

MINUTES

Valdosta-Lowndes Zoning Board of Appeals
Valdosta City Hall Annex Multi-Purpose
Room 300 North Lee Street,
Valdosta, Georgia

Tuesday March 5, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John “Mac” McCall
Nancy Hobby
Dr. Samuel Clemons
John Hogan
Marion Ramsey
Victoria Copeland
Allan Strickland

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nathan Brantley

STAFF PRESENT

Lauren Hurley
Margaret Torres
Trinni Amiot

VISITORS PRESENT

Cole Posey w/ ANS Signs Inc

CALL TO ORDER

John “Mac” McCall

Calling of meeting to order at 2:30p.m and explanation of meeting process to all those in attendance.

City of Valdosta Cases:

APP-2024-06-North Valdosta Dental Care(802 Northwood Park Dr) Request for a Variance to LDR Section 230-9 (D)(4)(a) as it pertains to freestanding signs in the C-C (Community Commercial) zoning district (Tax Map 0109C Parcel 007).

The meeting was called to order by John “Mac” McCall at 2:30pm. He read the rules of the meeting. He then introduced the first case.

APP-2024-06-North Valdosta Dental Care(802 Northwood Park Dr)

Lauren Hurley presented case for Valdosta Dental Care requesting variance for freestanding sign. Maximum sign area is 75 sq ft and height 24 ft. What they are proposing is 17 ft tall with 127.7 sq ft. The variance is for the increase of 52.27 sq ft. Proposed sign will be a split faced sign with top half being static (71.75 sq ft) and the bottom being a variable message board (55.52 sq ft). Variable message boards are allowed in the C-C zoning district. The previous sign which was built prior to 2007 was more than 75 sq ft and has been taken down.

John Hogan asked why the previous sign was taken down. Cole Posey stated that it was damaged in the storm and was not structurally erected correctly so they removed the sign.

Chairman McCall if there were any other questions for staff and called for applicant to address the board.

Cole Posey stepped to the podium and stated that the request for the variance was to have a larger sign. He also stated that the need for a larger sign was for more visibility along North Valdosta Road due to the increase speed of traffic in the area. He stated that there are several other signs in that area that are also larger than allowed. The proposed sign is not much different than the one that was there previously. There were some structural issues with the previous sign. Allan Strickland asked how the sign sizes are picked. Cole stated that variable message boards have standard sizes. He also restated that visibility was the number one concern due to traffic and also trees on site that block visibility. Chairman McCall asked if the message board was the only part that would be lit. Cole stated that the whole sign would be lit. He also stated that where the sign will be located. It will not be next to a residential area so it should not be disruptive in any way. John Hogan asked if the sign will be located in the same place that the other sign was. Cole explained that they will be moved the location slightly to the right or left, but not closer to the road. This was so that it could be structurally grounded better. Cole also stated that Dr. Parrott's office next door to this had sent them an email stating that they approved of the new sign.

Chairman McCall asked if there was anyone else in support who would like to address the board and asked if anyone in opposition. None came forward. Then asked Lauren if anyone had contacted the Zoning office. She stated that none had.

Chairman McCall asked for a motion. Allan Strickland made a motion to approve as presented. Victoria Copeland seconded the motion.

Vote Unanimous 6-0. Variance Passed

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trinni Amiot stated that the County is working on amending their sign regulations and that she would send out a packet for the board to review via email. She also stated that the regulations would probably not be approved before the next ZBOA in April, but possibly soon after.

ATTENDANCE:

Nathan Brantley absent due to having court.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm

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Tuesday March 12, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John “Mac” McCall
Nancy Hobby
Dr. Samuel Clemons
Victoria Copeland
Nathan Brantley

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Hogan
Marion Ramsey
Allan Strickland

STAFF PRESENT

Lauren Hurley
Margaret Torres
Trinni Amiot

VISITORS PRESENT

Jesse Bingham (homeowner)
Sandra Bingham (homeowner)

CALL TO ORDER

John “Mac” McCall

Calling of meeting to order at 2:31p.m and explanation of meeting process to all those in attendance.

Lowndes County Case:

APP-2024-01-Jesse & Sandra Bingham (2563 Naples Ln)

Trinni Amiot presented the case of the applicant Jesse & Sandra Bingham is requesting a variance to Table 5.01.01 (D)(9) of the ULDC as it pertains to the maximum floor area for an accessory building. The subject property is located at 2563 Naples Ln. wanting to place a new open wall/covered parking structure that will be 504 square feet and located in the rear of the lot in front of the existing enclosed accessory structure. She stated that the maximum allowable square

footage for the property is 600 square feet. The current structure on the property is 420 square feet and was properly permitted. The intended use for the proposed structure will be for the applicant to park an approximately 12 foot trailer. He is requesting an increase in accessory structure floor area of 324 square feet to bring the total to 924 square feet.

Although there is not an active HOA, staff did locate covenants for the neighborhood, which state, “any structure must be approved by the Board” and all “non-operating vehicles, including ATV’s shall be kept, garaged or stored inside a structure, in such a manner as to not be visible from any road or lot....No motorhomes, RV’s, campers, boats, cargo trailers exceeding 10 feet in length shall be stored on any lots whatsoever.”

A site visit determined this proposed open carport will be nominally visible behind a solid wooden privacy fence and located on a paved surface. The TRC staff heard and considered this request (during their regularly scheduled meeting) and ultimately concluded there is no variance criteria to support the request (no hardship).

Dr. Clemons asked to see the building location and was shown on overhead. Chairman McCall asked if there were any other questions for staff.

Applicant Jesse Bingham stepped to the podium and stated that he had attempted to contact the current developer and has been unsuccessful. His phone calls have not been returned. He also stated that his house was not shown to not be under any covenants. He also stated that there was another house on Rita Circle that has a structure similar to the one he is proposing. He would like the structure for cover from the sun while outside working. He also stated that permits were not required when he had to put his driveway in. Nancy Hobby asked if he planned on attaching this structure to the one that is existing. Mr. Bingham stated that they will be separate, but there will be about a 10-inch overlap at the roof line. Sandra Bingham stated that no one will see it unless they are coming around the corner. Mr. Bingham stated that it will be an engineered structure with engineered trusses.

Chairman McCall asked if there were any further questions from staff. Trinni stated that the other building that the homeowner had questioned them about was within City limits.

Chairman McCall asked if someone would like to present a motion. Nathan Brantley gave a motion to approve as presented. Dr. Clemons seconded the motion. Chairman called for a vote.

Vote Unanimous 4-0. Variance Passed

OTHER BUSINESS:

ATTENDANCE;

John Hogan absent for business, Marion Ramsey absent-could not contact, Allan Strickland-absent no explanation

Meeting adjourned at 2:46pm

John "Mac" McCall

John "Mac" McCall, Chairman

4-2-24

Date