

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MINUTES

DECEMBER 18, 2013

2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Paul Skipper, Chairman
Park Lampson, Vice Chairman
Laurie Vallett, Member
Gil Green, Member
David Littell, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Anne Marr, Zoning and Permit Administrator
Bruce Cooper, Building Official
Mary Jo Murphy, Recording Secretary

1. Minutes for Acceptance

Member Lampson made a motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2013 as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Vallett and unanimously approved by voice vote.

2. Public Hearings

Case 20130051: Property address is 4316 Belle Vista Drive. Applicant requests a variance from Section 9.8 and 7.2(k) of the Land Development Code to construct a new single family residence to allow an increase in building height from 30.0' to 36.0' for an elevator, foyer and stairwell enclosure.

Anne Marr, Zoning and Permit Administrator, stated there were several letters received in favor and against the variance request but the majority of the letters were in favor.

Bruce Cooper, Building Official, explained the construction plans to the Board and the impending regulations of the Flood Insurance Reform Act.

Gary Littrell, 4302 Belle Vista Drive, applicant, requested a 6 foot variance to allow an increase in building height for an elevator, foyer and stairwell enclosure. Mr. Littrell explained his spinal injury and medical disability to the Board. Due to Mr. Littrell's spinal condition, he stated a staircase with a handrail would be a safer choice opposed to a ladder.

Bronson Alexander, 4310 Miller Drive, spoke in support of the variance.

Gary Littrell, 4302 Belle Vista Drive, asked the Board to consider the following: his physical disability in reference to the use of stairs; the difference in inches to build a conventional roof versus the overall height of his request; and the support of the majority of his neighbors, approximately nine letters in favor and possibly two against.

Chairman Skipper asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak in favor of the variance. There were no audience comments.

Chairman Skipper asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak against the variance.

Reverend Temple Hayes, 4324 Belle Vista Drive, spoke in opposition of the variance request because of invasion of privacy.

Chairman Skipper closed the public hearing portion and asked for discussion from the Board. There was Board discussion in reference to the issue of privacy with neighbors, floodplain regulations, safety features, stairs versus a roof hatch and means of egress from the roof.

Mr. Littell made a motion that the variance application for Case 20130051 to be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vallett and the variance was approved by a 4-1 roll call vote with Vice Chairman Lampson voting against.

3. Adjournment

Ms. Marr informed the Board that the next meeting would be January 29, 2014.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Paul Skipper, Chairman

Minutes approved on: 1/29/14