

## AGENDA City of Lucas Board of Adjustments Meeting May 7, 2018 6:30 PM

City Hall - 665 Country Club Road – Lucas, Texas

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment of the City of Lucas will be held on May 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Lucas City Hall, 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas at which time the following agenda will be discussed.

#### **Call to Order**

- Roll Call
- Determination of Quorum
- Reminder to turn off or silence cell phones
- Pledge of Allegiance

#### **Public Hearing Agenda**

- 1. Public hearing to consider an application submitted by John Dunaway for a variance from the literal interpretation of Section 14.04.304(3) of the City's Code of Ordinance to reduce the required side yard setback for an accessory building from 20 feet to 10 feet for a parcel of land located at 120 McMillen in the McMillen 2 Addition, Block A, Lot 1, being all of a 2.4-acre tract of land. (Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn)
  - A. Presentation by Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
  - B. Conduct public hearing
  - C. Take action
- 2. Public hearing to consider an application submitted by Sinichan Jacob for a variance from the literal interpretation of Section 3.16.011(c) of the City's Code of Ordinances to allow a sign to be replaced after a change of business or activity to which the sign pertains, on property located at 630 Southview, a parcel of land located in the Jas Lovelady Survey, Abstract A0538, Tract 28, 8.240 acres, being all of a 8.24 acre tract of land. (Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn)
  - A. Presentation by Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
  - B. Conduct public hearing
  - C. Take action

#### **Regular Agenda**

3. Consider approval of the minutes of the February 20, 2018 Board of Adjustments meeting. (City Secretary Stacy Henderson)

#### **Executive Session Agenda**

The Board of Adjustment may convene into a closed Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney regarding any item on the agenda at any time during the meeting.

Executive Session: An Executive Session is not scheduled for this meeting.

4. Adjournment.

#### Certification

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at Lucas City Hall by 5:00 p.m. on or before May 1, 2018 as required in accordance with Government Code §551.041.

#### Stacy Henderson

This building is wheelchair accessible. Any requests for sign interpretive services or other special requests for assistance of the hearing impaired must be made 48 hours in advance of the meeting. To make such arrangements, please call 972-912-1207 or send an email to <u>jhilbourn@lucastexas.us</u>.



Requester: Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn

## Agenda Item Request

Public hearing to consider an application submitted by John Dunaway for a variance from the literal interpretation of Section 14.04.304(3) of the City's Code of Ordinance to reduce the required side yard setback for an accessory building from 20 feet to 10 feet for a parcel of land located at 120 McMillen in the McMillen 2 Addition, Block A, Lot 1, being all of a 2.4-acre tract of land.

- A. Presentation by Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
- B. Conduct public hearing
- C. Take action

## **Background Information**

The applicant would like to deviate from the ordinance due to the irregular shape of his property. The location dictated by ordinance for an accessory structure would require many of his trees to be removed and regrading, changing the natural flow of water and directing the flow to his neighbor's property.

The City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Zoning Section 14.04.304(3) General accessory buildings and structures regulations requires the following:

#### (3) Setbacks.

- (A) Accessory buildings.
  - (i) Front yard setback, a minimum of ten feet behind the rear build line of the main structure unless the building is designed to be architecturally compatible with the main building and constructed of similar materials as the main building. Then a fifty-foot front yard setback is required.
  - (ii) Rear yard setback, a minimum of twenty feet.
  - (iii) Side yard setbacks, a minimum of twenty feet.

#### **Attachments/Supporting Documentation**

- 1. Public Hearing Notice
- 2. Map showing applicant's property

#### **Budget/Financial Impact**

NA

#### Recommendation

Staff is in favor of this variance request.



### Motion

I make a motion to approve/deny the variance from Section 14.04.304(3) of the City's Code of Ordinances requested by John Dunaway to reduce the required accessory structure side yard setback from 20 feet to 10 feet for the property located at 120 McMillen, Lucas Texas.



#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Adjustments of the City of Lucas, Texas will conduct a public hearing on May 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Lucas City Hall, 665 Country Club, Lucas, Texas to consider a request for a variance from the literal interpretation of the City's Code of Ordinances more particularly described as follows:

An application submitted by John Dunaway for a parcel of land located in McMillen 2 Addition, McMillen 2 Addition, Blk A, Lot 1, being all of a 2.4-acre tract of land, otherwise known as 120 McMillen, Lucas Texas. The request is for a variance from the literal interpretation of the City's Code of Ordinance to reduce the required side yard set back from 20' to 10'

The relevant portions of City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Zoning Sec. 14.04.304 General accessory buildings and structures regulations, read as follows:

- "(3) Setbacks.
  - (A) Accessory buildings.

(i) Front yard setback, a minimum of ten feet behind the rear build line of the main structure unless the building is designed to be architecturally compatible with the main building and constructed of similar materials as the main building. Then a fifty-foot front yard setback is required.

- (ii) Rear yard setback, a minimum of twenty feet.
- (iii) Side yard setbacks, a minimum of twenty feet."

Those wishing to speak **FOR** or **AGAINST** the above item are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend and have comments you may send them to City of Lucas, Attention: City Secretary, 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas 75002, email <u>shenderson@lucastexas.us</u> and it will be presented at the hearing. If you have any questions about the request, please contact Joe Hilbourn at <u>jhilbourn@lucastexas.us</u>.





Requester: Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn

### Agenda Item Request

Public hearing to consider an application submitted by Sinichan Jacob for a variance from the literal interpretation of Section 3.16.011(c) of the City's Code of Ordinances to allow a sign to be replaced after a change of business or activity to which the sign pertains, on property located at 630 Southview, a parcel of land located in the Jas Lovelady Survey, Abstract A0538, Tract 28, 8.240 acres, being all of a 8.24 acre tract of land.

- A. Presentation by Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
- B. Conduct public hearing
- C. Take action

#### **Background Information**

Mr. Jacob has made application for a special variance to continue to use a non-conforming sign and alter the message and characteristics of the sign.

Mr. Jacob purchased a Horse Boarding facility at 630 Southview Drive and would like to be permitted to have a sign similar to the one that was at the horse boarding facility when he purchased the property. The City's Code of Ordinance does not permit this type of sign in a residential district, but the City's Code of Ordinances does permit horse boarding and training. Staff feels the sign request meets the spirit of the Code of Ordinances, the codes intent was to permit horse boarding, training facilities and signage as a natural part of this type of business.

The City's Code of Ordinances states the following:

#### Sec. 3.16.011 Nonconforming signs

(c) A nonconforming sign shall not be permitted to remain after cessation or change of the business or activity to which the sign pertains

#### Sec. 3.16.012 Variances

The board of adjustments shall have authority to grant special variance exceptions from the provisions of this article on proper application. Special exceptions may be granted when circumstances permit and when the proposed exception does not violate the spirit or intent of this article, on such conditions and requirements as may reasonably be required by the board.

## **Attachments/Supporting Documentation**

- 1. Public Hearing Notice
- 2. Map showing proposed sign location
- 3. Sign drawing



### **Budget/Financial Impact**

NA

#### Recommendation

Staff is in favor of this variance request.

#### Motion

I make a motion to approve/deny the variance from Section 3.16.011(c) of the Code of Ordinances requested by Sinichan Jacob to allow a sign to be replaced after a change of the business or activity to which the sign pertains on a parcel of land located at 630 Southview, Lucas Texas.



#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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An application for a variance submitted by Sinichan Jacob for a parcel of land located in Jas Lovelady Survey, Abs A0538 Jas Lovelady Survey, Tract 28, 8.240 Acres, being all of an 8.24 acre tract of land, located at 630 Southview, Lucas Texas. The request is for variance from the literal interpretation of the City's Code of Ordinance to allow a nonconforming sign to be replaced after a change of the business or activity to which the sign pertains.

The relevant portions of the City's Code of Ordinances read as follows:

#### "Sec. 3.16.011 Nonconforming signs

(c) A nonconforming sign shall not be permitted to remain after cessation or change of the business or activity to which the sign pertains

#### Sec. 3.16.012 Variances

The board of adjustments shall have authority to grant special variance exceptions from the provisions of this article on proper application. Special exceptions may be granted when circumstances permit and when the proposed exception does not violate the spirit or intent of this article, on such conditions and requirements as may reasonably be required by the board."

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Requester: City Secretary Stacy Henderson

## Agenda Item Request

Consider approval of the minutes of the February 20, 2018 Board of Adjustments meeting.

#### **Background Information**

NA

#### **Attachments/Supporting Documentation**

1. Minutes from the February 20, 2018 Board of Adjustments meeting.

#### **Budget/Financial Impact**

NA

#### Recommendation

NA

#### Motion

I make a motion to approve/deny the minutes from the February 20, 2018 Board of Adjustments meeting as presented.



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# Minutes

## Call to Order

Vice Chairman Bierman called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members Present: Vice Chairman Chris Bierman Brian Blythe Robin Ahmadi, Alternate Brenda Rizos, Alternate

#### Staff Present:

Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn City Secretary Stacy Henderson City Attorney Julie Dosher

# City Council Liaison:

Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele

Members Absent: Adam Sussman James Foster

It was determined that a quorum was present and Vice Chairman Bierman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Bierman noted that Alternate Members Robin Ahmadi and Brenda Rizos would serve as voting members due to the absence of two regular members.

Vice Chairman Bierman identified all witnesses that would be presenting before the Board, including Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn, and conducted the swearing in process for all witnesses.

## Public Hearing

 Public Hearing to consider the variance request by Robert and Boris Rapin, 500 Holly Lane from the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3, Article 3.18, Section 3.19.002 – Residential, Agricultural and Estates Districts, to add a privacy fence within the required front setback.

Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn explained that a portion of the privacy fence at 500 Holly Lane on the south side of the property was destroyed in a fire. The applicant was requesting to be able to repair the privacy fence to match the remaining portion that was not burned. Mr. Hilbourn stated that the existing Codes of Ordinances does not allow for a privacy fence, but a hardship does exist due to the recent fire. Mr. Hilbourn stated if the fence variance were approved, it would be a legal nonconforming use.

City Attorney Julie Dosher explained that if more than 50 percent of the fence needed to be replaced, a variance could not be requested, and the fence would have to brought up to code standards. Because less than 50 percent of the fence required replacement, a variance can be requested, and would be considered legal nonconforming.

Boris Rapin, 500 Holly Lane, came forward and shared pictures with the Board of the fence condition. Mr. Rapin explained that he would like to replace the portion of the fence that burned and use the same materials to match the portion of the fence that remains. Mr. Rapin explained that he would like to keep his antique vehicles located on his property from public view.

Vice Chairman Bierman opened the public hearing at 6:44pm and asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak regarding this request. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Vice Chairman Bierman read into the record an email received from Robert & Joy Meyerowitz, residing at 505 Holly Lane that were in favor of the fence variance request.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Blythe, seconded by Mr. Ahmadi to approve the variance request by Robert and Boris Rapin for the property located at 500 Holly Lane from the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3, Article 3.18, Section 3.19.002 – Residential, Agricultural and Estates Districts, to add a privacy fence within the required front setback. The motion passed unanimously by a 4 to 0 vote.

# 2. Consider approval of the minutes of the December 4, 2017 Board of Adjustments meeting.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Blythe, seconded by Mr. Ahmadi to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously by a 4 to 0 vote.

# 3. Consider the appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve for a period of one (1) year with a term ending December 31, 2018.

- **MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Blythe, seconded by Ms. Rizos to nominate Chris Bierman as Chairman of the Board of Adjustment to serve for a one-year period with a term ending December 31, 2018. The motion passed unanimously by a 4 to 0 vote.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made by Chairman Bierman, seconded by Mr. Blythe to nominate Adam Sussman as Vice Chairman of the Board of Adjustment to serve for a one-year period with a term ending December 31, 2018. The motion passed unanimously by a 4 to 0 vote.

#### 4. Adjournment.

Chairman Bierman adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Chris Bierman, Chairman

Stacy Henderson, City Secretary