

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
[DRAFT] PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 24, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, at 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present: Andreani, Gross, Ortmann, Paralusz, Chairperson Conaway  
Absent: None  
Staff Present: Richard Thompson, Community Development Director  
Laurie Jester, Planning Manager  
Recording Secretary, Rosemary Lackow

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

[04/24/13-2.](#) Adoption of a Resolution Approving a Variance from Building Height Standards by Two Inches for a Third Story Addition to an Existing Two-Story Single Family Residence Located at 508 Third Street. (Boyle)

Development Director Thompson made a brief summary recounting the proposal, Commission's decision to approve the variance and stated that the action tonight is to review and approve the Resolution language, and not reopen the decision itself.

Commissioner Gross commended staff in their skill in drafting the Resolution as directed, especially in reflecting the truly exceptional situation. Commissioner Paralusz added that she wanted to emphasize that she felt the Variance was a good decision and the amount of the height variance being granted at only 2" is the absolute minimum needed by the applicant to make the project work.

Brief discussion followed regarding the building square footage that is reported on page 4 of the Resolution. Development Director Thompson explained that the square footage in the Resolution reflects City building records. Commissioner Andreani commented that she thought the Resolution was a good reflection of the Commission's decision and the approval is an example of the applicant working well with the staff and Commission to achieve a compromise.

A motion was MADE and SECONDED to **ADOPT** Resolution No. PC 13-04, approving a variance for 508 Third Street, with no changes.

AYES: Andreani, Gross, Ortmann, Paralusz, Chairperson Conaway  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Director Thompson announced a 15-day appeal period, and that this decision will be forwarded to the City Council at a future regular meeting with a recommendation to "Receive and File".