

**PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
SPECIAL PERMIT INCREASE IN FENCE HEIGHT  
(Parcels 029-08-016; 017; 018; 019) – HOLYOKE HOUSING AUTHORITY (2024-12)**

On Tuesday, May 14, 2024, the Holyoke Planning Board held a virtual Public Hearing regarding the above referenced Special Permit Application. The hearing was held via Zoom.com #891 7426 4031 at 5:30 p.m.

**Attendance:**

**Planning Board**

Mimi Panitch ..... Chairperson  
Kate Kruckemeyer..... Vice-Chairperson  
Gurninder Dhaliwal ..... Secretary  
Rosanna Lopez ..... Member  
Lauren Niles ..... Associate

**Planning Staff**

Jeffrey Burkott ..... Principal Planner  
Brianna Tejada ..... Admin Head Clerk

**Others Present**

Matthew Mainville ..... HHA  
Sarah Meier-Zimblar ... HHA

At 5:40 p.m., a motion was made by Mimi Panitch and seconded by Kate Kruckemeyer to open the above-mentioned public hearing. The motion carried 5-0.

Gurninder Dhaliwal, Secretary .....Yes  
Rosanna Lopez, Member ..... Yes  
Lauren Niles, Member ..... Yes  
Kate Kruckemeyer, Vice-Chairperson..... Yes  
Mimi Panitch, Chairperson ..... Yes

All members of the Board went to the site visit for this proposal except Mimi Panitch was unavailable. Kate Kruckemeyer created what she thought could be a layout for this fencing proposal.

Gurninder Dhaliwal explained that the proposed fence in the front yard will be 4 ft and the proposed fence on the other side, to the rear of the house, will be 6 ft and noted that the proposed front yard fence will be 4 ft then the side fencing also be 4 ft until the bushes start on the back side of the fence and that will be 6 ft.

Brianna Tejada shared her screen showing Kate Kruckemeyer’s draft layout for the fencing for discussion. Once discussion of the layout was finished the draft of the Notice of Decision was shared. Lauren Niles asked Sarah Meier-Zimblar if she had any input on the previous conversation between the Board members.

Sarah Meier-Zimblar stated that the proposed front fencing was going to be 6 ft and not 4 ft. Matthew Mainville added he also thought the proposed fence was going to be 6 ft all around, but by the will of the Planning Board, they can make an exception on the front fencing.

Rosanna expressed concerns for the front yard fence being 4 ft but would agree with any decision that the Board makes. Lauren also added that she thought the proposed fence was going to be 4 ft.

Sarah Meier-Zimblar shared her layout of the fencing and explained her proposal noting Kate Kruckemeyer’s objection to it as drafted. Mimi Panitch stated that a compromise could be made and asked for a 2.0’ lattice to be added on the top of the fence. She noted what could be written in the findings under the Notice of Decision.

Mimi Panitch asked for those that wished to speak in favor or against, or to ask questions, to use the raise their “hand”. No one was forthcoming.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:55 p.m., a motion was made by Mimi Panitch and seconded by Kate Kruckemeyer to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried 5-0.

Gurninder Dhaliwal, Secretary .....Yes  
Rosanna Lopez, Member ..... Yes  
Lauren Niles, Member ..... Yes  
Kate Kruckemeyer, Vice-Chairperson..... Yes  
Mimi Panitch, Chairperson ..... Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Gurninder Dhaliwal, Secretary

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

