

City of Columbus
Public Hearings – Woodland Development Variance Application (PC-17-104)
February 15, 2017

The February 15, 2017 Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding a request for a variance from the required platting subdivision requirement to a combination of a plat and metes & bounds subdivision of property was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair Garth Sternberg at the City Hall. Present were Commission members Jim Watson, Pam Wolowski, Jesse Preiner, and Jody Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, Planner Dean Johnson, and Recording Secretary Karen Boland.

Also in attendance were City Council members Denny Peterson, and Bill Krebs; Dick Zaccardi, Gerri Zaccardi, Pam Westlund, Byron Westlund, Mary Preiner and Pat Preiner.

Commissioner Preiner recused himself from this hearing and discussion.

Sternberg: And we're going to have another Public Hearing and discussion for Woodland Development variance request, pages 11 through 18. And, at this time, I'd like to ask Karen to read the notice as published.

Notices were read at this time by the recording secretary.

Sternberg: Thank you. And at this time, if the applicant could please come forward? Welcome back.

Westlund: Thank you. Good evening.

Sternberg: And if you could just state your name and address for the record.

Westlund: Sure. Byron Westlund, President of Woodland Development, 13632 Van Buren Street Northeast in Ham Lake.

Sternberg: Thank you. If you could just touch on what it is. I think we all kind of have an idea of what you're asking here, but just give us a little more background.

Westlund: Uh, yeah. This was brought up at the preliminary plat hearing a couple weeks ago. So, instead of platting everything to the east of our plat and including it in the final plat, um, we're asking to do the metes & bounds description, then combine it with our, our land that we're buying from the Preiners, and then subdivide it and then we'll create lots and blocks legal descriptions. So, um . . .

Sternberg: Okay.

Westlund: I think they can sss . . . I think the P & Z recommended this to the City Council at their last meeting. Council and the attorney felt that we needed to take it one step further and that was through the variance request. So, that's why we're here.

Sternberg: Okay. Any questions for the applicant? No questions? Okay, at this time I'd like to open the hearing to the public. Anyone from the public? Okay, I'm going to close the hearing with the right to reopen.

Hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Boland, Recording Secretary