

THE FAYETTE COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS met on October 24, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. in the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue West, Fayetteville, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Blanks, Chairman
Bill Beckwith, Vice-Chairman
Tom Mahon
Tom Waller
Masha Hopkins

STAFF PRESENT: Dennis Dutton, Zoning Administrator
Chanelle Blaine, Planning and Zoning Coordinator

Welcome and Call to Order:

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 26, 2016.

Tom Mahon made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom Waller seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Consideration of Petition No. A-639-16, Claudine B. Morris, Owners, request the following: Variance to Sec. 110-125. A-R, Agricultural-Residential District, to reduce front yard setback from 100 to 80 feet to allow an existing home to remain. The subject Property is located in Land Lot 105 of the 7th District and fronts on Farr Road.

Chairman Blanks asked Claudine Morris to come to the mic and tell them what she would like to do, and what she would like for them to do.

Claudine Morris replied the old home place on Farr Road was built in the late 30's and has been there for 80-some-odd years. She stated that she had it surveyed recently and the road standards had change. She said because of this change the house encroached on the front yard setback by 20 feet. She asked the Planning Commission if they would reconsider grandfathering the old home place so it can stand. She added that the home has much sentimental value to her, her family, and the Charlie Taylor Family. She stated that it had a lot of historical value to Fayette County because a lot of the old homes have gone by the wayside because of malls, subdivisions, and buildings everywhere. She said that the home is a part of her family's and the County's heritage and would like it to remain.

Chairman Blanks asked if anyone else would like to speak in favor of the petition. Hearing none he asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition of the petition. Hearing none he brought it back to the Zoning Board. He said that a question was raised from the audience about her reason for the variance other than what was stated about preserving the heritage.

Claudine Morris replied that her sister and she inherited the property and she inherited the part that has the old home place. She stated that they were in the process of getting it transferred into their names. She said they were not selling it and didn't want to sell it. She added that when they did the survey they found that the old home place was too close to the road and so they had to ask for a variance to get it grandfathered.

Chairman Blanks stated that it is normally not their procedure to take questions from the audience, but since he allowed the first one (1) he will take his.

Gaines Coker asked what her intentions for the property and which structure was she talking about.

Todd Durden asked if she was planning on selling the property.

Chairman Blanks brought it back to executive session with the Zoning Board.

Bill Beckwith made a motion to approve the setback variance. Tom Waller seconded the motion.

Bill Beckwith stated that he drove by there, and said that it was a beautiful home even in the condition it's in. He said that it reminded him of some of the homes in the mountains with the long shed roof over the front. He added that he could understand how she would want the historical part of the County to be preserved, and he hopes she can do it.

Chairman Blanks agreed with Bill Beckwith sentiments.

The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Blanks asked if there was any old business.

Dennis Dutton replied no.

Chairman Blanks asked if there was any new business.

Dennis Dutton replied yes, two (2) variances for November 28, 2016.

There being no further business, Bill Beckwith made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

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LARRY BLANKS, CHAIRMAN



CHANELLE BLAINE, ZBA SECRETARY

