

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals was held on
Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
At 7:00 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 www.alexandriava.gov/dockets and on file in the Department of Planning & Zoning.

Members Present: Lee Perna, Acting Chair
Erich Chan
Tim Foley
Quynn Nguyen

Absent Members: Laurence Altenburg, Chair
Mark Yoo, Vice Chair
Jon Waclawski

Staff Present: Mary Christesen, Department of Planning & Zoning
Kaliah Lewis, Department of Planning & Zoning
Alexa Powell, Department of Planning & Zoning

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mr. Perna called the July 12, 2021 Board of Zoning Appeals to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. On a motion to by Mr. Chan, seconded by Mr. Foley, the Board of Zoning Appeals elected Mr. Perna as the Acting Chair. The motion carried on a vote from 4 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Resolution Finding Need to Conduct the Board of Zoning Appeals Electronically.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ACTION, JULY 12, 2021: On a motion by Mr. Chan, seconded by Ms. Nguyen, the Board of Zoning Appeals deferred the resolution. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. BZA #2021-00006

Mr. Perna expressed reservations about the requirements in the resolution to provide specific information about the personal matter, disability or medical condition preventing in person attendance and the requirement for the Board to record that information as part of the public record. The other Board members in attendance concurred with Mr. Perna's reservations.

4. BZA #2021-00010
1329 Bayliss Drive
Public Hearing and consideration of a request for Variances to construct a second-story addition in the required side yards; zoned: R-8/Single Family.
Applicants: Hugh & Jennifer Halpern, represented by Matthew Bieschke

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ACTION, JULY 12, 2021:

On a motion by Ms. Nguyen, seconded by Mr. Foley, the Board of Zoning Appeals approved the Variances subject to all applicable codes, ordinances, staff recommendations and conditions. The motion carried on a vote of 4 to 0.

Reason: The request met the criteria for a variance as outlined in the staff report.

Ms. Nguyen asked questions about the noncomplying status of the lot and the existing dwelling. Her questions were answered by staff.

Mr. Foley asked if the neighbor to the south had provided any feedback on the proposal. Ms. Halpern responded the neighbors to south have seen the plans and have not expressed any objections. Ms. Nguyen asked staff to confirm the neighbors to the south were sent the legal notice. Staff confirmed.

Speakers: Deborah Lerner and Jennifer Halpern, made the presentation.

MINUTES

5. Consideration of the minutes from the June 14, 2021 Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ACTION, JULY 12, 2021:

On a motion by Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Chan, the Board of Zoning Appeals approved the minutes as submitted. The motion carried on a vote of 4 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

6. The Board of Zoning Appeals hearing was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.