

SAVANNAH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**ARTHUR A. MENDONSA HEARING ROOM
112 EAST STATE STREET**

MARCH 22, 2005

2:30 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Timothy Mackey, Chairman
Mickey Stephens, Vice-Chairman
*Delores Lovett
Susan Myers**

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Wallace (Excused)

TECHNICAL STAFF ABSENT:

Tom Todaro, City Inspections Department

MPC STAFF PRESENT:

**John Howell, Secretary
Jim Hansen, Secretary
Christy Adams, Assistant Secretary**

RE: Call to Order

Mr. Mackey called the March 22, 2005 meeting of the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals to order at 2:30 p.m.

RE: Minutes

1. Approval of SZBA Minutes – February 22, 2005

SZBA Action: Mrs. Myers made a motion that the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals approve the regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2005. Mr. Stephens seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

RE: Consent Agenda

**RE: Petition of Gary B. Udinsky
B-05-33082-2
2217 Gable Street**

The petitioner is requesting a 22½ foot lot width variance and a 1,819 square foot lot area variance pursuant to the requirements of Section 8-3025(d) of the Savannah Zoning Ordinance in order to construct two single family residences within an R-6 (One Family Residential) district. The subject property is located at 2217 Gable Street.

Summary Of Findings

All of the requirements for granting a 22½ foot lot width variance and a 1,819 square foot lot area variance appear to be met.

SZBA Action: Mr. Stephens made a motion that the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Mrs. Myers seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

*Ms. Lovett arrived approximately 2:40 p.m.

Mr. Udinsky stated he had a unique background that he felt qualified him for at least one thing, which is to recognize exemplary public service. He said in his experience that exemplary public service is often not recognized, never appreciated, and never rewarded. He said he would like to go on record to recognize, appreciate, and thank some members of City Board of Appeals as well as MPC Staff, and City Inspections. He said for the last number of years he has been trying to develop nice single-family affordable housing in the urbanized area within Savannah. In doing that he has come to work with members of the MPC Staff and City Inspections more closely than he would have expected, specifically, Lee Webb, John Howell, and Gary Plumbley at MPC. And at City Inspections, the Zoning Administrator as well as the field inspectors. He said frankly, he was not versed in a lot of the things these folks do, but they have been a great source of information, advice, encouragement, and guidance. He said they have helped him in innumerable ways. He said he would like to thank the Board for having them available for people like him because they have been great.

Mr. Mackey stated he would like to acknowledge that this is Mrs. Myers and Ms. Lovett's last meeting. He said when he was appointed to the City Board they were here and helped him. He said he would like them to know that the Board certainly appreciated everything they have done for the community, Board, and Staff.

RE: Other Business

1. Publication Notification

Mr. Howell stated this was a matter of information and no action would be necessary by the Board. He said Staff received notification via email from the Zoning Administrator about recent actions that City Council made concerning Board of Appeals and public notification. He said City Council changed the requirement for posting signs from 12 days to 15 days before the meeting. He said they have also changed the public notice and newspaper requirement from 5 days to 15 days before the meeting. He said what this does for Staff based on the current cut-off dates for submissions of a petition to be heard is it puts Staff in a window of only 1 day in order to receive the petition, enter it into the computer, check the petition, go over the Zoning Ordinance, and write a public notice to send out to the newspaper. He said what was going to be done administratively, and they have checked with the City Attorney, will be to change the cut-off dates for petitioners. He said this will not reduce the number of Board of Appeals meetings. This will give Staff proper time to receive the petitions and do the administrative work that needs to be done in order to get the public notices out.

RE: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals the meeting was adjourned approximately 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Howell,
Secretary

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