

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

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

The proceedings of the meeting were tape recorded; records of each case are on file in the
Department of Planning and Zoning.

Members Present: Laurence Altenburg, Chair
Agnes Artemel
Sean Kumar
Lee Perna
Mark Yoo

Members Absent: Jonathan Buono
Timothy Ramsey

Staff Present: Mary Christesen, Planning & Zoning
Sam Shelby, 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. Buono and Mr. Ramsey were absent. All other members were present.

NEW BUSINESS

2. BZA Case #2017-0002
2910 Edgehill Drive
Public hearing and consideration of a request for a special exception for a front porch;
zone R8/Single-family.
Applicant: Rebecca & Christian Burch

Speakers:

Rebecca Burch, applicant, presented the case.

Gaver Nichols, architect, answered questions from the Board

Mr. Altenburg closed the public hearing.

Discussion:

Mr. Yoo asked for clarification regarding the limitation on yard and setback reductions for a front porch.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ACTION: On a motion to approve by Mr. Yoo, seconded by Mr. Kumar, the special exception was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

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

3. BZA Case #2016-0010
512 Putnam Place
Public hearing and consideration of a request for a special exception for a front porch;
zoned R8 /Single-family.
Applicant: George & Elizabeth Wyszomierski, represented by Daniel O'Connor

Speakers:

George Wyszomierski, applicant, presented the case.

Mr. Altenburg closed the public hearing

Discussion:

Mr. Perna noted that portions of the proposed front porch met the required setback due to curvilinear front lot line.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ACTION: On a motion to approve by Mr. Perna, seconded by Ms. Artemel, the special exception was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

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

4. BZA Case #2016-0021
705 Putnam Place
Public hearing and consideration of a request for a special exception for a front porch; zoned R8/Single-family.
Applicant: Douglas and Kristina Hibshman

Speakers:

Kim Beasley, architect, presented the case and answered questions from the Board.

Donald E. Smith, neighbor at 711 Putnam Place, spoke in support of the proposal.

Mr. Altenburg closed the public hearing.

Discussion:

Board members expressed some concern about the size of the proposed by-right addition, but found the proposed porch to be appropriate in mass and scale.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ACTION: On a motion to approve by Ms. Artemel, seconded by Mr. Yoo, the special exception was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Election of Board Officers for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Mr. Altenburg was appointed chair on a vote of 5 to 0. Mr. Yoo was appointed vice chair on a vote of 5 to 0. Mr. Perna was appointed secretary on a vote of 5 to 0.

MINUTES

6. Consideration of the minutes from January 12, 2017 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ACTION: The Board of Zoning Appeals voted to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2017 hearing as submitted. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Zoning Appeals hearing was adjourned at 8:01pm.