City of Audubon Park-Variance Hearing August 21, 2017

The City Council of Audubon Park held a variance hearing provided under KRS 61.823 and §15-2.05 of the City Code on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 3340 Robin Road with the following present: Mayor Dorn Crawford and Councilors Mike Gardner Sr., Andrew Klump, Brittney Gorter, Amanda Thompson and Darrell Shelton arriving late. Also present were, Assistant Chief of Police Mike Minniear and City Clerk Janette Mercer.

Call to Order

Mayor Crawford called the hearing to order at 6:30 PM. The Mayor introduced Mr. & Mrs. John Burke and noted that they are requesting a variance to allow for a security gate to be installed closer to the front of the house and to replace and extend their fence to give them privacy from the apartment building next door. The Mayor noted that the Burkes has already built the fence without a permit. The Burkes distributed pictures of the apartment building next door to their house, displaying a rundown building.

Mike Gardner questioned the location of the fence being so close to the side door of the apartment building, and if there was an emergency, how could anyone get equipment in or out that door. There were several comments from the Mayor, Councilors and the Burkes about the fence being built without a permit. Mayor Crawford summarized the issues: first, replacement versus repair; second, the extension of the fence; and last, building without a permit. Darrell Shelton expressed his concern with the gate being moved past the back corner of the house. Mr. Burke stated he would have no problem with moving the gate back.

The Council suggested that the Burkes move the fence back to where it was originally and take pictures. The pictures will help to determine approval or disapproval in a follow-on hearing. There were several suggestions made on how to obtain privacy, without erecting a six-foot fence. The hearing adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Attested