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Board Member Alternate 2

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LA PORTE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
JUNE 27, 2024**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at the City Hall Council Chamber, 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; Frank Nance and Nettie Warren.

Board Members absent Board Member, Phillip Hoot, and Alternate Board Member, Jon Willis.

City Staff present: Johnna Matthews, Planning Manager; Clark Askins, City Attorney; and Maria Pena, Planning and Development Dept. Coordinator.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** – Chairman Oian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** – Board Member, Phillip Hoot and Alternate Board Member Jon Willis were absent.
3. **CITIZEN COMMENT** (Generally limited to five minutes per person; in accordance with state law, the time may be reduced if there is a high number of speakers or other considerations.)

The applicant Victoria Johnson spoke on the request for Variance# 24-94000002.

Sherry Erikson spoke in favor of Variance #24-94000002.

Patricia Tighe spoke in favor of Variance#24-94000002.

Richard Valenzuela spoke in favor of Variance#24-94000002.

Another citizen spoke in favor of Variance#24-94000002.

4. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES:** Approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 26, 2023.

Board Member John Blakemore moved to approve the meeting minutes, Seconded by Board Member Pat McCabe; the motion was adopted, 5-0.

5. **VARIANCE #24-94000002:** Open a public hearing to consider Variance Request #24-94000002, a request submitted by Victoria and Bryan Johnson, owner/applicant for a variance from Section 106-791 (Front Yard Areas) of the La Porte Zoning Ordinance to allow a proposed fence to extend approximately 4 feet, 3 inches into the front yard area of the property located at 622 S. Ohio St., and legally described as Lots 15 & 16 & TR 17A, Blk 7, S 10 FT of LT 17, Bay Front to La Porte 34 & 35, Harris County, TX.

Planning Manager, Johnna Matthews presented the Variance Request #24-94000002.

The applicant Victoria Johnson provided information on the variance request and commented on traffic issues, stray animals, homeless people, and the bay being too close to the property.

Sherry Erickson commented that she did not receive a public hearing comment form and mentioned that her neighbors do not have a problem with the fence. Ms. Erickson spoke in favor of Variance #24-940000002.

Richard Valenzuela explained that the property's front yard is larger than the backyard and spoke in favor of Variance #24-92000002.

Patricia Tighe commented that the fence is not a wooden fence, it is not blocking anybody's view, other neighbors are okay with the fence, nobody received paperwork to fill out, and chose to attend the meeting in person. Ms. Tighe spoke in favor of Variance #24-92000002.

Public hearing was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

6. **BOARD, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Consider Variance Request #24-94000002.

Board Member John Blakemore commented on the Fence Ordinance front yard fencing.

Board Member John Blakemore motioned to deny the variance, seconded by Board Member Netti Warren. All in favor, the motion was adopted, 5-0.

7. **BOARD COMMENTS:** On matters appearing on the agenda or inquiries from staff regarding specific information or existing policy.

City Attorney Clark Askins provided information on the Appeals procedure Appeals for the Board of Adjustment.

8. **OTHER BOARD BUSINESS:**

Next Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting: July 25, 2024.

ADJOURN – Chairman Dennis Oian adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.



Maria Pena, Planning and Development Dept. Coordinator


Chairperson