

MEETING MINUTES - BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

September 12, 2022 – 5:15 p.m.

City Hall Commission Room

1. Call to order

Kelley called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

2. Roll Call

Board members: Dave Kelley, Rich Ivey, Slade Weller, Ron McMahon

City Staff present: Matt Elbersen, Andrew Mentele

Applicants present: Joe Flowers

3. Approval of Minutes

McMahon moved to approve, seconded by Weller. Minutes of 7/11/22 were approved 4-0.

4. Request for Variance Application - Joe Flowers, 221 S. Taylor Ave

Owner/Applicant seeking approval for the following variances:

- a. Over-height fence
- b. Placement of fence in sight triangle

Flowers said he talked with the city and saw the house on a computer. The fence cost \$6,000 and Ludemann Fencing did the work. He has dogs and doesn't want people to see into the yard. The way it was worded, he believes he did everything he needed to do. He doesn't want to cause problems. Kelley asked if he had a permit, Elbersen confirmed he did. Weller asked if there were any neighbor complaints, Elbersen said they had not heard any. Flowers said he spoke with the neighbors and no one objected. Kelley asked if there was a simple solution, Elbersen said that (City Engineer) John Childs did not object to the fence remaining. McMahon said that this is close to Buchanan Elementary, Flowers said there is no fast traffic on this street. McMahon noted there are garages in the alley, he would like a conditional approval where if the fence becomes a safety issue, it would have to be reconfigured.

Kelley asked if McMahon was making a motion for conditional approval, McMahon confirmed. Weller seconded the motion for conditional approval.

Flowers asked about putting a "slow" sign in the alley, such as a "children at play" sign. Elbersen noted that it could be placed on private land, not in the right-of-way.

Motion for conditional approval approved 4-0.

5. Request for Variance Application - LeRoy Hoerner, 305 N. Johnson Ave

Owner/Applicant seeking approval for the following variances:

- a. Front yard encroachment for covered deck

Hoerner was not present at meeting, Weller moved to postpone this item to the October meeting, seconded by McMahon.

Motion approved 4-0.

6. Additional Items

None addressed

7. Adjournment

Kelley moved to adjourn, seconded by McMahon. 4-0 to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.