

Niebrugge commented that this property was zoned many years ago as Two-Family Residential and this was why public opinion was needed during the planning process. He noted that at this time there is a shortage of housing in Seward, but at the same time people don't want development in their backyard. Niebrugge reiterated that the owner of this property had every right to have it developed within the regulations of City Code. He thanked the City Council for following procedure and routing the Gateway lease request back to the P & Z Commission.

Citizens' Comments

Kerry Martin, 218 Bluefield Drive, stated that the key to the home occupation sign issue was to require people to post their addresses. He continued to say that if the home occupation owners gave clear directions to their homes then that would solve the problem of patrons getting lost. Mr. Martin asked the Commission to stop and think about the great number of home businesses in this town. He stated that the number of signs that would be created would make the town look terrible. Mr. Martin felt that if signs were allowed in single-family neighborhoods then the signs should be required to be small.

Stu Clark, 1129 Cliff View Place, gave an update to the Commission on the Jesse Lee Home and asked that the Planning and Zoning Commission be the focal point for the public hearings. He stated that the discussion regarding the Clearview Plat was very comprehensive.

Benard Ikerd, 1704 Resurrection Blvd., stated at the time this was zoned R2 there was a large amount of public encouragement to have it zoned R1. He then stated that he would like to encourage the utility lines be put underground. Mr. Ikerd noted that there would be actual little benefit from requiring an alley.

Commission & Administration Response to Citizens' Comments

James clarified that the rest of Clearview Subdivision was also zoned R2.

Hohl commented that it will be a struggle to ask developers to install underground power lines since the Code didn't require this. She then stated that an alley in the Clearview Plat would lessen traffic backing out into the main roads.

Martin thanked the public for their comments.

Darling stated that home occupations should be allowed signage because his personal experience is that people do get lost in Seward, even with a good address and directions. He continued that if a business is allowed to operate in a residential area then it should be allowed to be designated as such.