



Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes November 26, 2024

Members Present: John Wells, Chair
Andrew Karas Vice Chair
Richard Fiden
Katrina Freier
Tony Axsom

Member Not Present:

Staff Members Present: Madison Workman, Zoning Administrator

I. Call to Order

Mr. Wells called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and read the opening remarks.

II. FOIA and Roll Call by Planning & Zoning Administrator, Establishment of a Quorum

Ms. Workman read the FOIA statement, conducted roll call, and established a quorum for the record.

III. Minutes of the Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Wells asked for a motion regarding the minutes from October 29, 2024. Mr. Karas made a motion to deny the minutes as submitted. Mrs. Freier seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carries.

IV. New Business

Mr. Wells opened the Business Meeting for the following item:

A. VA- 2024-07 (Variance Request for 319 Alma Street)

Staff provided the Board with an overview of the request.

The applicant, Steven Cram, was present at the meeting and spoke on behalf of the request.

No one from the public spoke during the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Board of Zoning Appeals members and staff discussed the request. Mrs. Freier asked the applicant if they installed the fence themselves and how they determined where they would install the fence. The applicant explained that they installed the fence themselves and that they put it three feet inside their property line. Mrs. Freier had the applicant clarify how the fence was installed and how much of the fence needed to be repaired. Mr. Axsom had the applicant clarify where the fence was located on the rear of the property. Additionally, Mr. Axsom asked the applicant how many of the rear neighboring houses were occupied. The applicant stated that all of the residences were occupied and that without the fence the applicant could see into all neighboring houses. Mr. Karas had the applicant explain why the applicant installed a fence instead of fast-growing vegetation in order to provide tall screening.

ACTION: Mr. Axsom made a motion to approve VA 2024-07, a variance request for an 8 ft fence at 319 Alma Street, Lyman, SC. Mr. Wells seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0, with all in favor.

V. Other Business

Planning staff gave the Board information regarding their December meeting.

VI. Adjourn

There being no other business to discuss, Mr. Karas made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Freier seconded the motion. All in Favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.