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Weather Blast

Planners Okay Star Of Sea Church School, Convent

A request from the Star of the Sea church to planning commissioners for permission to establish a school and a convent in a one family residential-horticultural district at the church's location on Frederick street was sent to the council with the commission's recommendation last night.

Commissioners added a proviso that the architect for the church should meet with City Planner Bob Cook "prior to the council meeting to iron out a few of the obvious difficulties present in the sketch submitted" last night.

The additions proposed for the church involve a parochial school and convent, the relocation of the rectory and the hall.

An application for a variance made by W. K. Larkin to reduce his front yard requirement from 15 to five feet was denied by planners.

Larkin explained to commission-

ers that proposed additions to his family had brought forth the need for an extra bedroom and the lot on East Cliff drive, perched above the cliff opposite the Seabright library, had room for an extra bedroom, although the lot was small. Everett Powell of the state division of beaches and parks had told Cook previously that his department expects to acquire the property for inclusion in the Twin Lakes state park development.

Commissioners went against the terms of the city zoning ordinance last night—with no discussion—when they returned a \$10 fee for the application of a variance submitted by William W. Kelly.

Kelly had requested permission to build a dwelling on a lot not fronting on a dedicated street. It is believed that Kelly had learned that commissioners had traditionally voted against this type of building and would do so in this case.

Cook recommended that the request for the return of the money be denied, since the city zoning ordinance reads: "Before accepting any application for approval or denial, the applicant shall pay a filing fee of \$10 (no part of which shall be returnable to applicant) for the purpose of defraying the expense of preparing maps, publication of notice of hearing and other administrative and incidental costs involved in the application for such variance."

Cook stated that his staff had undertaken the necessary investigation and published the prescribed legal notices, and "it would appear that the purpose for which the application fee is required has been fulfilled and therefore it (the \$10) cannot be returned."

A variance requested by Mrs. Laura House to reduce the required side yard from five feet to zero feet at her property at 123 Stanford avenue was denied by commissioners.

Mrs. House stated that she wished to erect a carport between the south wall of her house and the south property line. Cook pointed out that if the property owners ever erected a six-foot fence along the north property line, she would have a tunnel at the side of her house. The planning director therefore advised against the granting of the request.

A variance requested by Frank Peters to reduce sideyard requirements from 10 feet to seven feet six inches and eight feet on the south side of Crestview terrace was granted by commissioners following a precedent set in June, 1955, when a like variance was granted on the opposite side of the street.

Nomination Papers For 2 Taken Out

The announcement that a candidate for council is in the offing, in the shape of Dr. Ted Foster, seems to have broken the ice for other would-be councilmen or their nominators, City Clerk Jack Miller said this morning.

Captain Ed Pagenhart, this morning took out two nomination papers for council seats to be vacated in April.

Pagenhart was a non-committal this morning. "There's been so much fuss about nobody filing for the seats that I thought something should be done about it," said the captain.

"I don't know yet who will be nominated on these papers. I might even nominatate a woman, which would be a change."

Councilman Robert Burton has twice implied that he would not be running for a council seat in April. Pagenhart said this morning, "Mr. Burton, when I questioned him about a month ago replied: 'I don't know that it's worth losing all my friends'..."

This morning Burton was unavailable for comment, but Mrs. Burton said "My husband is thinking about running again, although he hasn't yet made up his mind."

Rumors are that George Atton, district manager for the Golden State theaters, and Jim Fearnough, East Side insurance man, may run, could not be verified this morning.

Atton said "My hours are a little irregular and I've made no definite plans at this time, al-