

Meeting Minutes 8/28/23

THE FAYETTE COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS met on August 28th, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue West, Fayetteville, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Tate, Chairman
Marsha Hopkins, Vice Chairwoman
Bill Beckwith
Brian Haren
Anita Davis

STAFF PRESENT: Deborah Sims, Zoning Administrator
Chelsie Boynton, Planning & Zoning Coordinator
E. Allison Ivey Cox, County Attorney

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda.

Brian Haren made a motion to approve the agenda. Anita Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting held on June 26, 2023.

John Tate made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 26, 2023. Bill Beckwith seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. **Petition No. A-841-23, Normer M. and Pamela L. Adams, Owner, and Barnard & Associates Remodeling, Inc., Agent, request the following: Variance to Sec. 110-137. R-40, (d) (6) to reduce side yard setback from 15 feet to 10 feet allow for construction of a residential accessory structure. The subject property is located in Land Lot 195 of the 5th District and fronts on Riley Avenue.**

Deborah Sims, Zoning Administrator, stated staff recommends approval of the variance. She stated the topography of the land minimizes where he can put the structure.

Bob Barnard stated he is the contractor for the job. He stated the Adams would like to build a garage to cover their camper. He stated without the variance the placement of the garage would be right up against the house or if pushed back, it would go into a hill. He stated they are requesting to be ten feet from the property line, and it will give them six (6) feet from the house to allow a pass through. This will also allow them to place it at the base of the hill and avoid the expense of hauling dirt and placing retaining walls. He stated the other side of the

house has a very large ravine and a lot of trees would have to be removed to get over to that side of the house.

Chairman Tate asked if there were any comments in support or opposition. There were none. He brought the discussion back to the Board.

Bill Beckwith stated he drove in the driveway with the pickup truck and doesn't know how Mr. Adams was able to get the camper in there. He stated he saw the situation and it is a tight space.

John Tate stated the case seemed straightforward and the request of a variance is justified based on the hill and the being able to utilize the property.

Bill Beckwith asked if Mr. Adams has communicated with his neighbor?

Mr. Adams stated yes and provided a letter of support from his neighbor.

John Tate asked if there were any additional comments or questions. There were none. He then asked for a motion.

Marsha Hopkins made a motion to approve Petition No. A-841-23. Variance to Sec. 110-137. R-40, (d) (6) to reduce side yard setback from 15 feet to 10 feet allow for construction of a residential accessory structure. Brian Haren seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman Tate asked is there a motion to adjourn?

Brian Haren made a motion to adjourn. Anita Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
OF
FAYETTE COUNTY



JOHN TATE, CHAIRMAN



DEBORAH BELL, PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR