



**MINUTES
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2025 –6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Plan Commission of the City of Glendale was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025. Chairman Jeffrey Fernhoff presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Members Absent

Jon Emert
John Falk
Brad Weitekamp
Mike Moran
Reed Voorhees
Laura Switzer
Chairman Jeff Fernhoff

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Also present were Frank Johnson, City Administrator and Gabby Macaluso, Deputy City Clerk. City Attorney Allie Sievers attended via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Voorhees, seconded by Mr. Weitekamp and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2025 meeting as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FENCE VARIANCE – Clarice Fox, 11 Cambridge Court

Chairman Fernhoff introduced the fence variance request from Clarice Fox for the property located at 11 Cambridge Court. Ms. Fox is seeking relief from Section 400.805 (C)(1)(a) of the Glendale Municipal Code, which prohibits fences over 42 inches in height from being constructed in front yards of residentially zoned property.

Clarice and Kevin Fox explained that they wish to install a 6’ wood privacy fence in what they have designated to be their back yard to have privacy and deter trespassers from using their yard as a cut through. They cited their unique property, which is considered a double frontage lot with one side adjacent to Idlewild Lane and the other adjacent to Cambridge Court, as being particularly challenging.

The Foxes noted that the high level of traffic on Idlewild Lane necessitates a 6’ privacy fence to maximize enjoyment of the space and ensure security of pets and children. They also noted that their neighbors at 15 Cambridge Court also have a privacy fence in one of their front yards.

City Administrator Frank Johnson confirmed that 15 Cambridge Court received a variance for a 6' fence by the Plan Commission in 2022.

The Plan Commission discussed the variance request.

Mr. Voorhees expressed concerns regarding the addition of higher fences, but he noted the neighbor's existing privacy fence. He asked the applicant if they were going to run their proposed new fence to the neighbor's existing five-foot section on the west end. Mr. Fox confirmed that they would attach their fence to their neighbor's fence on the northwest corner. He confirmed that they would extending their fence five feet closer to Idlewild Lane.

Mr. Voorhees advised the Foxes to not extend their fence five feet past the terminus of their neighbor's fence and closer to Idlewild Lane because it would create a blind spot for them when backing out of their driveway and look better if lined up with the neighbor's fence.

The owners were receptive with this modification.

Mr. Moran suggested using plantings to help soften the look of the fence when viewing it from Idlewild Lane.

Mr. Weitekamp asked the Foxes if they had shared their fence plans with their neighbors. Mr. Fox said they left a note, but didn't hear back from the neighbor.

Mr. Moran noted that another advantage of lining up their fence with their neighbor's fence is that they can have a fence post installed on their property, leaving just a small distance between their neighbor's fence post, that would make the fence on their property completely on the north side.

The Plan Commission stressed the importance of communicating their fence plans with their neighbors. The Foxes said they would reach out to their neighbors again.

There was no public comment regarding the fence exception request.

Mr. Moran moved that the applicant's fence application be approved with the following conditions:

- Align the west fence line with the neighbor's fence, maintaining a plus or minus five foot setback from the property line.
- Ensure that end posts are set on the applicant's property.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Emert and unanimously carried to approve the fence variance at 11 Cambridge Court.

The motion passed with 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent

ADJOURN

Mr. Voorhees motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Fernhoff and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.