# AGENDA

#### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023 - 4:30 PM MCALLEN CITY HALL, 1300 HOUSTON AVENUE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR

At any time during the course of this meeting, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.

#### CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Jose Gutierrez

#### 1. MINUTES:

- a) Minutes for the meeting held on February 22, 2023
- b) Minutes for the meeting held on March 8, 2023

## 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) Request of Reyna G. Martinez for a Special Exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10 feet side yard setback adjacent to North 21st Street for an existing metal carport measuring 39 feet by 17 feet at Lot 33, Redbud Subdivision No. 2, Hidalgo County, Texas; 2101 Oriole Avenue. (ZBA2023-0017)
- b) Request of Jose Luis Elizondo for the following Special Exception to the City of McAllen Off-Street Parking and Loading Ordinance to not provide one parking space beyond the front yard setback, at Lot 92, Saddle Creek UT 1, Hidalgo County, Texas; 9214 North 32nd Lane. (ZBA2023-0018)
- c) Request of Kevin Jaime on behalf of Jaime & Mendoza Rentals, LLC (owner) for the following Variance request to the City of McAllen Vegetation Ordinance to allow the required landscaped area to be synthetic grass instead of natural grass at Lot 1, Block 16, North McAllen Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 621 North 10th Street. (ZBA2023-0015)
- d) Request of Mauricia Castillo for a Special Exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet in to the 10 feet rear yard setback for an existing wooden carport measuring 31 feet by 17 feet at Lot 81, Los Encinos subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3420 Raquel Avenue. (ZBA2023-0016)
- e) Request of Victor Meza (Meza Homes Inc.) for the following Variance request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 30 feet into the 75 feet front yard setback for the construction of a commercial building, at Lot 1, T-Rey Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3612 State Highway 107. (ZBA2023-0019)
- f) Request of Andrew LeBaron for the following: 1) Special Exception request to the City of McAllen Off-Street Parking and Loading Ordinance to allow 32 parking spaces instead of the 44 parking spaces for proposed apartment use and 2) a Variance request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to be exempted from the 8-foot CMU buffer requirement along the west side of the subject property located at Lot 1, Wilson Subdivision No. 3, Hidalgo County, Texas; 120 South 4th Street. (ZBA2023-0012) (TABLED: 03/08/2023)

# 3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) 909 North Jackson Road
- b) 3101 Tanya Avenue
- c) 2808 Idela Avenue
- d) 1501 Falcon Avenue
- e) 108 East Fresno Avenue
- f) 1013 Highway 83

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

IF ANY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A DISABILITY ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE NOTIFY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT (681-1250) 72 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING DATE. WITH REGARD TO ANY ITEM, THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS MAY TAKE VARIOUS ACTIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RESCHEDULING AN ITEM IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR PARTICULAR ACTION AT A FUTURE DATE.

#### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HIDALGO CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals convened in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the McAllen City Hall, Commission Chambers with the following present:

Present:	Sylvia Hinojosa Jose Gutierrez Ann Tafel Rogelio Rodriguez Juan Mujica Sam Saldivar	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Member Member Alternate Alternate
Absent:	Hugo Avila	Member
Staff Present:	Austin Stevenson Michelle Rivera Edgar Garcia Rodrigo Sanchez Samuel Nunez Marco Rivera Porfirio Hernandez Julian Hernandez Carmen White	Assistant City Attorney Assistant City Manager Planning Director Senior Planner Planner II Planner I Planning Technician II Planning Technician I Administrative Assistant

#### CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Jose Gutierrez

#### 1. MINUTES:

a) Minutes for the special meeting held on February 8, 2023.

The minutes for the special meeting held on February 8, 2023 were approved. The motion to approve the minutes were made by Ms. Ann Tafel. Mr. Sam Saldivar seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with five members present and voting.

# As per Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa's suggestion, the following items had been recommended for approval by staff. They are as follows:

#### 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) Request of Cesar Martinez for a variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow: 1) an encroachment of 7 feet into the 25-foot front yard setback for a garage, and 2) an encroachment of 10 feet into the 25-foot front yard setback for a proposed single-family residence at Lot P1, Vineyard Estates Subdivision Phase 1A, Hidalgo County, Texas; 13321 Atlas Peak Court. (ZBA2023-0005)
- b) Request of Heriberto Padron, Jr. for a variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 25 feet rear yard setback on a double-fronting Lot for a proposed swimming pool measuring 16 feet by 26 feet at Lot 7, Vine Ridge Estates Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3520 Upas Avenue. (ZBA2023-0006)

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d) Request of Sylvia Yolanda Garza for the following Special Exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 18 feet into the 30 feet front yard setback for a proposed metal carport measuring 12 feet by 18 feet, at Lot 4, Silvestre Garza Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 705 North 29th Street. (ZBA2023-0004)

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in favor of the special exception. There was no one else in favor of the special exception.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the special exception. There was no one in opposition of the special exception.

Mr. Sam Saldivar **moved** to approve the previously outlined special exceptions as per staff's recommendation, limited to the submitted plans correspondent to each item. Vice-Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve with five members present and voting.

c) Request of Nora Lisa Lozano on behalf of Cesar A. Flores for a special exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10 feet sideyard setback along North 16th Street for a proposed metal carport measuring 23 feet by 23 feet at Lot 22 Less the East 5 feet, Sycamore Heights Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 1509 Sycamore Avenue. (ZBA2023-0009)

Mr. Nunez stated the applicant was requesting a special exception for the above-mentioned encroachment for a proposed metal carport measuring 23 feet by 23 feet. The applicant stated the metal carport would be used to protect her vehicles, especially her truck, from the weather elements. The applicant had stated that her truck does not fit inside the existing garage space due its length.

The subject property was located on the southeast corner of Sycamore Avenue and North 16<sup>th</sup> Street. The property had 72.5 feet of frontage along Sycamore Avenue and a depth of 97 feet, for a lot size of approximately 7,032.5 square feet. There was an existing single-family residence on the subject property. The surrounding land use was single-family residential.

The plat for Sycamore Heights Subdivision was recorded on September 8, 1948. The existing residence was built in 1978 with additions made later in 1998. The application for this special exception request was submitted on January 19, 2023.

Approval of the special exception request would allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10 feet side yard setback for a proposed metal carport. This carport would be facing North 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

There was an existing two-car garage that is used to park the applicant's vehicles. However, the applicant has stated that her truck cannot be accommodated in one of her garage spaces due to space constraints and the truck's size.

There was an ally at the rear of the property. However, due to the existing location of the home's garage structure, there would be no space on the rear yard that would allow for the relocation of the proposed carport. There was also no garage or driveway access located

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During a site visit staff noticed, several similar structures located along the front and side yard setbacks. A review of Planning Department Records revealed one variance for a front yard carport in the Subdivision that was approved at the Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting of August 5, 2009.

Special exceptions are issued and recorded for the present applicant/owner only. New owners would need to apply for a new special exception request.

Staff had received one phone call in support of the special exception request. Staff also received a phone call in opposition from an adjacent property owner that will be in attendance in the meeting to present his reasons behind the opposition.

Staff recommended approval of the special exception request since the proposed structure would not negatively impact the existing character of the subdivision.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in favor of the special exception. There was no one else in favor of the special exception.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the special exception. There was someone in opposition of the special exception.

Mr. Daniel Lopez, 1501 Sycamore Avenue, Joel Jason Rodriguez, 1505 Sycamore Avenue and Raul de la Pena, Jr., 1500 Sycamore Avenue. Mr. Lopez also had a letter from another neighbor, Erica Rodriguez to speak on her behalf. They had concerns with visibility of the hedges of Laurels with entering the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Sycamore Avenue. He also stated if the carport would add to the visibility.

Ms. Nora Lozano, the applicant stated she was speaking for the registered owner, Cesar A. Flores. Ms. Lozano did not plant the bushes in which they were trimmed. She stated that she was present for the carport only. It was well within the property line. Ms. Lozano stated she had a neighbor behind her who was in favor of the carport.

Chairperson Gutierrez asked the applicant where the carport was going to be built. She stated off 17<sup>th</sup> Street, off the alleyway. It will be metal posts and roofing.

Board members Saldivar and Ms. Tafel had concerns with the power line over the metal carport.

Vice-Chairperson Hinojosa asked staff if the power line over the metal carport was addressed. Mr. Nunez stated it was not addressed at the time.

Following discussion, Mr. Juan Mujica <u>moved</u> to table the special exception until they speak with AEP. Ms. Ann Tafel seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to table the special exception with five members present and voting.

d) Request of David T. Marroquin for the following Special Exception request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 23.83 feet by 16.16 feet, at Lot 64, Las Villas Subdivision Unit No. 2, Hidalgo County, Texas; 100 East Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals February 22, 2023 Page 4 Kerria Avenue. (**ZBA2022-0132**)

Mr. Rivera stated the applicant was requesting a special exception for an encroachment into the 10 feet rear yard setback for an existing metal carport having dimensions of 23.83 feet by 16.16 feet. The applicant states the carport is to provide protection for the family vehicles from inclement weather events and for shade.

The subject property was located at the southeast corner of North 1<sup>st</sup> Street and East Kerria Avenue and has a Lot size of 7,875 square feet. The property is zoned R-1 (single-family residential) District and a single-family residence is located on the property. Adjacent zoning is R-1 District in all directions. The surrounding land use is single family residential.

Las Villas Subdivision Unit No. 2 was recorded on January 18, 1983. The required rear yard setback as per plat was 10 feet. A Stop Work order was posted by Building Permits and Inspections Department on September 13, 2022 for construction work without a building permit. An application for a building permit was submitted to Building Permits and Inspections Department on November 09, 2022 and an application for a Special Exception request was submitted to the Planning Department on December 08, 2022. As per the applicant, the structure was built in 1990 without a building permit.

The request was for a special exception to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 23.83 feet by 16.16 feet and was constructed over an existing concrete driveway.

There is a 5 feet utility easement running concurrently with the rear yard setback along the rear of the property and the carport also encroached into the 5 feet utility easement. As per a revised site plan, the applicant is proposing to reduce the encroachment by 5 feet in order to resolve the 5 feet utility easement encroachment. The proposed alternate request is to encroach 5 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback.

During the site visit, staff noticed other similar structures with encroachments in the rear yard. At the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals meeting of August 18, 2021, the Board approved an encroachment of 5 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback for a proposed irregular shaped metal carport at Lot 82, Las Villas Subdivision Unit No. 2.

There have been no calls or emails received in opposition of the Special Exception request.

Measurements provided are without the benefit of a survey.

Special exceptions are issued to a property owner and recorded, however a change of ownership requires the new owner to apply for their own Special Exception.

Staff recommended **disapproval** of the Special Exception request as originally requested, however alternatively, staff recommended **approval** of the modified request for an encroachment of 5 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback. Approval of the request will allow the construction to be modified to resolve the encroachment into the 5 feet utility easement.

Mr. David T. Marroquin, the applicant stated that he agreed to do the 5-foot setback as been requested. He stated that particular driveway on the side and back of his house was put in 1987 when he built the house. The cover was built in 1990. He had a letter

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Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in favor of the special exception. There was no one else in favor of the special exception.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the special exception. There was no one in opposition of the special exception.

Board member Ann Tafel asked staff if there were any utility lines in the easement area. Mr. Rivera stated that they spoke with Mr. Marroquin regarding that issue. He called the 811 number in order to show if there was any lines. A drainage line ran a little outside in the alley but not inside the property.

Following discussion, Mr. Sam Saldivar **moved** to approve the special exception as per staff's recommendation for modified request of the encroachment of 5 feet instead of the 10 feet rear yard setback. Ms. Ann Tafel seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the special exception with five members present and voting.

e) Request of Oscar Cancino on behalf of Marissa Cantu (property owner) for the following Special Exception and Variance requests to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow: 1) an encroachment of 3.04 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 23.66 feet by 24.66 feet, and 2) A Variance to allow an encroachment of 5.5 feet into the 7 feet south side yard setback for an existing metal storage building measuring approximately 5 feet by 19.2 feet, at Lot 4, Block 7, North McAllen Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 709 North 16th Street. (ZBA2023-0003)

Mr. Rivera stated the applicant was requesting a special exception for an existing metal carport with an encroachment into the 10 feet rear yard setback and a variance for an encroachment into the 7 feet south side yard setback for an existing storage building. The applicant states a contractor was hired to construct the building but did not obtain a building permit. The carport was to provide protection for the family vehicles from inclement weather events. The carport had a storage-building component.

The subject property was located along the west side of North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, between Hackberry and Gumwood Avenues. The lot had 50 feet of frontage along North 16<sup>th</sup> Street and a depth of 140 feet for a lot size of 7,000 square feet. The property was zoned R-2 (duplex-fourplex residential) District and a single family residence was located on the property. The adjacent zoning was R-2 District in all directions. The surrounding land use was single family residential.

According to Hidalgo County Appraisal District records, the main residence was built in 1993. The applicant purchased the property in 2016.

A Stop Work order was posted by Building Permits and Inspections Department on September 20, 2022 for construction work without a building permit. An application for a building permit was submitted to Building Permits and Inspections Department on November 03, 2022 and an application for a Special Exception request was submitted to the Planning Department on January 09, 2023.

Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals February 22, 2023 Page 6 The side yard setbacks for this property are 7 feet on the south side yard setback and 5 feet on the north side yard setback. The rear yard setback was 10 feet.

**Special Exception #1:** The request was for a special exception to allow an encroachment of 3.04 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 23.66 feet by 24.66 feet and constructed over an existing concrete driveway. There is a paved alley at the rear of the property that allows the vehicles access to the carport. The property has a block fence that surrounds the rear of the property that helps to partially screen the property.

Locating carports and having access from the alley at the rear of the property helps to maintain curb appeal along the front yard.

The carport had a storage space component that does not encroach into the side yard setback.

**Variance #2:** to allow an encroachment of 5.5 feet into the 7 feet south side yard setback for an existing metal storage building measuring approximately 5 feet by 19.2 feet. The storage space is currently being used to store work equipment.

The storage building space was a second storage building that is a component to the metal carport; however, it was constructed encroaching into the south side yard setback.

A windshield survey revealed other similar encroachments in the rear of the property along the Block. A review of Planning Department records did not reveal any Variances or Special Exceptions approved for properties in this Block.

There have been no calls or emails received in opposition of the Special Exception or Variance requests.

Special exceptions are issued to a property owner and recorded, however a change of ownership requires the new owner to apply for their own Special Exception.

**Special Exception #1:** Staff recommended **approval** of the Special Exception request #1, since carports located at the rear yard helps to maintain curb appeal along the front yard and the encroachment is minor. The existing 20 feet alley also provides a separation to other properties across the alley.

**Variance request #2:** Staff recommended **disapproval** since variances run with the land, buildings are not permitted within setbacks and fire-rated construction is required. If the Board chooses to approved the request, approval should be limited to the encroachment shown on the submitted site plan.

Mr. Oscar Cancino, representing Marissa Cantu, stated the property has been in the family for 50 years. The reason the carport was set to the south, was a gas meter and an existing power pole that was center of the entrance of the rear. The wooden carport was reconstructed due to a storm years ago. The applicant decided to put a metal carport to prevent any fire issues with the next-door neighbor who had a wooden fence. Construction equipment was being stored in there.

Chairperson Gutierrez asked if the construction be relocated. Mr. Rivera stated the structure sits on cement. It would have to be removed completely which would be costly

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Board member Mujica asked staff what was being stored there. Mr. Rivera stated work equipment for the property owner.

Mr. Oscar Cancino representing Marissa Cantu stated the property had been in the family for 50 years. The reason the carport was set to the south, there was a gas meter and gas utilities with an existing power pole left center of the entrance where the rear carport stood. Mr. Cancino stated that the previous carport that was made of wood was destroyed during a storm. The property owner decided to replace it with metal material. He stated there were six other properties in the neighborhood that had encroachments.

Board member Rodriguez asked Mr. Cancino if this structure was well built. Mr. Cancino stated it was built to standards. Board member Rodriguez stated that usually there is a 3-foot radius around a utility pole. He asked if the applicant reached out to whoever owned that utility pole to see if they had an issue with it in case they had to service it the structure would be in the way. Mr. Cancino stated one of the things that was encroaching into their property that was not documented into the easement was the utility pole and gas meter.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in favor of the special exception/variance request. There was no one else in favor of the special exception/variance request.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the special exception/variance request. There was no one in opposition of the special exception/variance request.

Board member Rodriguez asked staff when it came to carports or similar buildings like this what is the requirement from the primary structure to another structure. Mr. Rivera stated it was usually a 5-foot separation.

Following discussion, Mr. Juan Mujica **moved** to approve the special exception as per staff's recommendation. Vice-Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the special exception with four members voting aye and Mr. Rogelio Rodriguez voting nay.

Following discussion, Ms. Ann Tafel **moved** to disapprove the variance request as per staff's recommendation. Mr. Rogelio Rodriguez seconded the motion. The Board voted to disapprove the variance request with four board members voting aye and Vice-Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa voting nay

g) Request of Jose M. Guerra for the following Variance requests to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow: 1) an encroachment of 6 feet into the 6 feet north side yard setback for an existing metal porch measuring 6 feet by 37 feet, and 2) to allow an encroachment of 6 feet into the 6 feet south side yard setback for an existing triangular shaped metal porch, at Lot 161, Gardenia Terrace No. 12 Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 5912 North 35th Street. (ZBA2022-0113)

Mr. Rivera stated the applicant was requesting two variances to encroach 6 feet into the north and south side yard setbacks for two existing metal porches. The applicant states that the metal porches are used for shade and protection from weather elements, and for

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The subject property had an irregular shape and is located on the east side of a cul-de-sac on North 35<sup>th</sup> Street, approximately 130 feet south of Heron Avenue. The property has 52.36 feet of frontage along North 35<sup>th</sup> Street and a depth of 128.78 feet at its deepest point for a lot size of 9,900 square feet. The zoning for the property and adjacent zoning is R-1 (single-family residential) District in all directions. Surrounding land use is single family residential.

Gardenia Terrace No. 12 Subdivision was recorded in October 1980. A Stop Work order was issued by the Building Permits and Inspections Department on September 22, 2022 for construction without a building permit. A building permit application was submitted to the Building Permits and Inspections Department on November 10, 2022 and a variance application was submitted to the Planning Department on October 14, 2022.

**Variance #1):** The request is to allow an encroachment of 6 feet into the 6 feet north side yard setback for an existing metal porch building measuring 6 feet by 37 feet. As per applicant, the structure helps to provide shade and protection for the family members from inclement weather events and to provide storage space. It was originally built to cover a low spot in the ground where standing water would accumulate. The structure was built in 2019 by the applicant.

**Variance #2):** The request is to allow an encroachment of 6 feet into the 6 feet south side yard setback for an existing triangular shaped metal porch measuring 20 feet wide at the rear of the structure and 27 feet at its deepest point of measurement. As per the applicant, the structure helps to provide shade and protection for the family members from inclement weather events and for storage space. The structure was built in 2008 by a subcontractor with help from the applicant.

Concerns with structures built to the property line are potential for enclosure of the structures and rainfall runoff into neighboring properties. The property owner had installed gutters for the roof additions to prevent run off from spilling into the neighbors properties.

During a site visit, staff noticed other encroachments along the side yards of the other properties. A review of Planning Department records did not reveal other variances granted within the subdivision.

At the Board of Adjustment and Appeals meeting of July 17, 2003, the Board approved an encroachment of 4 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback for a swimming pool. The property is located adjacent to the rear of the subject property.

Measurements provided were without benefit of a survey.

There are no utility easements that are impacted by the encroachments.

Staff had not received calls or emails in opposition of the variance request.

Staff recommended **disapproval** of the variance requests **#1** and **#2** since variances run with the land, structures are not permitted within setbacks, and approval may encourage other construction with similar encroachments. If the Board chooses to approve the variance requests, it should be limited to the footprint shown in the submitted site plan.

Mr. Jose M. Guerra, the applicant stated back in 2008, someone with an offer to put up a

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chimney in the back for the family and protection from the trees approached him. Sometime later, the same person came by to discuss some pricing and began the construction on the south side of the property. The man never mentioned anything about obtaining a permit.

The Board had concerns that since it ran with the land, the next owner could enclose the existing metal porch.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in favor of the variance request. There was no one else in favor of the variance request.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the variance request. There was no one in opposition of the variance request.

Board member Saldivar asked staff if the chimney roof was taken down would the chimney itself remain. Mr. Rivera stated the chimney would go as well.

After discussion, Ms. Ann Tafel **moved** to disapprove the variance requests #1 and #2 as per staff's recommendation. Mr. Juan Mujica seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to disapprove the variance requests with five members present and voting.

 h) Request of David Omar Salinas on Behalf of Maria Eugenia Zabaleta (owner) for the following Variance request to the City of McAllen Off-Street Parking and Loading Ordinance to allow 5 parking spaces instead of the required 10 parking spaces for proposed commercial use at Lot 8, Floyd Bennet Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 1605 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. (ZBA2022-0118) (TABLED: 12/21/2022) (REMAINED TABLED: 01/05/2023, 01/18/2023, 02/08/2023)

#### This item was to remain tabled per the applicant until the next meeting.

 i) Request of Luis D. Waldo on Behalf of Rene Castellanos (owner) for the following Variance request to the City of McAllen Vegetation Ordinance to allow the required landscaped area to be synthetic grass instead of natural grass at Lot 17, Vineyard Estates Subdivision Phase 1A, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3817 Cosentino Drive. (ZBA2022-0126) (TABLED: 12/21/2022) (REMAIN TABLED: 01/05/2023, 01/18/2023, 02/08/2023)

This item was to remain tabled per the applicant until the next meeting.

#### 3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) 5912 North 35<sup>th</sup> Street
- **b)** 100 East Kerria Avenue
- c) 709 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street
- d) 705 North 29<sup>th</sup> Street
- e) 13321 Atlas Court
- f) 3520 Upas Avenue
- g) 1509 Sycamore Avenue

### Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals February 22, 2023 Page 10 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeal, Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa **moved** to adjourn the meeting.

Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa

Carmen White, Administrative Assistant

#### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HIDALGO CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals convened in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the McAllen City Hall, Commission Chambers with the following present:

Present:	Sylvia Hinojosa Jose Gutierrez Rogelio Rodriguez Hugo Avila Juan Mujica Sam Saldivar	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Member Member Alternate Alternate
Absent:	Ann Tafel	Member
Staff Present:	Austin Stevenson Michelle Rivera Edgar Garcia Jose H. De La Garza Rodrigo Sanchez Katia Sanchez Samuel Nunez Marco Rivera Eduardo Garza Porfirio Hernandez Julian Hernandez Carmen White	Assistant City Attorney Assistant City Manager Planning Director Development Coordinator Senior Planner Planner II Planner II Planner I Planner I Planning Technician II Planning Technician I Administrative Assistant

#### CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Jose Gutierrez

#### 1. MINUTES:

a) Minutes for the meeting held on February 22, 2023.

The minutes for the meeting held on February 22, 2023 were approved. The motion to approve the minutes were made by Ms. Ann Tafel. Mr. Sam Saldivar seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with five members present and voting.

**b)** Minutes for the meeting held on March 8, 2023.

The minutes for the meeting held on march 8, 2023 were approved. The motion to approve the minutes were made by Ms. Ann Tafel. Mr. Sam Saldivar seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with five members present and voting.

#### Vice-Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa made a motion to remove Item 2d from the table.

As per Chairperson Jose Gutierrez's suggestion, the following items had been recommended for approval by staff. They are as follows:

Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals March 8, 2023 Page 2 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) Request of Melden & Hunt Inc. on behalf of Lockard McAllen Holding LLC, (property owner) for the following Special Exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of up to 43.4 feet into the 75 feet setback along Dove Avenue for a proposed metal carport measuring 128.58 feet by 16 feet, at Lot 4, Las Palomas Village Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 1800 Dove Avenue. (ZBA2023-0010)
- b) Request of Guadalupe Cabrera on behalf of Andres Cabrera (property owner) for the following Special Exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 20.42 feet into the 25 feet front yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 19 feet by 21 feet, at Lot 186, Idela Park Unit No. 1 Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 2716 Lucille Avenue. (ZBA2023-0014)
- c) Request of Rene Rodriguez for the following Variance requests to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 5 feet into the 25-foot rear yard setback for an existing porch measuring 6 feet by 22 feet at Lot 93, Vendome Subdivision Phase II, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3405 Vendome Drive. (ZBA2023-0013)
- d) Request of Nora Lisa Lozano on behalf of Cesar A. Flores for a special exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10 feet sideyard setback along North 16th Street for a proposed metal carport measuring 23 feet by 23 feet at Lot 22 Less the East 5 feet, Sycamore Heights Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 1509 Sycamore Avenue. (ZBA2023-0009) (TABLED: 02/22/2023)

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in favor of the special exception/variance requests. There was no one else in favor of the special exception/variance requests.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the special exception/variance requests. There was no one in opposition of the special exception/variance requests.

Vice-Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa **moved** to approve the previously outlined special exceptions as per staff's recommendation, limited to the submitted plans correspondent to each item. Mr. Hugo Avila seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve with five members present and voting.

e) Request of Andrew LeBaron for the following: 1) Special Exception request to the City of McAllen Off-Street Parking and Loading Ordinance to allow 32 parking spaces instead of the 44 parking spaces for proposed apartment use and 2) a Variance request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to be exempted from the 8-foot CMU buffer requirement along the west side of the subject property located at Lot 1, Wilson Subdivision No. 3, Hidalgo County, Texas; 120 South 4th Street. (ZBA2023-0012)

Ms. Sanchez stated Mr. LeBaron has withdrawn variance request #2 since he came into the compliance code.

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Ms. Sanchez stated the applicant request the following special exception to allow 32 parking spaces instead of the required 44 parking spaces for apartment use. The applicant is requesting to use the existing parking spaces on the subject property, the previous use was that of commercial (motel) use, therefore did not require as many parking spaces. The applicant is also requesting a variance from the 8-foot CMU buffer requirement along the west side of the subject property since the expense was not in the applicants' budget for the proposed development project.

The property is located at the northwest corner of Beaumont Avenue and South 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The tract has an approximate lot size of 27,675.34 square feet. The subject property was zoned as C-3 (general business) District; there is also C-3 District to the north, east, and west. The contiguous zoning is R-1 (single-family residential) District to the east and west, it is also C-1 (office building) District to the south of the subject property.

A subdivision plat for a one-lot subdivision under the name of Wilson Subdivision No. 3 was recorderd on October 13, 1980. The applicant submitted the variance application and the site plan to the Planning Department on February 01, 2023.

Request #1: The applicant is requesting the variance to allow 32 parking spaces instead of the required 44 parking spaces in order to comply with the apartment use parking space requirement. Currently the lot has two existing buildings that were for commercial (motel) use, "La Casita Motel of McAllen", and an existing parking lot. Based on the number of bedrooms the applicant is required to provide 44 parking spaces. Section 138-395 requires for an apartment/condominium building with five or more units to provide 1.5 parking spaces for each efficiency, studio apartment, and one bedroom living unit.

Section 138-395 requires one parking space for each sleeping room or suite plus one space for each 200 square feet of commercial floor area contained therein; therefore, the required parking space requirement is not being met because the previous use did not require as many parking spaces.

Request #2: The applicant is requesting a variance to the 8-feet CMU screen requirement along the west side of the subject property since the expense is not part of the project budget for apartments. As per Section 110-49 Landscape and buffer plan approval, an 8-foot masonry wall is required where a commercial, industrial, or multi-family use has a side or rear property line in common with a single-family use of zone. During a site visit by staff, the adjacent property located west of the subject property is zoned R-1 District and has a single-family residence.

The purpose of the buffer is used in such a manner that the adjacent property is visually screened, and so that noise, solid waste, or other objectionable influences will be avoided.

Staff has received neighborhood opposition of the special exception and variance request. The citizens expressed concerns of potential traffic and blocking of roadways by potential vehicles.

Request #1: Staff recommends disapproval of the special exception request since there may be insufficient number of parking spaces for tenants of the proposed apartment complex.

Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals March 8, 2023 Page 4 Request #2: Staff recommends disapproval of the variance request since the property to the west is R-1 zone and is used as a single-family residence. The buffer would visually screen and alleviate the level of noise extended to the adjacent property.

Vice-Chairperson Hinojosa asked staff if there was any kind of an agreement with additional parking around the commercial area. Ms. Sanchez stated as of now there was no parking agreement.

Board member Mujica asked staff it was mentioned sections but did not see the actual number of actual units. Ms. Sanchez stated it would be the under the site plan.

Board member Rodriguez asked staff when it was a hotel how many parking spaces did it have. Ms. Sanchez stated back then it was the 32 parking spaces and was in compliance.

Mr. Andrew LeBaron, 4103 Santa Maria, Mission stated there were 28 parking spaces before; the proposed was 29 parking spaces. They added one more unit and it was a laundry unit. He stated he had the lien removed from the property in order to purchase the property with the proviso that he changed the use. They would convert motels to apartments. They complied with the fire sprinklers. They wanted to do an 8-foot cedar fence.

Board member Mujica asked the applicant if he considered reducing to 26 units to be in compliance. Mr. Le Baron stated they had considered it in the beginning but broke their investment requirement. He stated he would be willing to work out a contract with adjoining neighbors with parking. There was parking across the street of 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Board member Mujica asked staff if they were to enter into a contract, agreement with the adjacent neighbors would that suffice the parking requirement. Ms. Sanchez stated yes that would be sufficient it would have to be recorded.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in favor of the special exception. There was no one else in favor of the special exception.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the special exception. There was no one in opposition of the special exception.

Following discussion, Vice-Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa <u>moved</u> to table the item in order to get a parking agreement with the surrounding neighbor. Mr. Sam Saldivar seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve with five members present and voting.

f) Request of Javier Ibarra for the following Special Exception request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 25 feet into the 25 feet front yard setback for an existing wooden carport measuring 19 feet by 24 feet, at Lot 42, Santa Yesenia Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 2400 North 46th Street. (ZBA2023-0011)

Mr. Rivera stated the applicant was requesting a special exception for an encroachment into the 25 feet front yard setback for an existing wooden carport measuring 19 feet by 24 feet. The applicant states a contractor built the carport but did not obtain the required building permit. The carport is to provide protection from inclement weather for a large truck that because of its size, it presents a challenge to park in the garage.

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The subject property is located along the east side of North 46<sup>th</sup> Street, south of Westway Avenue. The Lot has 60 feet of frontage along North 46<sup>th</sup> Street and a depth of 103.44 feet for a Lot size of 6,206 square feet. The property is zoned R-1 (single-family residential) District and a single-family residence is located on the property. Adjacent zoning is R-1 District in all directions. The surrounding land use is single family residential.

Santa Yesenia Subdivision was recorded in February 2005. The required front yard setback as per plat is 25 feet. A notice of non-compliance was issued by the Building Permits and Inspections Department in October 2022 for "no permit on file" for construction of the carport. An application for a building permit was submitted to Building Permits and Inspections Department on December 20, 2022, and an application for a Special Exception request was submitted to the Planning Department on January 24, 2023.

The request is for a special exception to allow an encroachment for an existing wooden carport of 25 feet into the 25 feet front yard setback for a carport measuring 19 feet by 24 feet. As per the applicant, the structure was built in September 2022 over an existing concrete driveway. There is an existing two-car garage that is being used as parking for one of the family vehicles and is also used to store household items. The applicant states the existing car garage is too narrow and has insufficient length to accommodate the other large family vehicle. There is no alley at the rear of the property that would allow for relocation of the carport out of the setback. There are no other existing carport encroachments along this block.

The front yard setbacks are important in establishing the character of a single-family neighborhood by maintaining the street yard and curb appeal of the properties in a subdivision. Approval of the request to allow the carport within the front yard may encourage other property owners to construct carports within the front yard setback.

During a site visit, staff noticed one carport with encroachment into the front yard along North 47<sup>th</sup> Street. A review of Planning Department records did not reveal any Special Exceptions granted in this subdivision. Building Department records did not reveal other building permits granted for carports within the front yard in this subdivision.

There have been no calls or emails received in opposition of the Special Exception request.

Measurements provided are without the benefit of a survey.

Special exceptions are issued to the property owner and recorded, however a change of ownership requires the new owner to apply for their own Special Exception.

Staff recommended **disapproval** of the Special Exception request, since the home has an existing two-car garage and approval of the carport may encourage other property owners to build similar structures within the front yard setback. If the Board chooses to approve the request, it should be limited to the encroachment shown on the submitted site plan.

Mr. Javier Ibarra, the applicant stated he was not aware of obtaining a building permit at the time. He stated he saw carport on another block and thought it was a good idea. He had it built in September 2022.

Chairperson Gutierrez asked staff how this case came before the Board. Mr. Rivera stated

Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals March 8, 2023 Page 6 that Building Inspections do Saturday routines around the neighborhoods.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in favor of the special exception. There was no one else in favor of the special exception.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the special exception. There was no one in opposition of the special exception.

Board member Mujica asked the applicant that he saw on the site plan that there was a garage and a carport. Mr. Ibarra stated that he broke the wall trying to fit his large truck in the garage. The carport was also to protect from the inclement weather.

The Board had concerns with the carport being attached to the house with the fire issues.

Board member Saldivar asked staff if staff was inclined to approve the special exception the applicant would have to do certain things. Mr. Rivera stated if the Board chooses to approve he still conditioned to go through the building process permit.

Following discussion, Mr. Juan Mujica <u>moved</u> to disapprove the special exception. Mr. Rogelio Rodriguez seconded the motion. The Board voted to disapprove with five members present and voting.

 g) Request of David Omar Salinas on Behalf of Maria Eugenia Zabaleta (owner) for the following Variance request to the City of McAllen Off-Street Parking and Loading Ordinance to allow 5 parking spaces instead of the required 10 parking spaces for proposed commercial use at Lot 8, Floyd Bennet Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 1605 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. (ZBA2022-0118) (TABLED: 12/21/2022) (REMAINED TABLED: 01/05/2023, 01/18/2023, 02/08/2023, 02/22/2023)

Ms. Sanchez stated it has been tabled since December, staff recommended that it be removed from the table and take action.

Chairperson Gutierrez asked staff if they had been in contact with the applicant. Ms. Sanchez responded yes but until now, nothing has changed.

Austin Stevenson from Legal stated each applicant had been advised that this Board had the authority at any time to remove from the table and take action.

Mr. Hugo Avila **moved** to remove the item from the table. Vice-Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to remove the item from the table with five members present and voting.

Mr. Hugo Avila **moved** to disapprove the variance request. Mr. Sam Saldivar seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve with five members present and voting.

h) Request of Luis D. Waldo on Behalf of Rene Castellanos (owner) for the following Variance request to the City of McAllen Vegetation Ordinance to allow the required landscaped area to be synthetic grass instead of natural grass at Lot 17, Vineyard Estates Subdivision Phase 1A, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3817 Cosentino Drive. (ZBA2022-0126) (TABLED: 12/21/2022) (REMAIN TABLED: 01/05/2023, 01/18/2023, 02/08/2023, 02/22/2023)

Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals March 8, 2023 Page 7 Mr. Juan Mujica <u>moved</u> to remove the item from the table. Vice-Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to remove the item from the table with five members present and voting.

Mr. Hugo Avila <u>moved</u> to disapprove the variance request. Mr. Rogelio Rodriguez seconded the motion. The Board voted to disapprove with five members present and voting.

#### 3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) 5912 North 35<sup>th</sup> Street
- **b)** 100 East Kerria Avenue
- c) 709 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street
- d) 705 North 29<sup>th</sup> Street
- e) 13321 Atlas Court
- f) 3520 Upas Avenue
- g) 1509 Sycamore Avenue

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeal, Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa **moved** to adjourn the meeting.

Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa

Carmen White, Administrative Assistant

Planning Department

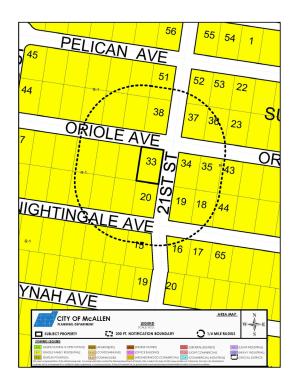
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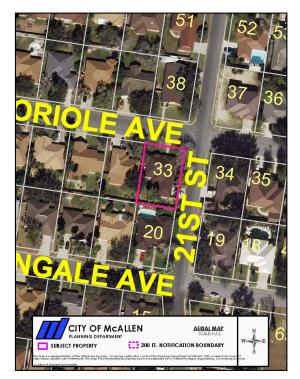
TO: Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

- FROM: Planning Staff
- **DATE:** March 15, 2023
- SUBJECT: **REQUEST OF REYNA G. MARTINEZ FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE** ORDINANCE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING TO ALLOW: AN ENCROACHMENT OF 10 FEET INTO THE 10 FEET SIDE YARD SETBACK ADJACENT TO NORTH 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET AND 10 FEET INTO THE 10 FEET REAR YARD SETBACK FOR AN EXISTING METAL CARPORT MEASURING 39 FEET BY 17 FEET, AT LOT 33, REDBUD NO. 2 SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 2101 ORIOLE AVENUE. (ZBA2023-0017)

#### **REASON FOR APPEAL:**

The applicant is requesting a special exception for encroachment into the side yard setback for an existing metal carport. A request for a variance for an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback is no longer needed since the applicant modified the structure to be out of the rear yard setback. The applicant states a contractor was hired to construct the carport but did not get the required building permit. The carport is to provide protection for the family's three vehicles from inclement weather events.





## PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:

The subject property is located at the southwest corner of Oriole Avenue, and North 21<sup>st</sup> Street. The Lot has 73 feet of frontage along Oriole Avenue and a depth of 112 feet for a Lot size of 8,176 square feet. The property is zoned R-1 (single-family residential) District and a single family residence is located on the property. The adjacent zoning is R-1 District in all directions. The surrounding land use is single family residential.

#### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:**

Redbud Subdivision Unit No. 2 was recorded on May 18, 1981. The required front yard setback as per plat is 25 feet. A Stop Work order was posted by Building Permits and Inspections Department on December 2, 2022 for construction without a building permit. An application for a building permit was submitted to Building Permits and Inspections Department on December 29, 2022 and an application for a Special Exception request was submitted to the Planning Department on February 17, 2023.

#### ANALYSIS:

This request is for an existing metal caport encroaching 10 feet into the 10 feet side yard setback adjacent to North 21<sup>st</sup> Street. The carport previously encroached 10 feet in to the 10 feet rear yard setback, however the applicant has modified the structure to be in compliance with the rear yard setback and out of an existing 10 feet utility easement. The metal carport now has modified measurements of 27 feet by 17 feet. The request is to allow the carport to remain at its location for the protection of the three family vehicles from inclement weather events.

The existing garage is used for the other two vehicles that the applicant has.

There have been no calls or emails received in opposition to the requests.

Measurements provided are without the benefit of a survey.

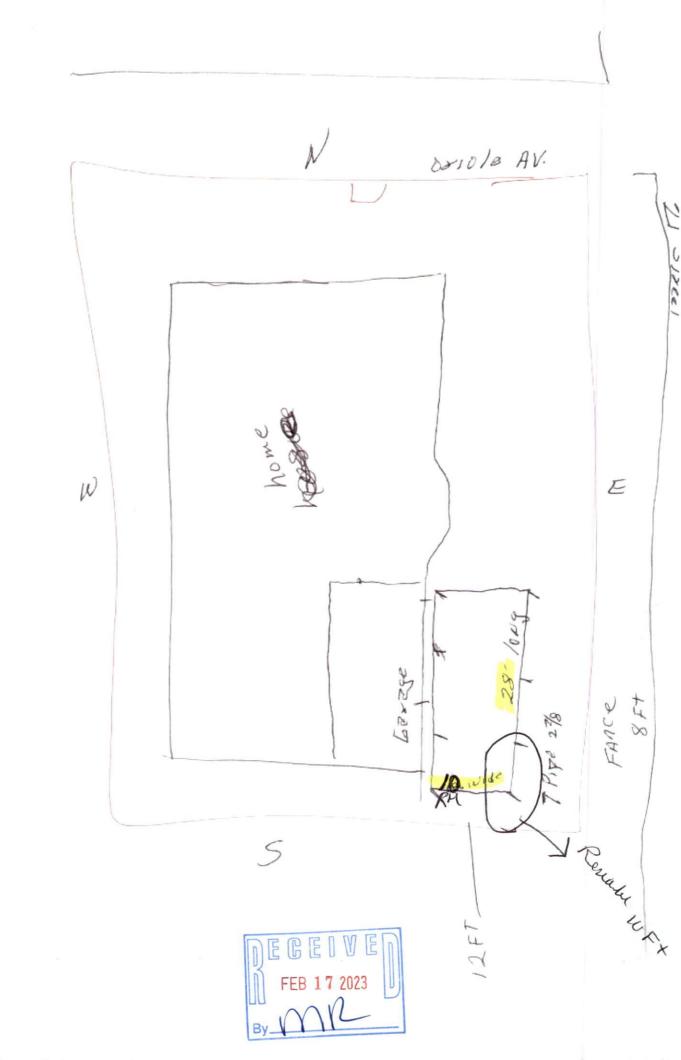
#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends **approval** of the Special Exception request, since relocation would not be feasible due to limited space in the rear yard, and the applicant has eliminated the encroachment into the 10 feet rear yard setback and utility easement.

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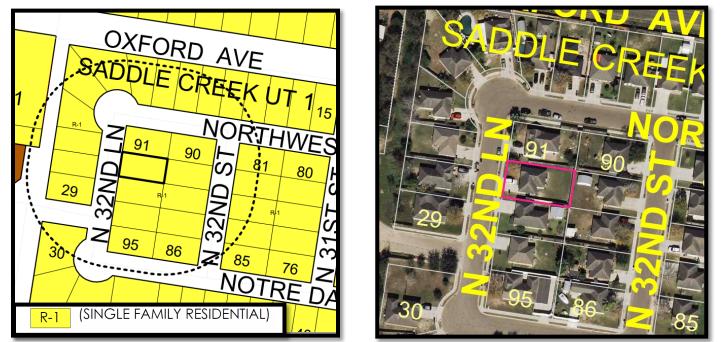




# Memo

- **TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals
- FROM: Planning Staff
- DATE: September 30, 2022
- SUBJECT: REQUEST OF JOSE LUIS ELIZONDO FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING ORDINANCE TO NOT PROVIDE ONE PARKING SPACE BEYOND THE FRONT YARD SETBACK, AT LOT 92, SADDLE CREEK UNIT 1 SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 9214 NORTH 32<sup>nd</sup> LANE. (ZBA2023-0018)

**REASON FOR APPEAL:** The applicant is requesting a special exception to the parking requirement of one off-street parking space beyond the front yard setback as required by Section 138-394. The applicant is requesting to enclose the garage and convert it into a bedroom eliminating the one parking beyond the front yard setback line.



**PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:** The property is located at south of Oxford Avenue and east of 32nd lane. The home and carport is approximately 1,224.96 square feet. The subject property is zoned as R-1 (single-family residential) District, there is also R-1 District to the north, south, and east. The zoning is R-4 (apartments) District to the west.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:** The plat for Saddle Creek Unit 1 Subdivision was recorded on August 18, 2000, and is subject to compliance with the zoning requirement of one parking space beyond the front setback line.

**ANALYSIS:** The request is to not provide one required parking space beyond the front yard setback line. According to the site plan submitted, the enclosed garage area would be converted into an additional bedroom. The front driveway measures approximately 18 ft. by 25 ft., which would accommodate two required parking spaces. The existing garage is a one car garage that is not in use. As per Sec. 138-394 (1) one off-street parking for single-family uses shall be located beyond the front yard setback is permitted.

The applicant stated the existing garage is not in use nor needed. The applicant is proposing to enclose it, as it would allow an additional room to accommodate for an expecting child. Upon the site, visit staff noticed other similar enclosures in the area.

A review of Planning Department records did reveal similar special exceptions approved in this subdivision.

Staff has not received any phone calls or emails in opposition to the special exception request.

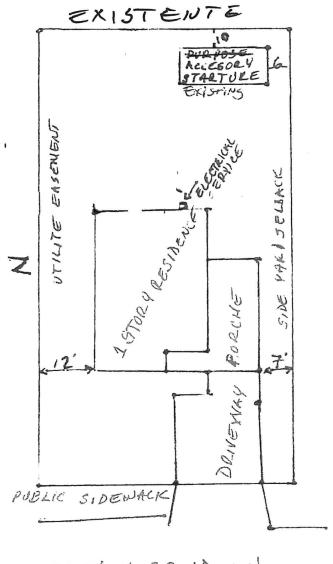
**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the special exception request since the subject property is complying with the number of (two) required parking spaces.

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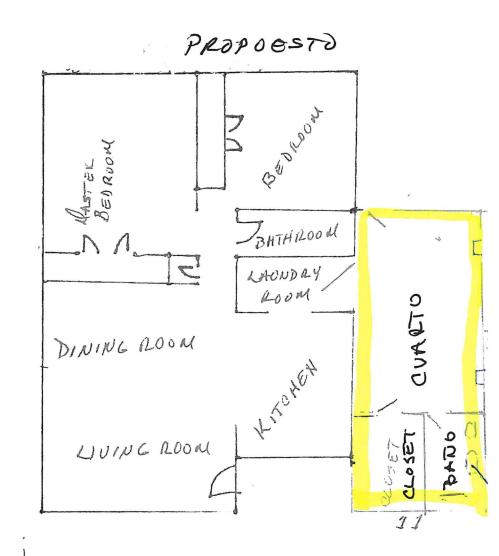
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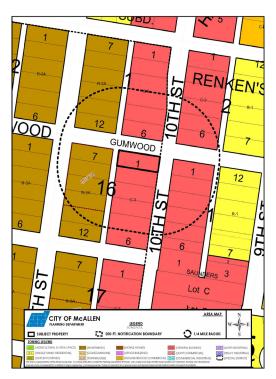
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#### MEMO

TO: Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

- FROM: Planning Staff
- **DATE:** March 3, 2023
- SUBJECT: Request of Kevin Jaime on behalf of Jaime and Mendoza Rentals, LLC (owner) for the following Variance request to the City of McAllen Vegetation Ordinance to allow the required landscaped area to be synthetic grass instead of natural grass at Lot 1, Block 16, North McAllen Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 621 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street. (ZBA2023-0015)

**REASON FOR APPEAL:** The property owner is requesting a variance to the Vegetation Ordinance to allow the existing landscape to be synthetic grass instead of natural grass in order to reduce the cost of maintaining natural grass, to give the landscape better appearance year around, and to reduce the usage of water and chemicals.





**PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:** The subject property is located at the southwest corner of North 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Gumwood Avenue. The subject property is zoned C-3 (general business) District.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:** The application for the variance request was submitted February 16, 2023

**ANALYSIS:** The applicant has submitted a survey page that is color coded to identify the areas of landscaping proposed to be covered with synthetic grass instead of natural grass. Section 110-56(f) of the Vegetation Ordinance states that synthetic or artificial lawns or plants shall not be used in lieu of plant requirements. The applicant is requesting to not provide 378 square feet of existing landscaping area in the form of natural grass but instead replace it with synthetic grass as shown in the submitted site plan.

In allowing the placement of synthetic grass instead of the required natural grass the ordinance requirement is not being met.

The Planning Director reviewed landscaping codes for various cities across Texas, including Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, and El Paso, and none allowed synthetic materials to be used for compliance with landscaping requirements.

Staff has not received any phone calls in opposition of the request.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends disapproval of the variance request as the ordinance does not allow synthetic grass in lieu of requirements. Approval of the variance request may encourage other property owners to pursue similar requests.

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Applicant	Name <u>Kevin Jaime</u> Phone <u>(956) 686-2337</u> Address <u>621 N·10th St. Ste.C</u> E-mail <u>Kevinjaime cpa@yahoo.com</u> City <u>McAllen</u> State <u>TX</u> zip <u>78501</u>
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#### JAIME & MENDOZA RENTALS, LLC APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE REQUEST TO ORDANCE SECTION 110-56(F) AND 110-48.

# 1: Describe the special circumstances or condition affecting the land involved such that the strict application provisions required would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land:

We purchased our location in 2016. During that time, we have exhausted our efforts to maintain the existing landscape. Without access to a sufficient and efficient water source, we are unable to preserve the lawn and plants that we've had installed in the past. The building we occupy was built in 1971 with a lot size of 7,000 square feet. Of that amount, only 5%, or 378 square feet, of the property used as landscape. The remaining 95% is covered by the building, concrete, or asphalt. We've made no changes to the lot since our purchase back in 2016. Without losing parking space or sidewalk space, we are unable to achieve the required 10% as per Section 110-48.

We've researched, and obtained bids on, installing a sparkler system and/or drip system. We contacted the city and confirmed that we are required to have a backflow installed as well. Our hardship is that our access to the city water meter is located on the west side of the building, in the alley way, and approximately 140 feet from where our backflow would be located. This distance is completely covered by concrete. In order to install a backflow needed for a sprinkler system, we would have to break though the existing concrete, which would create a severe financial hardship and impose a financial cost much greater than the system we're trying to install.

We've also tried the "zero-scape" method that uses small stones or pebbles in place of mulch for our flower beds. The issue we had with that was with the neighborhood pedestrians picking up the stones and throwing them and damaging our windows. At our expense, we've had our most damaged windows replaced, but still have one that shows the damage done by stones. From our experience over, this neighborhood is completely different after business hours. We are reluctant to use this method again as to the cost of having to replace our windows will be far greater than the cost of the stones.

We've also tried watering the areas with water hoses and buckets of water, but this is inefficient and ineffective. Many of the access points for water have been damaged either by the neighborhood pedestrians destroying the spouts or natural deterioration over time since 1971. It is time consuming and highly inefficient to try to maintain the landscape using this method if we do the lawn maintenance ourselves and would be costly if we hired someone to water our landscape for us.

Due to the hardships listed above, we believe we are left with choices of either using artificial landscape or leave the area unkept. In an effort to participate in the city's "Refresh 50/50" storefront revitalization initiative, we have contracted bids to install artificial grass and artificial plants that would restore the vitality of our building. Our

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neighbor to the north of us, NIU Urban Living, located at 1318 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St, has been our inspiration on how we'd like to transform our landscape. They've utilized artificial grass and plants to bring out the tremendous beauty of their building. Considering we've tried all other measures to maintain the original layout of our landscape, artificial landscape seems to be our only viable option left.

### 2: Describe how the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of the legal property rights of the owner:

As described in answer number one (1), we have exhausted all other methods of preserving our property's landscape to no avail. We've invested into each of our attempts of maintaining the original landscape since 2016, but none have proved to be beneficial due to the constructional constraints we're under. Currently, our property's 378 square feet of landscape is made up of 100% weeds and undesirable wild growth. The view of our landscape from the main thoroughfare, 10<sup>th</sup> Street, is not in-line with the city's revitalization initiative for economic growth and beautification. We plan to invest in a long term, high quality, landscape project that will improve our store front view and the city's overall aesthetics.

As per attached site plan, the water meter is located on the west side of our building in the alley. We would need to break through approximately 140 feet of concrete to connect to a required back-flow valve. The cost of connecting a water line for a back flow value required for a sprinkler or drip system would far exceed the benefits due to the distance and amount of concrete that would be needed to be removed and replaced. The original construction of this property was in 1971, and our purchase of this property took place in 2016, thus this constraint was not self-created but is impeding our ability to maintain the original landscape. A variance is necessary to preserve the property's value and commercial appeal to the city.

## 3: Describe how the variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to the legal rights other property owners enjoy in the area:

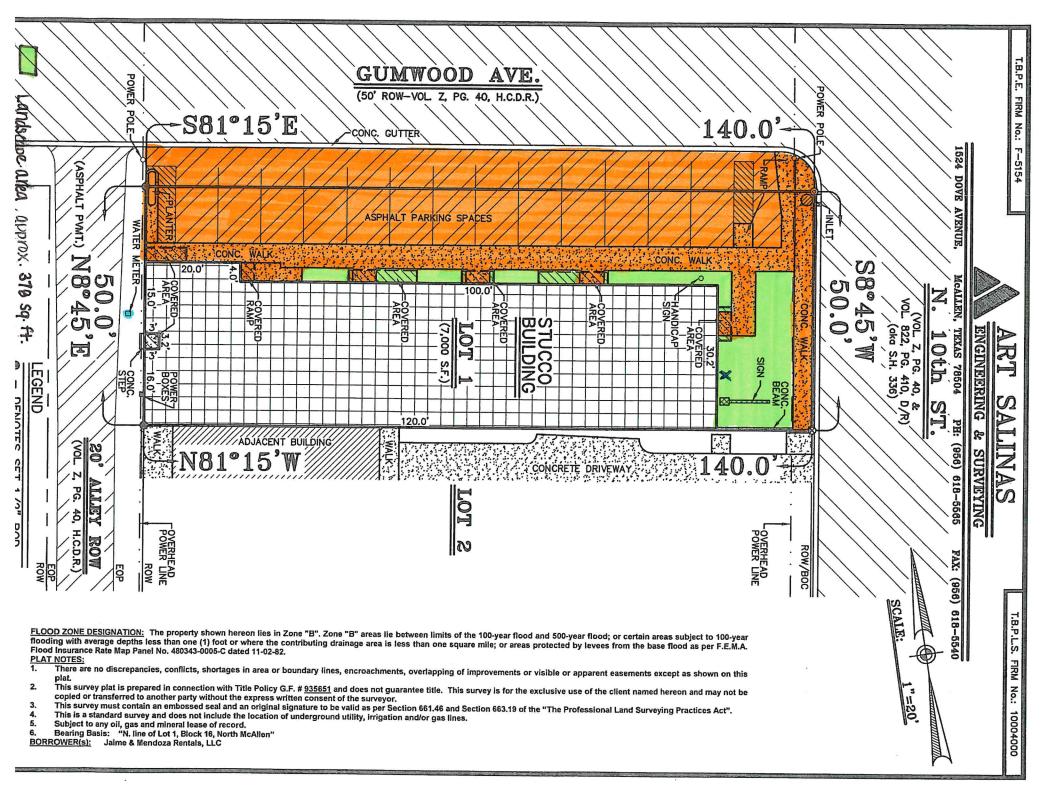
Our landscape variance will not impede on any other property owners enjoyment or view. In fact, the variance will increase their property values and traffic to their businesses. It would not pose an impediment of other property owners view of the street, or their view of their own property.

Our plan is to use artificial grass similar in appearance to that used by our high local schools and neighboring businesses. Our 378 square feet of landscape would maintain the current run-off capabilities it has. The variance will not be detrimental to the public health due to the fact that we will be reducing our carbon footprint by removing the need for a lawnmower and their harmful exhaust fumes. Further, the variance will remove the need for harmful fertilizers and chemicals that would be used on natural grass that can leach into the city's water supply. Lastly, the variance will help maintain the city's storm drainage system by removing the mulch and grass clippings that spill into the city's drains every day. Overall, the variance will prove to be no threat to the public health,

safety, or impede on any other property owners legal rights to their own properties.

#### 4: Describe special conditions that are unique to this applicant or property:

As described in answer number one (1), we are constrained by the original construction of our property and the city's requirements for a back-flow valve, should we choose to use a sprinkler or drip system. We are hampered by the exorbitant cost to deconstruct and reconstruct our cement walkway in order to install a back-flow valve. We're tried the "zero-scape" method, only to be vandalized and incur additional cost to replace broken glass windows. We've tried to use water hoses and buckets of water, but the vandalized and deteriorated water values prevent us from effectively watering our landscape. We've tried every method to preserve the original landscape, but none have proven to be effective. We want to contribute to the beauty of the city, but our constructional constraints are preventing us to showcase our property. Our requested variance of ordinance Section 110-56(f) and Section 110-48 is due to the hardships listed above and is needed to revitalize our store front restore the vitality of our early 1970's building.











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#### Memo

TO: Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

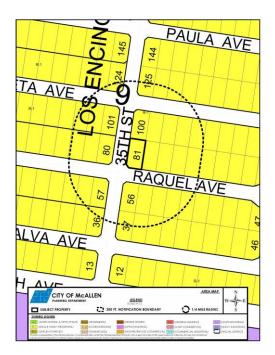
FROM: Planning Staff

**DATE:** March 17, 2023

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF MAURICIA CASTILLO FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 10 FEET INTO THE 10 FEET REAR YARD SETBACK FOR AN EXISTING CARPORT MEASURING 31 FEET BY 17 FEET, AT LOT 81, LOS ENCINOS SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 3420 RAQUEL AVENUE. (ZBA2023-0016)

#### **REASON FOR APPEAL:**

The applicant is requesting a special exception for an encroachment into the rear yard setback for an existing metal carport. The applicant states the carport was built during covid for her elderly husband who would use it to sit outside and enjoy the outdoors comfortably. The carport is to provide protection for the family vehicles from inclement weather events and for shade for her husband.





#### **PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:**

The subject property is located on the corner of Raquel Avenue and South 35<sup>th</sup> street. The Lot has 45 feet of frontage along Raquel Avenue and a depth of 92.50 feet for a Lot size of 4,162.5 square feet. The property is zoned R-1 (single-family residential) District and a single family residence is located on the property. The adjacent zoning is R-1 District in all directions. The surrounding land use is single family residential.

#### BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:

Los Encinos Subdivision was recorded on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1994. The required rear yard setback as per plat is 10 feet. A Stop Work order was posted by Building Permits and Inspections Department on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 for construction without a building permit. An application for a building permit was submitted to Building Permits and Inspections Department on November 17, 2022 and an application for a Special Exception request was submitted to the Planning Department on February 16, 2022.

#### ANALYSIS:

This request is for an existing metal carport to be allowed to remain at its current location with an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback. The carport measures 31 feet by 17 feet. The carport is used for the protection of the family vehicles from inclement weather events and for the applicants elderly husband to enjoy the outdoors in the shade.

The carport also encroaches into a 6 feet utility easement for which the process of abandonment of the utility easement would need to be undertaken. The applicant has not submitted an application for the abandonment process.

There have been no calls or emails received in opposition to the requests.

Measurements provided are without the benefit of a survey.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Special Exception:** Staff recommends **disapproval** of the Special Exception request since buildings are not allowed to be constructed in the setbacks and the utility easement encroachment needs to be resolved through the utility easement abandonment process.

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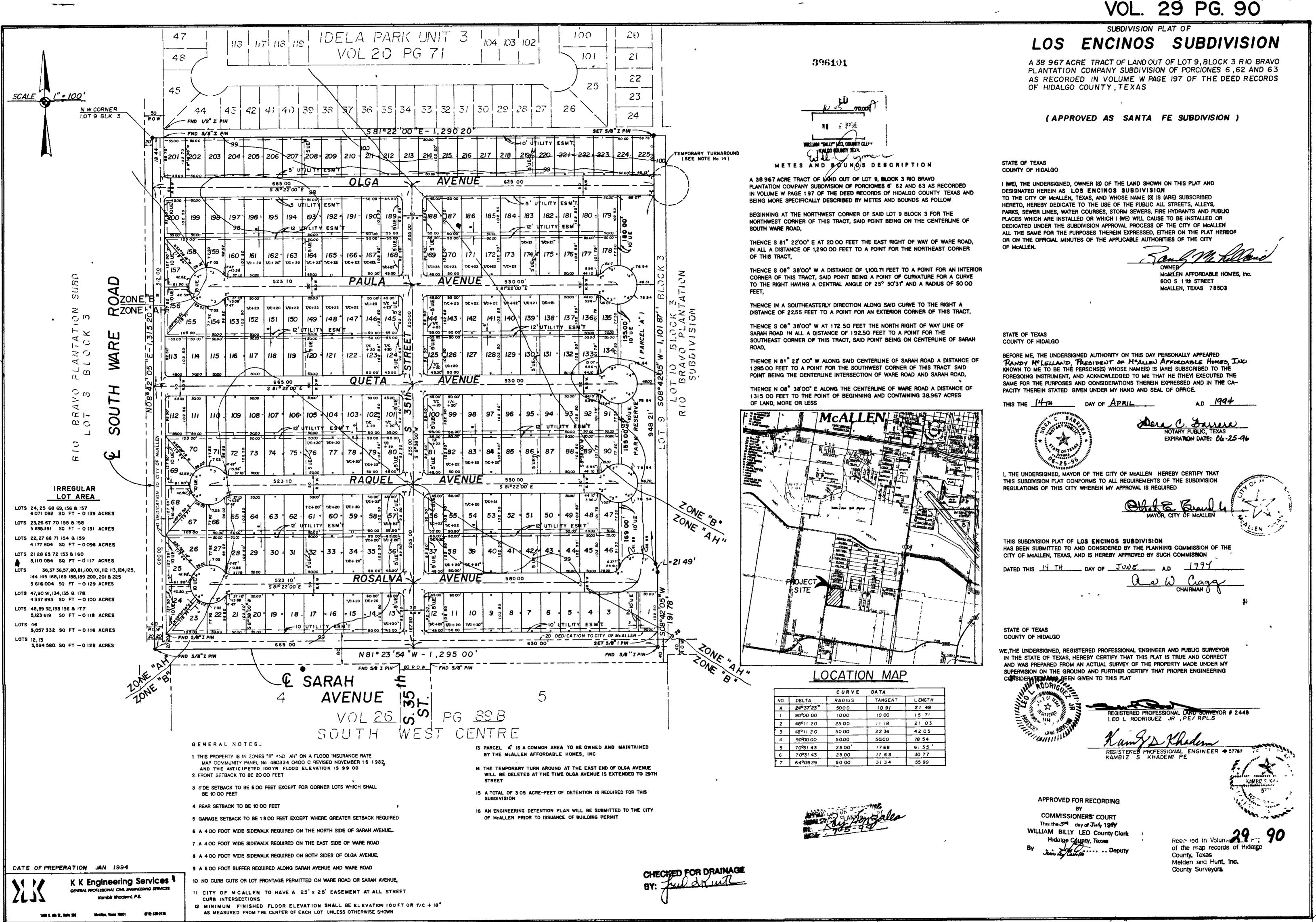
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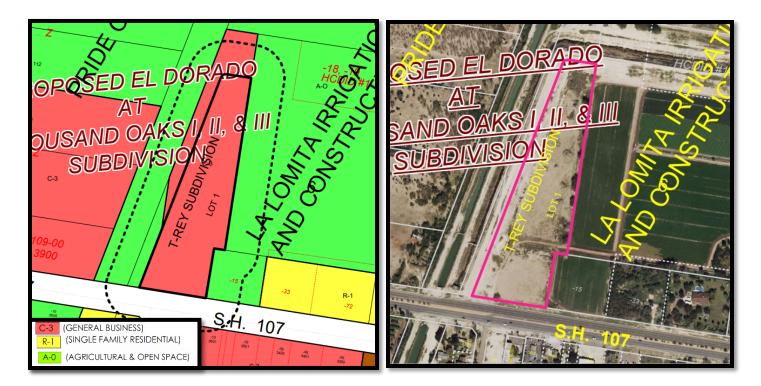
#### Memo

TO: Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

- FROM: Planning Staff
- **DATE:** March 2, 2023
- **SUBJECT:** Request of Victor Meza (Meza Homes Inc.) for the following Variance request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 30 feet into the 75 feet front yard setback for the construction of a commercial building, at Lot 1, T-Rey Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3612 State Highway 107. **(ZBA2023-0019)**

**REASON FOR APPEAL:** The applicant is requesting a variance to allow an encroachment of 30 feet into the 75 feet front yard setback to accommodate construction of a proposed single-family residence as it is an irregular lot.

**PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:** The subject property is located north of state highway 107. The property is 1,200 feet east of Ware Road, for a lot size of approximately 405,543.40 square feet. The surrounding land use is A-O (agricultural & open space) District, C-3 (general business) District to the southeast and R-1 (single-family residential) District to the southwest.



**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:** The plat for T-Rey Subdivision was recorded July 14, 2010. A building permit application for the proposed commercial plaza has not yet been submitted. A site plan review is in process. The applicant submitted the variance request on February 21, 2023.

**ANALYSIS:** Approval of the variance request would allow an encroachment of 30 feet into the 75 feet front yard setback for the construction of a commercial building. The submitted site plan shows two commercial buildings are to be built on the property. The applicant states the variance is solely for the building fronting State Highway 107, as it blocks the visibility of the second proposed building. The applicant would like more exposure for the potential businesses in the second building. If the variance request is approved, the applicant must comply with all other building and zoning ordinance requirement.

A review of Planning Department records did not reveal any approved special exceptions or variances in the immediate area.

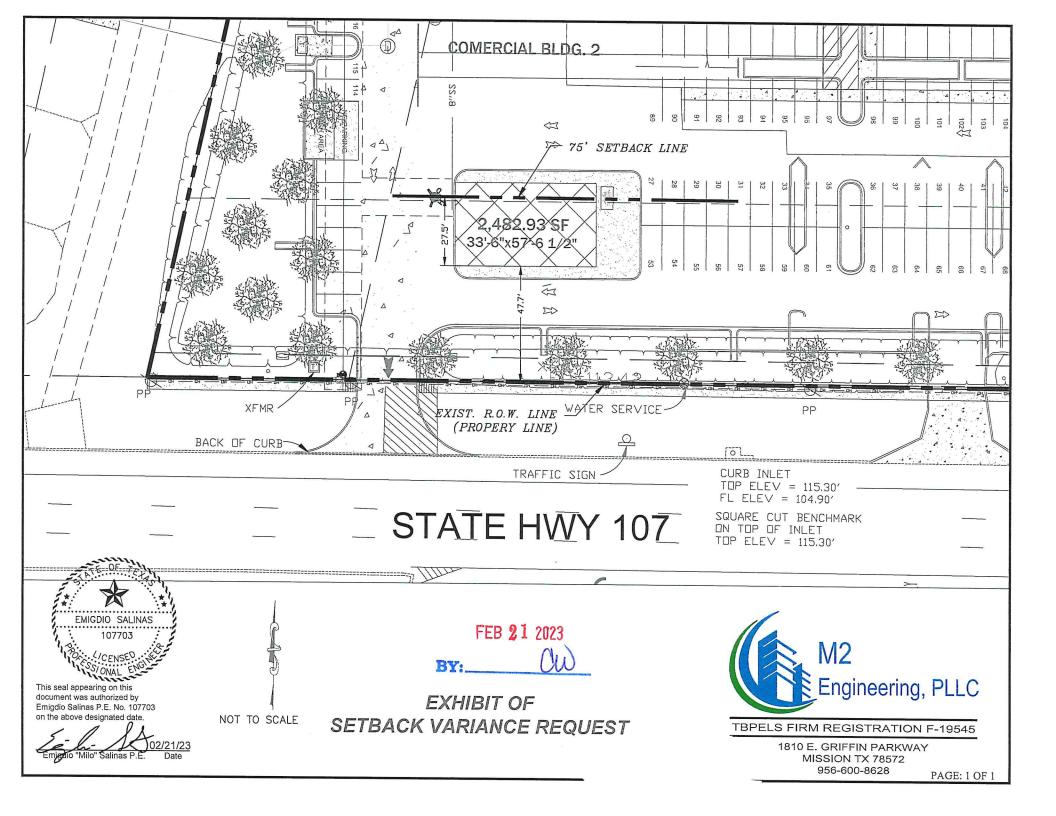
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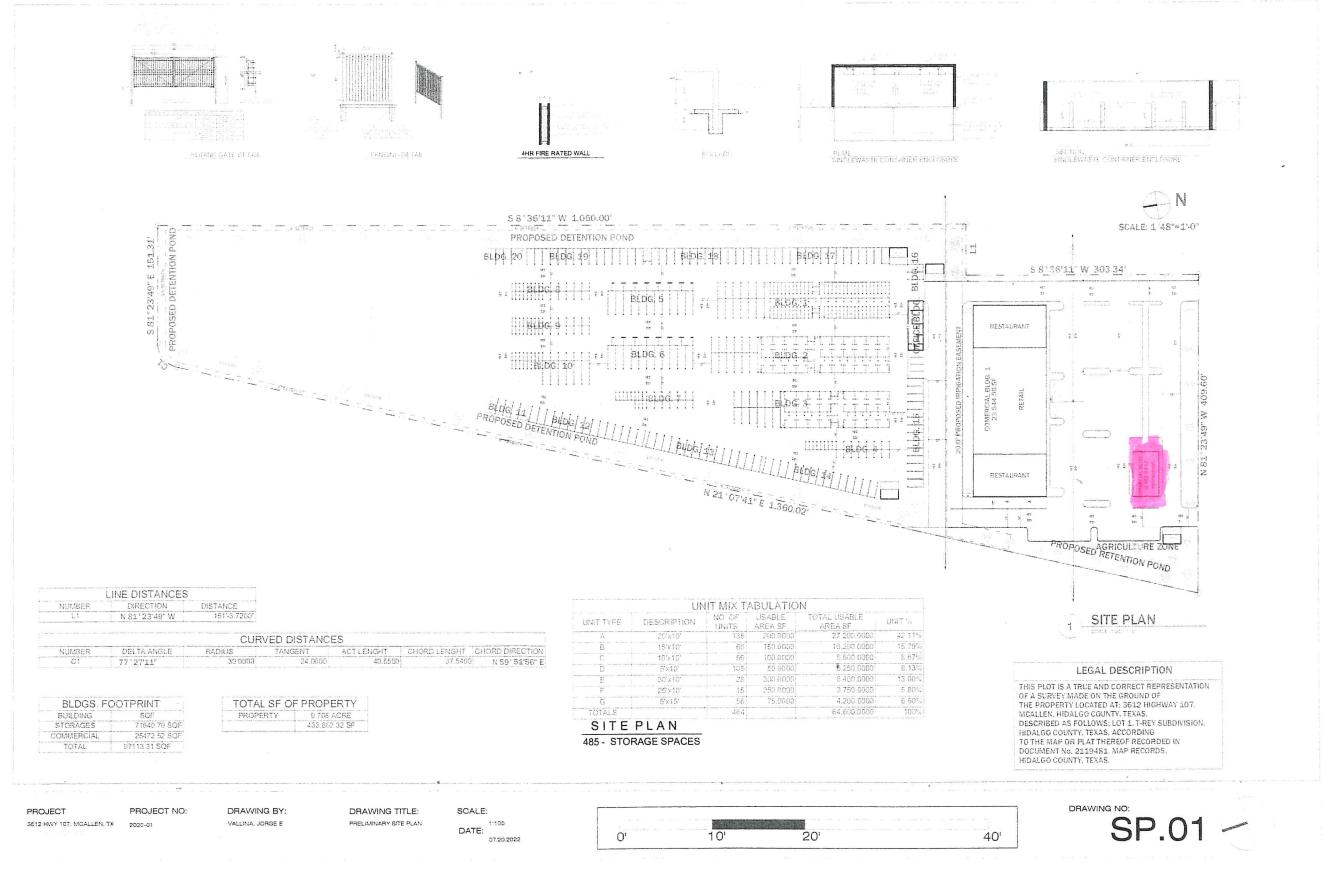
**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends disapproval of the variance request as the plat for the neighboring property to the west also states the front yard setback pertaining to State Highway 107 is 75 feet minimum.

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#### 2023 ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS

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SYLVIA HINOJOSA-CHAIRPERSON	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ																			
JOSE GUTIERREZ-VICE-CHAIR	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ																			
ANN TAFEL	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Α																			
HUGO AVILA	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Α	Ρ																			
ROGELIO RODRIGUEZ	Α	Ρ	Α	Ρ	Ρ																			
REBECCA MILLAN (ALT 1)	Ρ																							
MARK TALBOT (ATL 2)	Α																							
SAM SALDIVAR (ALT 3)	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ																			
JUAN MUJICA (ALT 4)	Ρ	Ρ	Α	Ρ	Ρ																			

**P - PRESENT** 

A - ABSENT

NEW APPOINTMENT

MC - MEETING CANCELLED

NRM - NO MEETING

LOQ - LACK OF QUORUM

**RS - RESIGNATION** 

	Mc	Allen		PLANNING DEPARTMENT 311 N 15th Street McAllen, TX 78501 Phone: 956-681-1250Fax: 956-681-12792023 CALENDAR														
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Deadline	es and Meetin	g Dates are	subject to cha	nge at any ti	me. Please o	contact the	e Plannin		at (956) 681-1		e any questi	ons.	_					

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