

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK  
BOROUGH COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2007**

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The Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park held a public hearing on Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237.

President Martha Creese called the meeting to order.

Cathy Krummert called the roll:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Laura A. Coombs.....present  
Martha A. Creese, President .....present  
Richard H. Hartman .....present  
Jane A. Hopey, Second Vice President.....present  
James W. Lawrence, Vice President.....absent  
Ash K. Marwah .....present  
Junior Councilperson Brenna Thorpe .....present  
Mayor G. Reynolds Clark .....present  
(arrived at 7:09 p.m.)

**ENGINEER:**

Bob Nedzesky, W.E.C. Engineers .....present

**SOLICITOR:**

Robert Max Junker, Law Offices of Ira Weiss .....present

**STAFF:**

Don Dorsch, Chief of Police.....absent  
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretary.....present  
Ronald Merriman, Superintendent of Public Works .....absent  
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer .....absent  
Ambrose Rocca, Borough Manager .....absent  
Bill Schweitzer, Golf Course Superintendent .....absent  
Jim Watenpool, Parks & Recreation Director .....absent

**PUBLIC HEARING – MULTI-FAMILY DESIGN STANDARDS**

Mrs. Creese turned the meeting over to Mr. Junker to conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, tentatively identified as Ordinance No. 557-2007. The proposed amendment concerns design standards to be used in the development or redevelopment of all multi-family structures located in the R-3, R-4, M-1 and M-2 zoning districts. The proposed amendment will also be applicable to Planned Residential Developments. No changes will be made to the zoning map. A court reporter was present to take a verbatim transcript of this hearing.

Mr. Junker entered the following exhibits into the record:

Exhibit 1 – Draft multi-family design standards amendment to the Franklin Park Borough Zoning Ordinance dated May 31, 2007.

Exhibit 2 – Borough of Franklin Park Resolution No. 929-2007, which scheduled the public hearing tonight. It was signed on June 20, 2007.

Exhibit 3 – Proof of publication notice in the **Pittsburgh Post Gazette** for two advertisements for tonight's hearing.

Exhibit 4 – June 21, 2007 letter to Ms. Kay Pierce of the Allegheny County Planning Department, transmitting a copy of the proposed zoning amendment and asking and inviting them to provide comments.

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Exhibit 5 – Memorandum to David Quatchak, Planning Commission Chair, from Ambrose Rocca, transmitting and setting forth the schedule to consider the design standards.

Exhibit 6 – Revised Franklin Park Planning Commission June 17, 2007 draft multi-family design standards incorporating minor changes, as gone over by the Planning Commission.

Dr. Bill Kipp, 1505 Brimfield Drive, (EAC Chair) – Mr. Kipp stated that he had submitted the EAC's written comments, but there seemed to be confusion as to whether or not the comments made it into the draft as submitted to the Planning Commission. Mr. Kipp wanted to make sure that the EAC's comments are included, and Mrs. Coombs had asked Mr. Kipp to come this evening to review the EAC's comments to insure that they are included. Mr. Kipp then reviewed the comments as follows:

Comment #1 - Page 9, c. i. (a) – EAC thought that appropriate siding material should also be okay.

Comment #2 - Page 9, 5. c. ii – EAC thought that shake shingles should not be appropriate in this context.

Mayor Clark entered the meeting.

Comment #3 - Page 11, 4. b. i. – Tree spacings must be consistent with the Borough's tree ordinance.

Comment #4 - Page 12, 6. b. ii – It reads, "Plantings shall be massed at scale appropriate to the entryway size and space." The EAC thought that the words "at plant maturity" should be added so the plants have a chance to grow and fill the space.

Comment #5 - Page 13, 5. b. ii – The words "at plant maturity" should be added.

Mr. Kipp submitted a written copy, and Mr. Junker marked the written copy as Exhibit 7.

Mr. Junker closed the hearing and reviewed the next steps in the process. He explained that the Land Use Committee would review all of the suggestions and comments received and come up with a final version. If there have been substantive changes, it would result in a second or additional public hearing. After that, Borough Council would consider adopting the ordinance at a future meeting. A copy of the proposed change would be provided to the newspaper; it would be on display at the borough office; and it would be forwarded to the Allegheny County Law Library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Krummert  
Borough Secretary