

MINUTES

Valdosta-Lowndes Zoning Board of Appeals

Valdosta City Hall Annex Multi-Purpose Room

300 North Lee Street, Valdosta, Georgia

November 7, 2017

2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nathan Brantley
Victoria Copeland
Nancy Hobby

John Hogan, III
John "Mac" McCall
Allan Strickland

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Alvarado
Gretchen Quarterman

STAFF PRESENT

Carmella Braswell
Tracy Tolley
Debra Tulloch

VISITORS PRESENT

Rick Setser
Cynthia Wells
Timothy Wells

Agenda Item # 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Strickland at 2:30 p.m. and it was determined that a quorum of members was present. Chairman Strickland thanked everyone for coming and reviewed the meeting procedures with those in attendance today.

LOWNDES COUNTY CASES

Agenda Item # 2: VAR-2017-20— Timothy & Cynthia Wells (4225 Thornwood Way)

Chairman Strickland announced the case. Mrs. Tulloch stated that the applicants are requesting a variance to ULDC Table 4.01.02(E) as it relates to the rear yard setback requirement. The subject property is located at 4225 Thornwood Way in an R-10 zoning district and consists of 0.47 acres. The applicants want to construct an addition to their home in the form of a garage and storage space and it is proposed not to meet the minimum required rear yard setback of 30 feet. The addition will be 19 feet away from the parcel line; therefore, the applicant is requesting a variance of 11 feet. Staff reviewed the request and recommended approval.

Chairman Strickland asked if there were any questions. There being no discussion from the Board, Chairman Strickland then asked if there was anyone present to speak on behalf of the application. Mr. Timothy Wells, 4225 Thornwood Way, spoke on behalf of the application and noted his wife, Cynthia, was in the audience. He stated there was a 2-car carport that they wanted to convert into a 3-car garage with storage space. Mrs. Hobby asked if they were going to put the storage at the end, or across the back. Mr. Wells stated it would be on the end, and they would buy and utilize shelving for storage. Mr. Hogan asked Mr. Wells to show where the addition would be on the projection screen. Mr. Wells did so. Chairman Strickland asked if they would remove the existing carport. Mr. Wells stated they would. Chairman Strickland asked if the addition would look similar to the house. Mr. Wells stated it would match the existing house. Mr. Brantley asked if the yard was fenced near the pool. Mr. Wells said it was fenced near the pool.

Chairman Strickland asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition to this request. There was no response. Chairman Strickland asked if anyone contacted the Zoning office. Mrs. Tulloch said that a neighbor inquired as to what the case was concerning.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Strickland opened the floor for a motion. Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve as presented, citing criteria "d." Mrs. Hobby seconded the motion and it was called and carried unanimously (5-0 vote).