

Agenda Item # 3: VAR-2017-21 --- Rick Setser (3323 Bemiss Road)

Chairman Strickland announced the case. Mrs. Tulloch stated that the applicant is requesting a variance to ULDC Chapter 4.02.01(C)(5) as it pertains to signs within the Corridor Road Overlay District. The subject property is located at 3323 Bemiss Road in a C-H zoning district. A double-stacked sign was destroyed during Hurricane Irma. The applicant wants to reconstruct the sign in the same fashion as it was before the storm. The sign is taller than currently allowed, is double-stacked (which is currently prohibited), and is larger than the 150 square foot cap. The sign was permitted in the 1980's, and the sign has been unchanged until Hurricane Irma came through. Staff is of the opinion that reconstructing the sign as previously existing will not adversely affect the area and recommends approval.

There being no discussion from the Board, Chairman Strickland asked Mr. Setser, 3323 Bemiss Road, if he had anything to add. Mr. Setser stated he just wanted to replace his sign, and he wanted to replace what he had, rather than something smaller allowed by code. Chairman Strickland asked if he was going to replace exactly what was there. Mr. Setser stated he would add another pole for support, but that was the only change.

There being no one else in the audience, Chairman Strickland asked if anyone contacted the Zoning office. Mrs. Tulloch stated that an adjacent property owner had called to inquire about the case, but expressed no opposition.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item # 4: Approval of Minutes: October 3, 2017

Chairman Strickland asked if there were any concerns with the draft minutes. There being none, he called for a motion. Mr. Brantley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. McCall seconded the motion and it was called and carried unanimously (5-0 vote).

Agenda Item # 5: Nomination of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Chairman Strickland stated that it was time to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2018, and opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Hogan nominated Allan Strickland for Chairman for 2018. There being no further nominations, Chairman Strickland closed nominations.

Chairman Strickland then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Hogan nominated John "Mac" McCall for Vice-Chairman. There being no further nominations, Chairman Strickland closed nominations.

Chairman Strickland asked for a motion to accept the slate of nominees. Mrs. Hobby made a motion to accept the slate of nominees. Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion and it was called and carried unanimously (5-0 vote).

Agenda Item # 6: Discussion Item: Holiday Gathering

Chairman Strickland stated that the Board traditionally had a holiday gathering. Sometimes it is with the other boards (GLPC and HPC) and sometimes it is solely the ZBOA. Mrs. Hobby stated that she preferred a gathering for just the ZBOA because it was more personal. Mrs. Hobby offered to host the gathering at her home. More details would be discussed through email and at the December 2017 meeting.

Chairman Strickland asked about the 2018 meeting calendar. Ms. Tolley passed out a draft 2018 meeting calendar and stated this will be formally discussed and voted upon at the December 2017 meeting.

Chairman Strickland passed out copies of Massimo Pistelli's letter complimenting the ZBOA's service. The letter was published in the Valdosta Daily Times.