



CITY OF NEWNAN
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Cliff Smith, Ken Parker, Willie Walton, Skin Edge, Kris Lovell, Frank Flournoy

Board Members Absent: Sally Hensley

Others in Attendance: Tracy Dunnavant, Planning & Zoning Director
Dean Smith - Planner
Samantha Wood, Administrative Assistant to Planning & Zoning
Brad Sears, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Edge called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Richard A. Bolin Council Chambers, City Hall, 25 LaGrange Street.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Edge asked the Board if they had reviewed the minutes from the January 4, 2022 meeting. After no questions or discussion, Flournoy motioned to accept the minutes. Lovell seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED (5-0)

Ken Parker arrived at the meeting.

Variance Request – 43 Richard Allen Drive – 2022-02

Chairman Edge opened a public hearing on a variance request by Jeremy Emery to increase the height of a proposed fence in the front yard from 3 feet to 6 feet and reduce the setback for a residential accessory structure (shed) from 5 feet to 0 feet from a primary structure.

Dean Smith stated that the applicant would like to construct a 6-foot privacy fence along the portion of the property facing the street. He added that the applicant's reason for requesting the taller fence is to serve as a deterrent to crime that has been committed on the subject property. Dean Smith said the applicant also stated the reason he would like a privacy fence is

safety as there is a history of gunfire and he is hoping the privacy fence will deter people from using the driveway as a turnaround. He added that Staff recommends approval of the request with the condition that the fence be installed outside of the public right-of-way and the fence material would either be wrought iron or aluminum as the preferred material, thus providing the security being sought and avoiding visual obscurity and maintaining an aesthetic appeal that the ordinance desires that is more prevalent throughout the City of Newnan. He added that the material could be a discussion point for the Board.

Chairman Edge asked the Board if there were any questions for the staff:

Flournoy asked if a condition of approval could be that the fence must be maintained?

Dean Smith stated that yes, that could be a condition of the approval.

Parker expressed concern about the fence creating a safety issue in terms of sight distance and the ability for someone to hide behind it. Dean Smith explained that one of the reasons for the fence, as stated by the applicant, was safety for his family and the other tenants.

Parker asked if the fence would be behind the right of way. Smith stated that yes it would be behind the right of way.

The applicant Jeremy Emery was sworn in by Brad Sears. Emery stated he has had issues with shootings and people walking down the street and throwing rocks at his car windshield. He added that the construction of a shed would help with security as well.

Chairman Edge asked the Board if there were any questions for the applicant. Hearing none, Chairman Edge closed the public hearing and asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Flournoy to approve the height variance for the fence with the condition that it will be well maintained and to approve the construction of the shed with no setback from the primary structure. Lovell seconded.

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

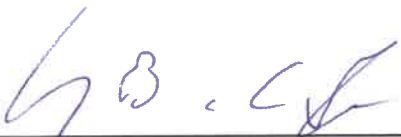
New Business

None

ADJOURN

Flournoy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. Parker seconded.

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)



Chairman Skin Edge