

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals was held on
Thursday, March 9, 2017
At 7:30 P.M. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, Alexandria, Virginia.

The proceedings of the meeting were recorded; records of each case are on the web at alexandriava.gov/dockets and on file in the Department of Planning and Zoning.

Members Present: Laurence Altenburg, Chair
Daniel Poretz
Sean Kumar
Lee Perna
Mark Yoo
Jonathan Buono

Members Absent: Timothy Ramsey

Staff Present: Alex Dambach, Planning & Zoning
Mary Christesen, Planning & Zoning

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

1. The Board of Zoning Appeals hearing was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Ramsey was absent. All other members were present. Chairman Altenburg introduced the new Board of Zoning Appeals member, Daniel Poretz.

NEW BUSINESS

2. BZA Case #2017-0004
BZA Case # 2017-0005
316 North Langley Street
Public hearing and consideration of a request for a special exception to construct: (a) an open front porch, and (b) a second floor addition over the first floor in the required front yard; zoned R-8/ Single-family.
Applicant: David & Katherine Touhey, represented by Gaver Nichols, architect

Speakers:

Dave Touhey, applicant, presented the case and answered questions from the Board.

Discussion:

Mr. Yoo commented that both requests were reasonable and met the criteria for special exceptions.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Yoo, seconded by Mr. Buono, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to approve BZA case #2017-0004 and BZA case #2017-0005. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

Reason: The application met the criteria for a special exception and variance as outlined in the staff report.

3. BZA Case #2016-0020
1318 Bayliss Drive
Public hearing and consideration of a request for a special exception to construct a covered front porch on the required front yard; zoned R-8/Single-family.
Applicant: Gregory Salomone & Melissa Yadao, represented by Carter Jones, AIA.

Speakers:

Cater Jones, architect, presented the case.

Discussion:

Mr. Yoo asked about the portion of the porch that is deeper than 8'. Ms. Christesen explained that that portion of the porch complies with the required front yard setback and is not included in the requested special exception. That area is not eligible to be excluded from the floor area.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Perna, seconded by Mr. Buono, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to approve BZA case #2016-0020. The motion carried on a vote of 6 to 0.

Reason: The application met the criteria for a special exception as outlined in the staff report.

MINUTES

4. Consideration of the minutes from the February 9, 2017 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Yoo, seconded by Mr. Kumar, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2017 hearing as submitted. The motion carried on a vote of 5 to 0, with Mr. Buono abstaining and Mr. Ramsey absent.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

6. The Board of Zoning Appeals hearing was adjourned at 8:15pm.