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PAT MCCABE
Board Member Position 2
JOHN BLAKEMORE
Board Member Position 3
DENNIS OIAN, CHAIRMAN
Board Member Position 4



NETTIE WARREN
Board Member Position 5
JON WILLIS
Board Member Alternate 1
FRANK NANCE
Board Member Alternate 2

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LA PORTE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
APRIL 27, 2023**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at the City Hall Conference Room A, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 6:00 p.m., with the following in attendance:

Board Members present: Chairman, Dennis Oian; Board Members, Pat McCabe; John Blakemore; Phillip Hoot, Nettie Warren and Alternate Board Member, Jon Willis.

Board Members absent Alternate Board Member, Frank Nance.

City Staff present: Teresa Evans, Planning and Development Director; Clark Askins, Assistant City Attorney; and Ian Clowes, City Planner.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** – Chairman Oian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** – Alternate Board Member Nance was absent.

3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES:**

a. Approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 26, 2023.

Board Member Hoot moved to approve the meeting minutes; the motion was adopted, 5-0.

4. **VARIANCE #23-93000001:** Open a public hearing to consider Variance Request #23-93000001, a request by Reynaldo Villanueva, applicant; on behalf of Stephanie Villanueva, owner; for a Variance to allow for a fence to be located in the front yard in the R-1 zoning district, on a tract of land located at 902 River Creek Dr. and legally described as Lot 1, Block 17, Creekmont Sec. 2, Harris County, TX.

City Planner, Ian Clowes, presented the proposed variance request.

Reynaldo Villanueva, 902 River Creek Dr., applicant, and owner, spoke in favor of the variance and provided information regarding the need for the request.

Councilmen Bill Bentley spoke in favor of the variance request.

Charles Norris, 817 River Creek Dr., spoke in opposition to the proposed variance, stating concerns with safety.

Veronica Saldana, 901 River Creek Dr. spoke in opposition to the proposed variance, stating concerns with safety.

5. **ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:** Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

6. **CONSIDERATION:**

Board members discussed the merits of the variance request. A number of members stated their concern for site visibility and aesthetics stating that there are no other similar fences within the existing neighborhood.

Board Member Hoot made a motion to deny the requested Variance; the motion was adopted 5-0 and the variance was DENIED.


7. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

None.

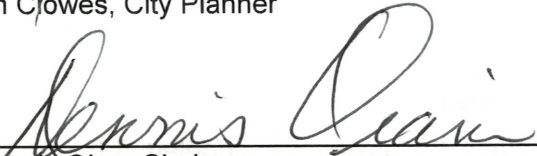
8. **BOARD COMMENTS** regarding matters appearing on the agenda; recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events; inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policies.

None.

ADJOURN – Chairman Oian adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.



Ian Clowes, City Planner



Dennis Oian, Chairman