

CITY OF EL PASO
Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2022

The City of El Paso Zoning Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chris Gentes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with members Nancy Johnson, Maureen Drake, Renee Donaldson and Ken Faulk and Mary Wilkey present.

Others present were: Director of Public Service, Barry Kauther; Mayor JW Price and David Roth.

Also present via Zoom was Administrative Assistant, Sandee Kessinger; Alderperson, Mary Ellen Kilpatrick and Jim Straeter.

Discussion was on a variance request by Beck's to allow their solar panels to be 12 feet instead of 30 feet from their west parcel line. (This is the second meeting on this request as Beck's engineers did not attend the first meeting so many questions went unanswered.)

Public comments came from David Roth, a representative of the property that is adjacent to the proposed solar panels. He brought up the what type of wind shear will the solar panels cause that might affect crops east of the proposed solar panels. He is opposed to the variance.

Jim Straeter a representative from Solar Cam Solar Systems spoke about the solar panels. He advised that there would be less wind shear then if there were no solar panels.

The Zoning Board is requesting that a representative from Beck's be at the next City Council meeting to respond to any questions that may arise.

A motion was made by Wilkey and seconded by Faulk to recommend that the Council approve the variance request. A voice vote was taken of all ayes.

Gentes moved and Wilkey seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandee Kessinger