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The regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals was held on
Thursday, February 11, 2016
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: Larry Altenburg
 Agnes Artemel
 Jonathan Buono
 Sean Kumar
 Lee Perna
 Tim Ramsey
 Mark Yoo

Staff Present: Peter Leiberg, Planning & Zoning

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. All Board members were present.

NEW BUSINESS

2. BZA Case #2016-0002

2509 Leslie Avenue

Public hearing and consideration of a request for variances for the side and front yard setbacks to build a second story. If the request is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a variance from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance - relating to the physical enlargement of a non-complying structure; zoned: R2-5/Residential. Applicant: Benjamin Lievestro

BZA case #2016-0002 was deferred by staff prior to the meeting. It will be heard at the March 10, 2016 BZA meeting.

3. BZA Case #2015-0014

1209 Prince Street

Public hearing and consideration of a request for a special exception to build an addition in the required side yard setback; zoned: CL/Commercial Low. Applicant: Scot McBroom

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ACTION: On a motion by Mr. Perna, seconded by Mr. Ramsey, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to approve BZA case #2015-0014 as amended. The motion carried on a vote of 7 to 0.

Reason: The Board agreed with staff's analysis.

Speakers: Scot McBroom, the applicant and architect for the project, spoke briefly regarding the components of the request.

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4. Consideration of the minutes from the December 10, 2015 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ACTION: By unanimous consent, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to defer approval of the meeting minutes from the December 10, 2015 hearing.

Reason: To give staff time to review the video footage from the December 10, 2015 hearing to confirm the proper voting on docket item #3.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed potential changes to the by-laws, specifically regarding the length of applicant presentations.

On a motion by Mr. Buono, seconded by Ms. Artemel, the Board of Zoning Appeals made a motion to amend the bylaws to set time limits on testimony by applicants and public speakers. The motion carried on a vote of 7 to 0. The Board of Zoning Appeals will consider the formal change to the bylaws at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

5. The Board of Zoning Appeals hearing was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.