street, had received approval for a front yard variance in 1995. The variance would have allowed them to build a 24' wide x 20' deep attached garage at a front yard setback of 26 feet where a 30 foot setback is required. The original variance stipulated that the work must be completed in two years, with the option for the applicants to request a one year extension. The applicants are now requesting that extension. Asleson further noted that Dr. Schiffman and Ms. Kloser had commissioned a survey of their property which shows that there is more room in the front yard than originally anticipated. To build the garage at the size originally requested, the applicants will need a variance of only 1.4 feet rather than four feet.

Asleson noted that staff recommends approval of the request to extend the variance through December 20, 1999, with an adjustment of the variance from 4 feet to 1.4 feet to reflect the measurements in the property survey. This recommendation is based upon the fact that no significant changes to the property have occurred since the variance was originally granted. Any changes to the proposed garage plan would require obtaining a new variance.

Dr. Schiffman told the planning commission that he and his wife do not want to have to get another variance and will plan to get the garage built.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Salzberg, seconded by Commissioner Groff, to approve planning commission resolution 97-06, recommending approval of an extension of the variance at 1596 Northrop Street. The motion passed unanimously.

**WELCOME TO NEW PLANNING COMMISSIONER**

The newest member of the Planning Commission, Toni Middleton, was formally introduced.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carla Asleson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Carla Asleson  
Planner/Recording Secretary