

A Meeting of the Board of Adjustment was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, at 155 Corey Avenue, St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County, Florida.

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Chairman Paul Skipper, Doug Lampe, Steve McFarlin, Darrel Pray, Director of Community Development Karl Holley and Deputy City Clerk Pamala Prell

Absent: Park Lampson

Call to Order

Mr. Skipper called the meeting to order. He explained the rules and procedures for the meeting and swore in those audience members who intended to speak regarding any case on the agenda.

Mr. Holley announced that there would be no meeting in May, because there were no applications received.

1. Consideration of Minutes: 3-31-2010

Mr. McFarlin made a motion to approve the minutes, as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pray. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

2) Case # 20100009

Application of Thomas Sign and Awning for property located at 7500 Gulf Boulevard. Applicant requests variance from Section 26.34 of the City's Land Development Code to allow for internal illumination of signs.

Mr. Holley gave a summary of the request, which is on file in the Community Development Department.

Mr. Dominick Nelson, 1400 Gandy Blvd., St. Petersburg, Florida was present to represent the case. He explained that the building was the Bank of America and that they are seeking a variance to illuminate three new signs for Bay Dermatology's office. He stated that the signs are all conforming with the sign code, but they need a variance to illuminate the signs.

Chairman Skipper asked for audience comments. There were no comments and audience comments was closed.

There were no concerns raised by the Board Members regarding this case.

Mr. Lampe made a motion to approve the request as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. McFarlin. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

3) **Case# 20100010**

Application of Charles Boh for property located at 426 55th Avenue. Applicant requests variance to Section 8.7(a)(1) of the City's Land Development Code to reduce the required front yard setback from 20' to 6' for construction of a garage addition.

Mr. Holley gave the summary of this case, which is on file in the Community Development Department. Mr. Holley pointed out that if the variance is granted the applicant has advised that he will put a circular driveway in front of the garage.

Mr. Charles Boh, 426 55th Avenue was present to represent the case. He explained that he wanted to build a garage, with a side entry, to include a laundry room. He stated that he was seeking a reduced front yard setback from 20' to 6'. He gave an example of another home in the area that had a garage just like he wanted to build, which was 16 feet from the street. He also stated that the garage will have a new roof and the roof line will match his home's roof line.

Chairman Skipper asked for audience comments. There were no comments and public comments was closed.

Upon inquiry by Chairman Skipper, Mr. Boh advised that the garage would be approximately 17 feet from the street and that it would be approximately 7 feet from his property line to the street. Mr. Skipper advised that the measurement would be from the property line that would be considered for the variance request.

Mr. Lampe stated that he felt this was too large of a variance and that he could not support the approval of it.

Ms. Pray inquired about sidewalks in the area. Mr. Lampe advised that there are not many sidewalks on 55th Avenue and some have just recently been removed.

Chairman Skipper stated that he felt that the variance was too large, and when you look at the houses on 55th Avenue there are all in line and this house would extend out much closer to the road. He stated that he felt this could start a trend for a different look in that neighborhood.

Mr. McFarlin agreed that the variance request was too large and that the garage would be too close to the street and would block the neighbors view when they are trying to access the street from their driveways.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Holley explained the definition of a secondary front yard.

Mr. Lampe suggested that the garage addition be moved to the right side of the home where there was more room for it. Mr. Skipper was in agreement.

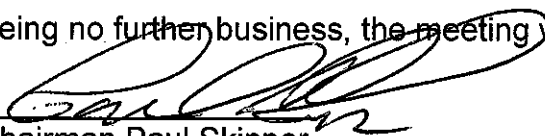
Mr. McFarlin made a motion to deny the request, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lampe. The motion to deny the request was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

4) **Additional Discussion**

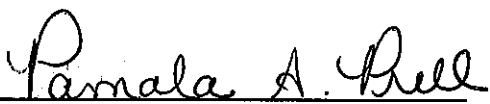
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5) **Adjournment**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.


Chairman Paul Skipper

Attest:


Pamala Prell, Deputy City Clerk