

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES**

August 26, 2020 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Paul Skipper, Chair
Sandie Lyman, Vice Chair
Michael Bomar, Member
Denise Chase, Member
Jake Holehouse, Member

STAFF PRESENT: Matthew McConnell, Dickman Law Firm
Ginny Keeter-Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk
Lynn Rosetti, Senior Planner
Brandon Berry, Planner II

1. **Changes to the Agenda** - There were no changes to the agenda.
2. **Audience Comments** - There were no audience comments.
3. **Approval of Minutes** a. 07/29/2020

Member Bomar moved to approve the minutes from the July 29, 2020 meeting. Vice Chair Lyman seconded and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

4. **Action Items**

- a. **HARDSHIP VARIANCE – SHED – SETBACK**
259 42ND AVE (Case No. 20048) Donald and Cynthia Ferguson;
Request to install a shed that exceeds the maximum permitted square footage and encroaches into the required rear and side setbacks (LDC Sec. 6.13(b)(5)a., 9.7(a)(3)&(4)).

Ms. Rosetti gave a presentation with exhibits providing full details of the variance request. Staff recommendation was for approval with three conditions outlined in the meeting packet and presentation. Applicants Don and Cindy Ferguson provided additional information. No letters in support or opposition were received and there was no further comment.

Member Holehouse entered the meeting at 2:15. Board discussion of the application followed.

Member Chase moved to approve the Variance for Case No. 20048 in accordance with staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Lyman. The motion failed by a roll call vote of 0-5.

b. **HARDSHIP VARIANCE – RAMP – SETBACK**

6100 GULF BLVD (Case No. 20047) St. Pete Beach Hotels, LLC c/o Charles King; Request to construct a deck and walkway that encroach into the property's northern side setback (LDC Sec. 35.9(a)(2)).

Mr. Berry presented full details on the variance request. Staff recommended approval with the condition that a six-foot hedge or similar dense landscaping be installed on the northern length of the deck. House Ghovae, of Northside Engineering, representing the applicant, asked for clarification on landscaping. There were no comments in favor or opposing the variance.

Member Bomar moved to approve the Variance for Case No. 20047 according to staff recommendations on landscaping. The motion was seconded by Member Holehouse and passed unanimously by an individual roll call vote.

c. **PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY VARIANCE – POOL CAGE – SETBACK**

280 N TESSIER DR (Case No. 20046) Debra Sturey; Request to permit the encroachment of a pool cage into the rear and side setbacks (LDC Sec.6.13(c)(2)b.).

Mr. Berry presented the full details of the request. Staff recommendation was for approval. No letters of opposition or in favor were received. Applicant Debbie Sturey provided some further details. There was no public comment and the Board discussed the application.

Vice Chair Lyman moved to approve the Variance for Case No. 20046, which was seconded by Member Chase and passed unanimously by an individual roll call vote.

d. **HARDSHIP VARIANCE – DOCK – EXTENSION**

4135 HOLLAND DR (Case No. 20043) Michael Lama; Request to extend an existing dock and relocate an existing boat lift greater than one-half of the property's seawall width from the seawall (LDC Sec. 6.23(d)(3)).

Ms. Rosetti gave a presentation providing full details of the variance request with staff recommendations to obtain Pinellas County Water and Navigation's assessments of the seagrass bed prior to final approval. A letter in opposition was received from property owner to the south.

Applicant Michael Lama provided comments. Joe Place of Enterprise Marine, 8165 46th Ave. N. St. Pete, gave further information.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the variance:

Susan Sattler-Augustin, 1816 Richard Ervin Pkwy., Tarpon Springs

Catherine Sattler-Trecastelli, 4109 Holland Drive

John Trecastelli, 4109 Holland Drive

The Chair closed the public comment portion of the meeting and board discussion followed. Mr. McConnell clarified that Pinellas County Water and Navigation will only review the case if this board approves the variance.

Member Bomar moved to approve the Variance for Case No. 20043 with the inclusion of staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Member Chase and passed by a roll call vote of 4-1. Member Holehouse voted no.

- e. PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY VARIANCE – ADDITIONS - SETBACK**
200 ISLE DR (Case No. 20044) Bob and Linda Goecker; Request for a home addition that encroaches into the required rear setback (LDC Sec. 8.7(a)(4)).

Mr. Berry reviewed the details of the application. There were two letters in support. Staff recommended approval. Applicant Robert Goecker provided comments. There was no public comment in favor or opposition.

Vice Chair Lyman moved to approve the Variance for Case No. 20044 according to staff's recommendations. The motion was seconded by Member Chase and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

5. Adjournment – Next Meeting 9/30/2020

Member Holehouse moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Bomar and the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the September 30, 2020 Board of Adjustment meeting.