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Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2024

Meeting Called to order by Sarah McQuade, City Planner
Meeting Operating Order was read by Sarah McQuade, City Planner

2024 Appointment of Officers:

Charles Sewell was nominated as Chair, nomination, 2nd & all in favor.
Robin Jackson was nominated Vice Chair, nomination, 2nd & all in favor.
Secretary Leigh Anne Bland, nominated, 2nd & all in favor.

Staff- Motion to Approve March 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion, 2nd, vote-approved
Staff-Motion to Approve Agenda for Feb. 14, 2024, motion-2nd, vote-approved

ZBOA Training Presentation Presented by City Planner, Sarah McQuade to members & public.

1. Chairman Read Case: ZBA 23-006, application made by Chris Henderson to request a variance from (A) Section 17.60.090(A) to permit an accessory building within the front yard and from (B) Section 17.60.090(B) to permit more than one storage building on a residential property located at 283 Fiddlers Trail, Auburn, Georgia 30011.

The applicant spoke on his behalf on the reasoning as to why the building is located where it is currently is. Due to the location of the septic tank and field lines, mature trees, & fencing.

Board member Gallagher spoke briefly on researching in Gwinnett where the building used to be, applicant answered the inquiry, building has not changed. Board member Jackson also inquired about the location of the building; applicant stated building is behind driveway.

Speaking in Favor of the applicant:

288 Fiddlers Trail- Homeowner does not consider the building to be in the front yard-no problem with placement.

285 Fieldview Dr.-Homeowner states the building is not an eyesore, no problem with placement.

286 Fiddlers Trail -Homeowner has no problem with the building or placement of the building.

285 Fiddlers Trail- Homeowner does not consider building in the front yard, no problem with the location.

286 Fieldview Dr. Homeowner does not have any issue with the building at all.

Opposition- 292 Fieldview Dr. Homeowner has a problem with the building, referencing aluminum buildings in the code. Building location as well. He opposes the variance application.

The applicant & his wife Maria Henderson spoke again before the decision was being made.

Board Members Kelly, Riley, Gallagher & Jackson asked more questions of the applicant, The applicant is willing to paint the building to match the home.

Staff-City Planner read out the setbacks & building is within the setbacks required for R-100.

Chair asked for a motion to table to March 13, 2024, 6PM 1 Auburn Way: Jackson motioned to table the case, 2nd, vote taken-all approved.

Chairman Sewell called next case:

2. ZBA 23-005, applicant National Mentor Healthcare, LLC dba Georgia MENTOR, for a special exception request to allow for the continuation of a group day care home in the R-100 zoning district, on property located at 24 Autry Road, Auburn, GA 30011.

Attorney Kasey Strum, 3500 Lenox Rd., Atlanta Ga representing applicant GA Mentor for both addresses Special Exception Renewal Personal Care Home.

Motion to approve, 2nd & vote-all approved for extension to 4 years instead of 2 years with the same 6 conditions.

Chairman Sewell called next case:

1. ZBA 23-005-1, applicant National Mentor Healthcare, LLC dba Georgia MENTOR, for a special exception request to allow for the continuation of a group day care home in the R-100 zoning district, on property located at 33 2ND Avenue, Auburn, GA 30011.

Attorney Kasey Strum, 3500 Lenox Rd., Atlanta Ga representing applicant GA Mentor for both addresses Special Exception Renewal Personal Care Home.

Motion to approve, 2nd & vote-all approved for extension as well for 4 years instead of 2 years with the same 6 conditions.

Kevin Wright, Columbia, SC now with GA Mentor was very appreciative.

Motion to adjourn: Motion, 2nd & all approved.