

MINUTES
PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING
April 21, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Government Center
6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, FL 33014

1.Call to Order

Chairwoman Ameli Padron-Fragetta called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2.Roll Call

The Assistant to the Town Clerk, Lisandra Alfonso, called the roll and the following Board Members were present: Fred Senra, Carol Wyllie, Homero Cruz, Avelino Leoncio, Jeffrey Rodriguez, Vice Chairman Robert Julia, and Chairwoman Ameli Padron-Fragetta.

3.Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Chairwoman Ameli Padron-Fragetta led the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence.

4.Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Board Member Wyllie made a motion to nominate Vice Chairman Julia as the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Board. The motion received a second from Board Member Senra and all were in favor.

Chairman Julia made a motion to nominate Board Member Senra as the Vice Chair of the Planning and Zoning Board. The motion received a second from Board Member Leoncio and all were in favor.

5.Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes:

March 17, 2015 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting

Board Member Wyllie made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion received a second from Board Member Padron-Fragetta and all were in favor.

5.Business Requiring Board Action

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS – Please be advised that the following items on the Board’s agenda are quasi-judicial in nature. An opportunity for persons to speak on each

item will be made available after the applicant and staff have made their presentations on each item. All testimony, including public testimony and evidence, will be made under oath or affirmation. Additionally, each person who gives testimony may be subject to cross-examination. If you do not wish to be either cross-examined or sworn, your testimony will be given its due weight. The general public will not be permitted to cross-examine witnesses, but the public may request the Board to ask questions of staff or witnesses on their behalf. Persons representing organizations must present evidence of their authority to speak for the organization. Any person presenting documents to the Board should provide the Town Clerk with a minimum of 10 copies. Further details of the quasi-judicial procedure may be obtained from the Clerk.

A. HEARING NUMBER: VARH2015-0003

APPLICANT: Ali Ahmed / Miami Lakes AM, LLC

FOLIO: 32-2013-001-0054

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A portion of Tract "A", Miami Lakes East Section One, PB 122, PG 48, together with a portion of Tract 4, Florida Fruit Land Company Subdivision, PB 2, 17

**LOCATION: 16525 NW 59TH Avenue,
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014**

Assistant Town Attorney, Haydee Sera, read the quasi-judicial procedures to the record.

Board Member Senra recused himself.

The Assistant to the Town Clerk, Lisandra Alfonso, swore in anyone wishing to speak.

Brandon Schaad, Director of Planning and Zoning, presented the item and answered questions posed by the Board.

Chairman Julia opened the public hearing.

Applicant, Michael Grosswirth, spoke in favor of the variance and answered questions posed by the Board.

Applicant, Jason Gunther, spoke in favor of the variance and made a presentation to the Board.

As no one else wished to speak, Chairman Julia closed the public hearing.

Board Member Leoncio made a motion to approve staff's recommendations on request number one, two, three, and five. Amending request number four, requiring that the Town be compensated with forty-four trees as a substitute of the thirty-three suggested. The motion

received a second from Board Member Cruz. The Assistant to the Town Clerk called the roll and the motion failed 2-4. The following Board Members voted in favor: Avelino Leoncio and Homero Cruz. Board Members Carol Wyllie, Ameli Padron-Fragetta, Jeffrey Rodriguez, and Chairman Robert Julia voted in opposition. Board Member Senra was recused.

Board Member Wyllie made a motion to approve variance request number one as per staff's recommendation. The motion received a second from Board Member Rodriguez. The Assistant to the Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0. Board Member Senra was recused.

Board Member Leoncio made a motion to approve variance request number two as per staff's recommendation. The motion received a second from Board Member Cruz and all were in favor. Board Member Senra was recused.

Board Member Padron-Fragetta made a motion to deny variance request number three. The motion received a second from Board Member Leoncio. The Assistant to the Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0. Board Member Senra was recused.

Board Member Wyllie made a motion to amend variance request number five. Requesting that sixteen trees be planted in addition to the forty-four overall, including all street trees and the median. The motion received a second from Board Member Padron-Fragetta. The Assistant to the Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0. Board Member Senra was recused.

Board Member Padron-Fragetta made a motion to deny variance request number five. The motion received a second from Board Member Cruz. The Assistant to the Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 6-0. Board Member Senra was recused.

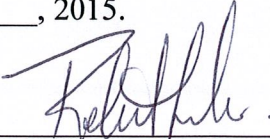
6. Director's Report

No Director's Report.


7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Approved this 19th day of May, 2015.



Robert Julia, Chairman

Attest:


Marjorie Tejada-Castillo, Town Clerk