AGENDA

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023 - 4:30 PM MCALLEN CITY HALL, 1300 HOUSTON AVENUE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR

At any time during the course of this meeting, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code.

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Jose Gutierrez

1. MINUTES:

a) Minutes for the meeting held on March 22, 2023

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) Request of Norma Elizondo for the following Special Exceptions to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow: 1) an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 16.5 feet by 19 feet, and 2) to allow an encroachment of 4 feet into the 6 feet west side yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 16.5 feet by 19 feet, at Lot 43, Northpark Estates Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 1501 Falcon Avenue. (ZBA2023-0022)
- b) Request of Oscar Flores for a special exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 25 feet into the 25 feet front yard setback for an existing carport with a canvas roof measuring 18 feet by 20 feet on Lot 21, Cielo Vista Subdivision Phase I, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3101 Tanya Avenue. (ZBA2023-0020)
- c) Request of Jorge Herrera on behalf of Surprise Ron & Estela for a special exception to the City of McAllen's Off-Street Parking and Loading Ordinance to allow 8 parking spaces instead of the required 9 parking spaces for a 6-unit multi-family apartment development at Lot 4, Block 54, North McAllen Addition, Hidalgo County, Texas; 608 South 15th Street. (ZBA2023-0024)
- d) Request of Ma. Del Carmen Castro for the following Special Exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 20 feet into the 25-foot front yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 36 feet by 25 feet, at Lot 16, Block 14, Balboa Acres Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 2808 Idela Avenue. (ZBA2023-0021)
- e) Request of Andrew LeBaron for the following: 1) Special Exception request to the City of McAllen Off-Street Parking and Loading Ordinance to allow 32 parking spaces instead of the 44 parking spaces for proposed apartment use and 2) a Variance request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to be exempted from the 8-foot CMU buffer requirement along the west side of the subject property located at Lot 1, Wilson Subdivision No. 3, Hidalgo County, Texas; 120 South 4th Street. (ZBA2023-0012) (TABLED: 03/08/2023) (REMAIN TABLED: 03/22/2023)

3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) 2309 Sandpiper Avenue
- b) 1500 Fern Avenue
- c) 2400 Sandpiper Avenue
- d) 4915 North 46th Lane
- e) 2921 North 40th Street
- f) 3420 Queta Avenue

ADJOURNMENT:

IF ANY ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A DISABILITY ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE NOTIFY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT (681-1250) 72 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING DATE. WITH REGARD TO ANY ITEM, THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS MAY TAKE VARIOUS ACTIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RESCHEDULING AN ITEM IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR PARTICULAR ACTION AT A FUTURE DATE.

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HIDALGO CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals convened in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the McAllen City Hall, Commission Chambers with the following present:

Present: Jose Gutierrez Chairperson

Sylvia Hinojosa Vice-Chairperson

Ann Tafel Member
Rogelio Rodriguez Member
Hugo Avila Member
Juan Mujica Alternate
Sam Saldivar Alternate

Michelle Rivera Assistant City Manager

Edgar Garcia Planning Director
Rodrigo Sanchez Senior Planner
Omar Sotelo Senior Planner

Adriana Solis Planner II Samantha Trevino Planner I

Porfirio Hernandez Planning Technician II
Julian Hernandez Planning Technician I
Carmen White Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER –Chairperson Jose Gutierrez

1. MINUTES:

a) Minutes for the meeting held on February 22, 2023.

The minutes for the meeting held on February 22, 2023 were approved. The motion to approve the minutes were made by Ms. Ann Tafel. Vice-Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with five members present and voting.

b) Minutes for the meeting held on March 8, 2023.

The minutes for the meeting held on March 8, 2023 were approved. The motion to approve the minutes were made by Vice-Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa. Mr. Rogelio Rodriguez seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with five members present and voting.

As per Chairperson Jose Gutierrez's suggestion, the following items had been recommended for approval by staff. They are as follows:

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) Request of Reyna G. Martinez for a Special Exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10 feet side yard setback adjacent to North 21st Street for an existing metal carport measuring 39 feet by 17 feet at Lot 33, Redbud Subdivision No. 2, Hidalgo County, Texas; 2101 Oriole Avenue. (ZBA2023-0017)

b) Request of Jose Luis Elizondo for the following Special Exception to the City of McAllen Off-Street Parking and Loading Ordinance to not provide one parking space beyond the front yard setback, at Lot 92, Saddle Creek UT 1, Hidalgo County, Texas; 9214 North 32nd Lane. (ZBA2023-0018)

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in favor of the special exception. There was no one else in favor of the special exception.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the special exception. There was no one in opposition of the special exception.

Vice-Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa <u>moved</u> to approve the previously outlined special exceptions as per staff's recommendation, limited to the submitted plans correspondent to each item. Mr. Hugo Avila seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve with five members present and voting.

c) Request of Kevin Jaime on behalf of Jaime & Mendoza Rentals, LLC (owner) for the following Variance request to the City of McAllen Vegetation Ordinance to allow the required landscaped area to be synthetic grass instead of natural grass at Lot 1, Block 16, North McAllen Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 621 North 10th Street. (ZBA2023-0015)

Ms. Trevino stated the property owner was requesting a variance to the Vegetation Ordinance to allow the existing landscape to be synthetic grass instead of natural grass in order to reduce the cost of maintaining natural grass, to give the landscape better appearance year around, and to reduce the usage of water and chemicals.

The subject property was located at the southwest corner of North 10th Street and Gumwood Avenue. The subject property is zoned C-3 (general business) District.

The application for the variance request was submitted February 16, 2023

The applicant had submitted a survey page that is color coded to identify the areas of landscaping proposed to be covered with synthetic grass instead of natural grass. Section 110-56(f) of the Vegetation Ordinance states that synthetic or artificial lawns or plants shall not be used in lieu of plant requirements. The applicant is requesting to not provide 378 square feet of existing landscaping area in the form of natural grass but instead replace it with synthetic grass as shown in the submitted site plan.

In allowing the placement of synthetic grass instead of the required natural grass, the ordinance requirement is not being met.

The Planning Director reviewed landscaping codes for various cities across Texas, including Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, and El Paso, and none allowed synthetic materials to be used for compliance with landscaping requirements.

Staff had not received any phone calls in opposition of the request.

Staff recommended disapproval of the variance request as the ordinance does not allow synthetic grass in lieu of requirements. Approval of the variance request may encourage other property owners to pursue similar requests.

Mr. Kevin Jaime, the applicant, stated the reasons staff provided for the variance were the cost of maintaining natural grass, giving landscaping a better appearance and reduce the usage of water and chemicals were incorrect. He stated his father built the building in 1971. They purchased the building in 2016. (Pictures shown) Their first plan was to plant natural sod and vegetation. The installers told them that they did not need a backflow valve nor a permit. He stated they went to the water department to ask if they did need a permit for a backflow and they said yes. They also asked if they could have an alternate option to have a drip water to connect to the spigot to let drip out everywhere they were told no because if the City had a negative water pressure it would absorb in all the pesticides and chemicals in the water system. Their water meter was located in the alleyway. The location where they proposed to put the backflow they would have to break through 180 feet of concrete. That would propose a hardship. They recently redid their parking lot. They tried other options such as mulch and zeri scape (tiny pebbles). However, rain run-off and vandalism did not make for good options.

Vice-Chairperson Hinojosa asked staff how this case came before the Board. Ms. Trevino stated they came to apply before doing the project.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in favor of the variance request. There was no one else in favor of the variance request.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the variance request. There was no one in opposition of the variance request.

At this time, Board member Rodriguez and other members gave their intake on this proposed variance request.

Mr. Edgar Garcia, Planning Director mentioned to the Board, even though they chose to approve it would have to go through the Engineering Department to make sure they meet all permeability.

Board member Ann Tafel abstained from this item.

Following discussion, Mr. Hugo Avila <u>moved</u> to approve the variance request. Vice-Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the variance request with three members voting aye and two voting nay, Mr. Rogelio Rodriguez and Mr. Sam Saldivar. The variance request was disapproved.

d) Request of Mauricia Castillo for a Special Exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet in to the 10 feet rear yard setback for an existing wooden carport measuring 31 feet by 17 feet at Lot 81, Los Encinos subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3420 Raquel Avenue. (ZBA2023-0016)

Ms. Trevino stated the applicant was requesting a special exception for an encroachment into the rear yard setback for an existing metal carport. The applicant states the carport was built during Covid for her elderly husband who would use it to sit outside and enjoy the outdoors comfortably. The carport was to provide protection for the family vehicles from inclement weather events and for shade for her husband.

The subject property was located on the corner of Raquel Avenue and South 35th street. The Lot has 45 feet of frontage along Raquel Avenue and a depth of 92.50 feet for a Lot size of 4,162.5 square feet. The property is zoned R-1 (single-family residential) District

and a single-family residence is located on the property. The adjacent zoning is R-1 District in all directions. The surrounding land use is single family residential.

Los Encinos Subdivision was recorded on July 5, 1994. The required rear yard setback as per plat is 10 feet. A Stop Work order was posted by Building Permits and Inspections Department on August 31st, 2022 for construction without a building permit. An application for a building permit was submitted to Building Permits and Inspections Department on November 17, 2022 and an application for a Special Exception request was submitted to the Planning Department on February 16, 2022.

This request was for an existing metal carport to be allowed to remain at its current location with an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback. The carport measures 31 feet by 17 feet. The carport is used for the protection of the family vehicles from inclement weather events and for the applicant's elderly husband to enjoy the outdoors in the shade.

The carport also encroaches into a 6 feet utility easement for which the process of abandonment of the utility easement would need to be undertaken. The applicant has not submitted an application for the abandonment process.

There have been no calls or emails received in opposition to the requests.

Measurements provided are without the benefit of a survey.

Special Exception: Staff recommends **disapproval** of the Special Exception request since buildings are not allowed to be constructed in the setbacks and the utility easement encroachment needs to be resolved through the utility easement abandonment process.

Ms. Mauricio Castillo, the applicant stated (through a translator) Mr. Jerry Salazar they were currently going through an Abandonment process. The companies did go out and the markings were within the distance away from the structure. He stated they were waiting for the letter of detail from the companies. The structure was built for her elderly husband during Covid.

Board member Rodriguez asked the applicant if the companies were able to identify the utilities that were there. Mr. Salazar stated yes.

Board member Tafel asked staff was the Stop Work Order issued August 2022. Ms. Trevino stated yes. Ms. Tafel asked if the work continued afterwards. Ms. Trevino stated it had been completed by that time.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in favor of the special exception. There was no one else in favor of the special exception.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the special exception. There was someone in opposition of the special exception.

Following discussion, Ms. Ann Tafel <u>moved</u> to disapprove the special exception as per staff's recommendation. Mr. Rogelio Rodriguez seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to disapprove the special exception with five members present and voting.

e) Request of Victor Meza (Meza Homes Inc.) for the following Variance request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 30 feet into the 75

feet front yard setback for the construction of a commercial building, at Lot 1, T-Rey Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3612 State Highway 107. (**ZBA2023-0019**)

Ms. Solis stated the applicant was requesting a variance to allow an encroachment of 30 feet into the 75 feet front yard setback to accommodate construction of a proposed commercial plaza as it is an irregular lot.

The subject property was located north of state highway 107. The property is 1,200 feet east of Ware Road, for a lot size of approximately 405,543.40 square feet. The surrounding land use is A-O (agricultural & open space) District, C-3 (general business) District to the southeast and R-1 (single-family residential) District to the southwest.

The plat for T-Rey Subdivision was recorded July 14, 2010. A building permit application for the proposed commercial plaza has not yet been submitted. A site plan review is in process. The applicant submitted the variance request on February 21, 2023.

Approval of the variance request would allow an encroachment of 30 feet into the 75 feet front yard setback for the construction of a commercial building. The submitted site plan shows two commercial & restaurant buildings (25,425 sq. ft.) as well as twenty self-storage units & storage office (73,601.9 sq. ft.) are to be built on the property. The applicant states the variance is solely for the building fronting State Highway 107, as it blocks the visibility of the second proposed building alongside it. The applicant would like more exposure for the potential businesses in the second building. If the variance request is approved, the applicant must comply with all other building and zoning ordinance requirement.

A review of Planning Department records did not reveal any approved special exceptions or variances in the immediate area.

Staff had not received any phone calls, emails, or letters in opposition to the variance request.

Staff recommended disapproval of the variance request as the plat for the neighboring property to the west also states the front yard setback pertaining to State Highway 107 is 75 feet minimum.

Mr. Victor Meza, the applicant stated he was working on a large storage project in the area and has a commercial property in front. He wants to move the large building away from the small building in the back to give it exposure.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in favor of the special exception. There was no one else in favor of the special exception.

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the special exception. There was someone in opposition of the special exception.

Following discussion, Vice-Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa <u>moved</u> to approve the variance request. No one seconded the motion, motion died. Mr. Rogelio Rodriguez <u>moved</u> to disapprove the variance request. Mr. Hugo Avila seconded the motion. The Board voted to disapprove the variance request with four members voting aye and Vice-Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa voting nay.

f) Request of Andrew LeBaron for the following: 1) Special Exception request to the

City of McAllen Off-Street Parking and Loading Ordinance to allow 32 parking spaces instead of the 44 parking spaces for proposed apartment use and **2**) a Variance request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to be exempted from the 8-foot CMU buffer requirement along the west side of the subject property located at Lot 1, Wilson Subdivision No. 3, Hidalgo County, Texas; 120 South 4th Street. **(ZBA2023-0012) (TABLED: 03/08/2023)**

This item was to remain tabled until the next meeting.

3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) 909 North Jackson Road
- b) 3101 Tanya Avenue
- c) 2808 Idela Avenue
- d) 1501 Falcon Avenue
- e) 108 East Fresno Avenue
- **f)** 1013 Highway 83

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeal, Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa **moved** to adjourn the meeting.

	Chairperson Jose Gutierrez
Carmen White, Administrative Assistant	

Memo

TO: Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

FROM: Planning Staff

DATE: March 29, 2023

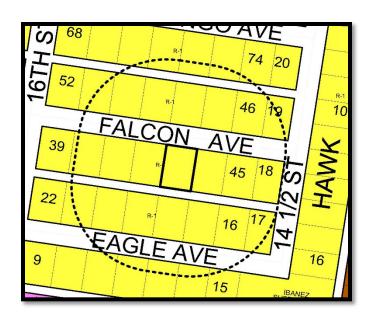
SUBJECT: REQUEST OF NORMA ELIZONDO FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW: 1) AN ENCROACHMENT OF 10 FEET INTO THE 10 FEET REAR YARD SETBACK FOR AN EXISTING METAL CARPORT MEASURING 16.5 FEET BY 19 FEET, AND 2) TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 4 FEET INTO THE 6 FEET WEST SIDE YARD SETBACK FOR AN EXISTING METAL CARPORT MEASURING 16.5 FEET BY 19 FEET, AT LOT 43, NORTHPARK ESTATES SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY.

TEXAS; 1501 FALCON AVENUE. (ZBA2023-0022)

REASON FOR APPEAL:

The applicant is requesting a special exception for an existing metal carport with an encroachment into the 10 feet rear yard setback and 6 ft side yard setbacks. The applicant states a contractor was hired to construct the metal carport but did not obtain a building permit. The carport is to provide protection for the applicants elderly mother from inclement weather and reduces the walking distance from the car to the entrance of the residence.





PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:

The subject property is located along the south side of Falcon Avenue, 200 feet west of North 14th ½ Street. The Lot has 70 feet of frontage along Falcon Avenue and a depth of 100 feet for a Lot size of 7,000 square feet. The property is zoned R-1 (single-family residential) District and a single family residence is located on the property. The adjacent zoning is R-1 District in all directions. The surrounding land use is single family residential.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:

A notice of non-compliance was posted by Building Permits and Inspections Department on September 10, 2022 for no permit on file for construction of a carport at the rear of the property. An application for a building permit was submitted to Building Permits and Inspections Department on November 29, 2022 and an application for a Special Exception request was submitted to the Planning Department on March 08, 2023.

ANALYSIS:

Special Exception #1: The request is for a special exception to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 16.5 feet by 19 feet. There is a paved alley at the rear of the property that allows the vehicles access to the carport. There is a cedar fence that surrounds the rear of the property that helps to partially screen the carport.

Locating carports and having access from the alley at the rear of the property helps to maintain curb appeal along the front yard.

The adjacent 20 feet alley helps to provide a buffer with adjacent properties to the south.

Special Exception #2: To allow an encroachment of 4 feet into the 6 feet west side yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 16.5 feet by 19 feet constructred over an existing concrete driveway. The property has a cedar fence that surrounds the rear and side of the property that helps to partially screen the carport.

The adjacent property to the east does not have accessory structures to into the rear yard that helps to lessen concerns regarding building separation distance.

A windshield survey of the Block revealed other similar encroachments into the rear yard setback within this Block. A review of Planning Department records did not reveal any Variances or Special Exceptions approved for properties along this alley within this Block.

There have been no calls or emails received in opposition of the Special Exception or Variance requests.

Special exceptions are issued to a property owner and recorded, however a change of ownership requires the new owner to apply for their own Special Exception.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends **approval** of the Special Exception requests **#1** & **#2**, since carports located at the rear yard help to maintain curb appeal along the front yard. The existing 20 feet alley also provides a separation to other properties across the alley.

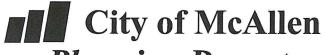


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Planning Department APPEAL TO ZONING BOARD OF

311 North 15th Street McAllen, TX 78501 P. O. Box 220 McAllen, TX 78505-0220 (956) 681-1250 (956) 681-1279 (fax)

ADJUSTMENT TO MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE		
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Planning Department **REASON FOR APPEAL & BOARD ACTION**

	*A variance will not be granted to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor shall it be based solely on economic gain or loss. In order to make a finding of hardship and grant the variance, the Zoning Board of Adjustment will consider any combination of the following: (<i>Please use an additional page if necessary to complete responses</i>) **Information provided here by the applicant does not guarantee that the Board will grant a variance. ***Applicant should include all information they determine is relevant, but it is not required to provide responses to all sections listed below. 1. Describe the special circumstance or condition affecting the land involved such that the strict application of the provisions required would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land:
Reason for Appeal	2. Describe how the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of the legal property rights of the owner: The carped was brush within the property line and no opposition was expressed by any neighboring residence. The structure is aesthetical pleasing and is not a bleman to the neighboring. 3. Describe how the variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or injurious to the legal rights other property owners enjoy in the area:
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Planning Department

Memo

TO: Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

FROM: Planning Staff

DATE: March 27, 2023

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF OSCAR FLORES FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE CITY OF

MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 25 FEET INTO THE 25 FEET FRONT YARD SETBACK FOR AN EXISTING CARPORT WITH A CANVAS ROOF MEASURING 18 FEET BY 20 FEET ON LOT 21, CIELO VISTA SUBDIVISION PHASE I, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 3101 TANYA AVENUE.

(ZBA2023-0020)

REASON FOR APPEAL:

The applicant is requesting a special exception in order to allow the abovementioned encroachment for an existing carport measuring 18 feet by 20 feet. The existing carport was constructed in order to protect his 2 vehicles since the garage that they currently have only accommodates one vehicle. The existing carport is also used for shade. The applicant states it provides protection for a family member with a disability.





PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:

The subject property is located along the south side of Tanya Avenue, between South 32nd and South 30th Street. The property has 52 feet of frontage along Tanya Avenue and a depth of 103 feet, for a Lot size of 5,356 square feet. The surrounding land use is single-family residential.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:

The applicant became the property owner in November of 2012. The Building Permits and Inspections Department issued a non-compliance notice on August 30, 2022 for a front yard carport built without a permit. A building permit application was submitted November 02, 2022. This special exception request was submitted on February 23, 2023.

ANALYSIS:

Approval of this request will allow an encroachment of 25 feet into the 25 feet front yard setback for the existing carport with a canvas roof. According to the subdivision plat, there are no utility easements on the front or side yards that are impacted by this construction. There is no alley adjacent to the rear property line that might allow for relocation of the existing carport to the rear yard and out of the front yard setback.

During a site visit, staff noticed similar front yard encroachments in the subdivision. A review of Planning Department records revealed 4 approved special exception requests for carports at Lots 20, 75, 72, and 78 between December 2022 and January 2023.

Special exceptions are issued and recorded for the present owner only. New owners would need to apply for a new special exception request.

Staff has not received any phone calls, emails, or letters in opposition to the special exception request.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the special exception request since there have been similar carport encroachments approved in the subdivision. The applicant cannot relocate the existing carport to the rear of the property and out of the front yard setback since there is no alley.

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Planning Department APPEAL TO ZONING BOARD OF

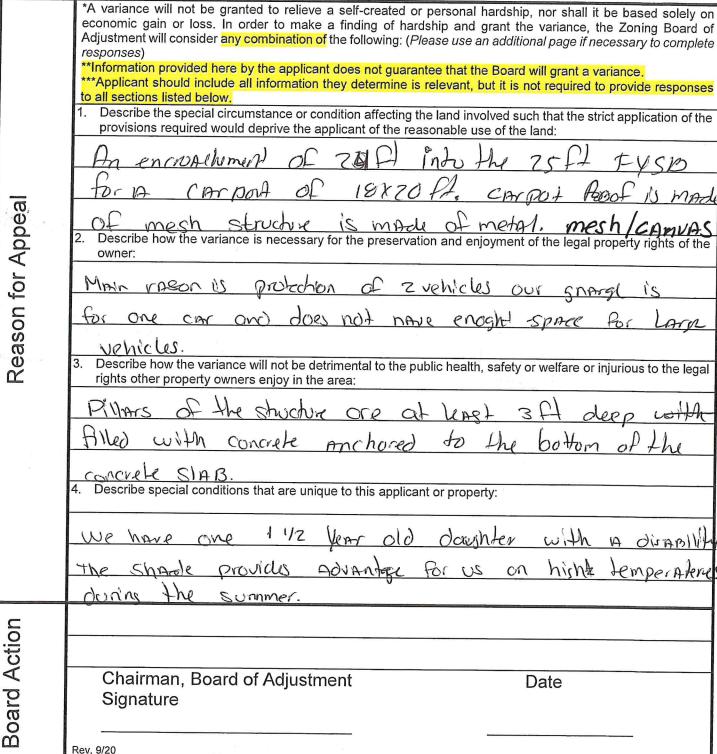
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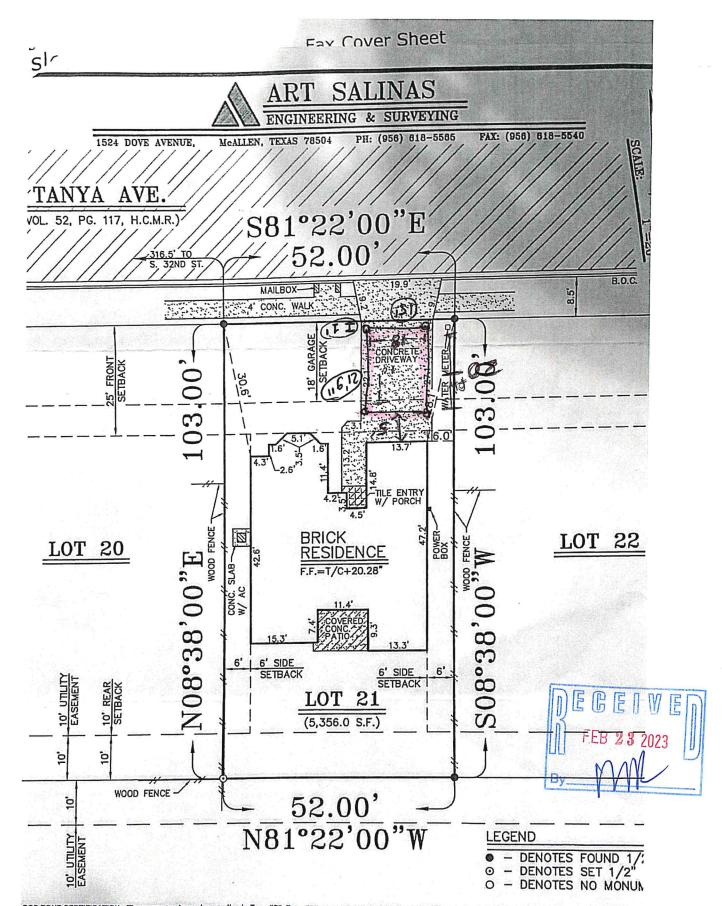
	ADJUSTMENT TO MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE
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Authorization	To the best of your knowledge are there any deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, etc. which would prevent the utilization of the property in the manner indicated? Yes I certify that I am the actual owner of the property described above and this application is being submitted with my consent (include corporate name if applicable) OR I am authorized by the actual owner to submit this application and have attached written evidence of such authorization. Signature Date Towns Owner Authorized Agent
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City of McAllen

Planning Department REASON FOR APPEAL & BOARD ACTION





ODD ZONE CERTIFICATION: The property shown hereon lies in Zene "B". Zone "B" areas lie between limits of the 100-year flood and 500-year flood; or certain areas subjected by levels from the contributing drainage area is less than one square mile; or areas protected by levels from the base flood as odd insurance Rate Map Panel No. 480334-0400-C dated 11-16-82 and revised by LOMR case No. 07-06-0813A dated 02-27-07.

There are no discrepancies, conflicts, or shortages in area or boundary lines, or any encroachments, or any overlapping of improvements except as shown on this plat.

This survey plat is prepared in connection with Title Policy G.F. # 11-0003879SA2 and does not quarantee title. This survey is a shown on this plat.







Planning Department

Memo

TO: Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

FROM: Planning Staff

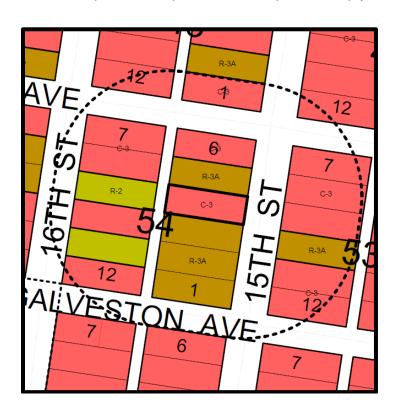
DATE: March 23, 2023

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF JORGE HERRERA ON BEHALF OF SURPRISE RON & ESTELA

FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN'S OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW 8 PARKING SPACES INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED 9 PARKING SPACES FOR A 6-UNIT MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT AT LOT 4, BLOCK 54, NORTH MCALLEN ADDITION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 608 SOUTH 15TH STREET. (ZBA2023-

0024)

REASON FOR APPEAL: The applicant is requesting a special exception for the above mentioned encroachment for a proposed 6-unit multi-family apartment development. The applicant has stated they would have limited space to comply with the required parking areas. Moreover, the applicant has stated that this special exception would help him comply with the dumpster location required by Public Works.





PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY: The subject property is located along the west side of South 15th Street, approximately 100 feet south of Fresno Avenue. The property has 50 feet of frontage along South 15th Street and a depth of 140 feet, for a lot size of 7,000 square feet. The property is currently vacant. The surrounding land uses are multi-family apartments and commercial uses.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY: A demolition permit was issued on February 21, 2023 for the demolition of a vacant commercial building/plaza on site. An application for a rezoning to R-3A (multifamily residential apartment) District has been submitted, and is scheduled to be heard at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting of April 4, 2023. The rezoning has been requested for a proposed multi-family apartment development that will include 6 one-bedroom units.

A site plan review application was submitted for this proposed development on March 3, 2023. The site plan review is still underway and will need to receive approval from the Development Team prior to the issuance of any building or sign permits. This special exception request was submitted on March 8, 2023.

ANALYSIS: Approval of the special exception request would allow 8 parking spaces (instead of 9) to be provided for the proposed apartment development. According to the submitted site plan, 4 parking spaces will be provided along the front property line, and 4 parking spaces along the rear yard property line. There is a 20-foot wide ally at the rear of the property.

As per the Off-Street Parking and Loading Ordinance, Section 138-395 (1) (a.), the minimum parking requirement for apartment buildings with five or more units is calculated at 1.5 parking spaces for each one-bedroom living unit. The proposed development is for a two-story apartment building that will have three one-bedroom living units per floor. Based on the total number of one-bedroom living units for the apartment building (6), 9 parking spaces will be required.

As per the Off-Street Parking and Loading Ordinance, Section 138-399 (a), 90-degree angle parking spaces must have a width of 9 feet and a length of 18 feet, with 24 feet of maneuvering space. Given the lot dimensions, the required dumpster location, and the proposed floor area of the two-story apartment building, the property would appear to have limited space to accommodate the 9 parking spaces with their required dimensions and maneuvering space.

Similar variances have been granted in the past in the vicinity for Lot 10, Block 53; and Lots 3 and 5 of Block 54. In all of these instances, dumpster locations along the paved alley seemed to prevent the placement of the required 9th parking space on site.

Staff has not received any phone calls, emails, or letters in opposition to this request.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the special exception request.

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APPEAL TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE

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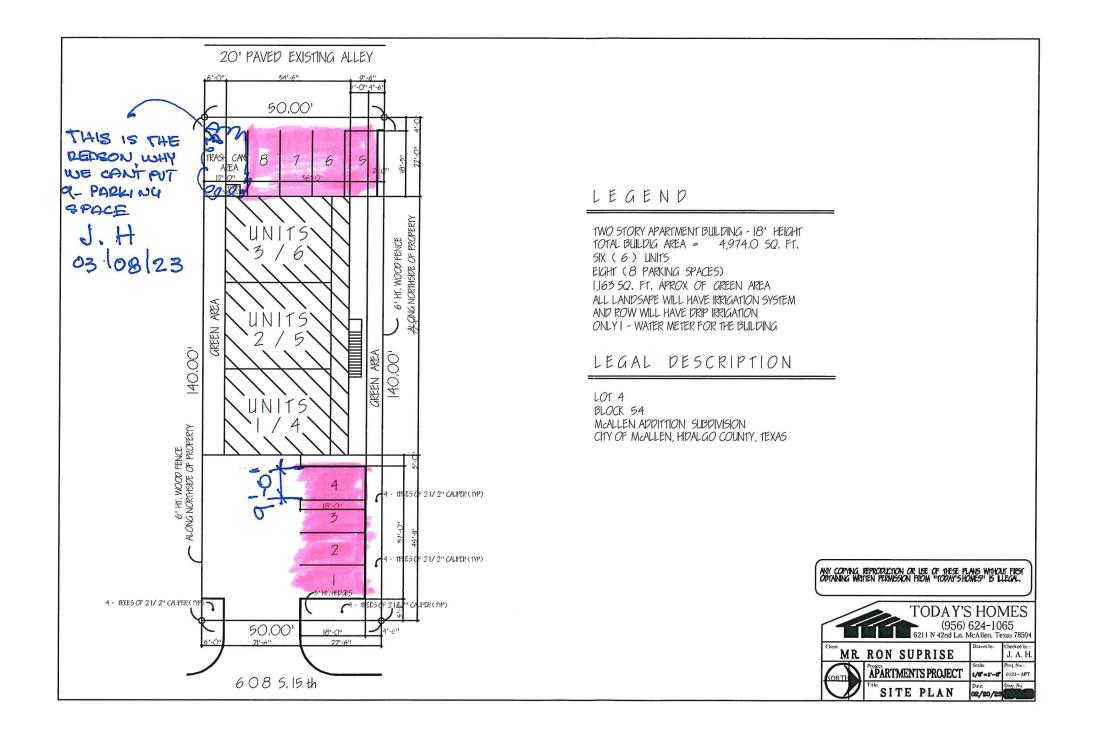
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Memo

TO: Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

FROM: Planning Staff

DATE: March 29, 2023

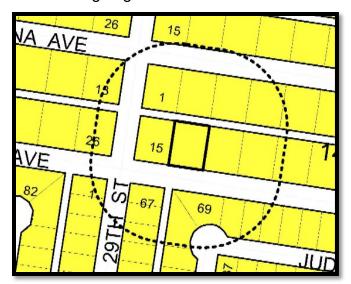
SUBJECT: REQUEST OF MA. DEL CARMEN CASTRO FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL

EXCEPTION TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 20 FEET INTO THE 25 FEET FRONT YARD SETBACK FOR AN EXISTING METAL CARPORT MEASURING 36 FEET BY 25 FEET, AT LOT 16, BLOCK 14, BALBOA ACRES SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 2808

IDELA AVENUE. (ZBA2023-0021)

REASON FOR APPEAL:

The applicant is requesting a special exception for an encroachment of 25 feet into the 25 feet front yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 36 feet by 25 feet. The applicant has verbally stated that a contractor was hired to construct the carport but did not obtain the required building permit. The carport is to provide protection for the family cars from the weather elements since the house does not have a garage.





PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:

The subject property is located along the north side of Idela Avenue, 90 feet east of South 29th Street. The Lot has 90 feet of frontage along Idela Avenue and a depth of 115 feet for a Lot size of 10,350 square feet. The property is zoned R-1 (single-family residential) District and a single family residence is located on the property. The adjacent zoning is R-1 District in all directions. The surrounding land use is single family residential.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:

Balboa Acres Subdivision was recorded in December 1962. The required front yard setback as per plat is 25 feet. A notice of non-compliance was issued by the Building Permits and Inspections

Department in November 2022 for "no permit on file" for construction of the carport. An application for a building permit was submitted to Building Permits and Inspections Department on November 30, 2022, and an application for a Special Exception request was submitted to the Planning Department on February 27, 2023.

ANALYSIS:

The request is for a special exception to allow an encroachment of 25 feet into the 25 feet front yard setback for a carport measuring 36 feet by 25 feet. As per the applicant, the structure was built in December 2022 over an existing concrete driveway. The property does not have a garage. The applicant states the existing carport helps to protect the vehicles from the weather elements and from water damage to the walls of the home.

The carport was contructed over an area that consists of a concrete driveway and an unpaved surface. The applicant proposes to pave the unpaved portion thereby enlarging the carport foundation. The unpaved area is approximately 12 feet by 25 feet (300 square feet).

There is an existing alley at the rear of the property with a dirt surface that may not be traversable during rainy weather events.

During a site visit, staff noticed one carport with encroachment into the front yard along the north side of this Block of Idela Avenue. A review of Planning Department records did not reveal any Special Exceptions granted in this Block. Building Department records did not reveal building permits granted for carports within the front yard along this Block.

The front yard setbacks are important in establishing the character of a single family neighborhood by maintaining the street yard and curb appeal of the properties in a subdivision. Approval of the request to allow the carport within the front yard may encourage other property owners to contruct carports within the front yard setback.

There have been no calls or emails received in opposition of the Special Exception request.

Measurements provided are without the benefit of a survey.

Special exceptions are issued to the property owner and recorded, however a change of ownership requires the new owner to apply for their own Special Exception.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends **disapproval** of the Special Exception request since approval of the request to allow the carport within the front yard may encourage other property owners to construct carports within the front yard setback. If the Board chooses to approve the request, it should be limited to the encroachment shown on the submitted site plan.

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APPEAL TO ZONING BOARD OF (956) 681

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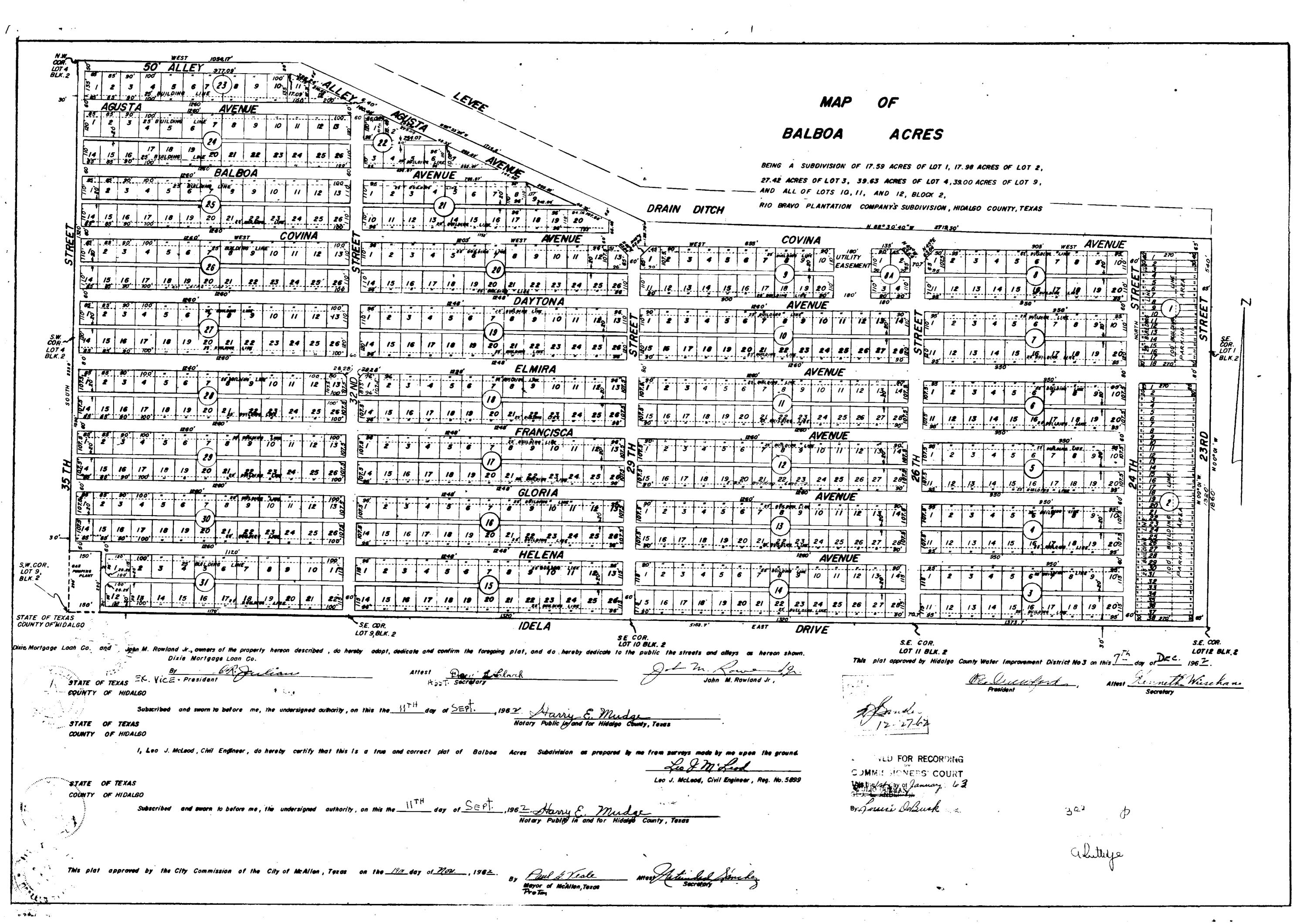
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FROM: Planning Staff

DATE: February 23, 2023

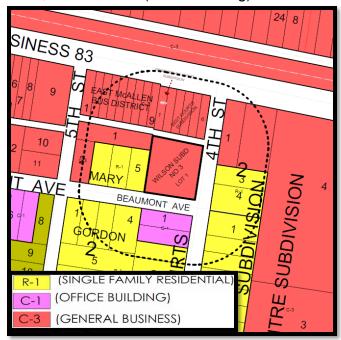
SUBJECT: Request of Andrew LeBaron for the following: 1) Special Exception request to the City of

McAllen Off-Street Parking and Loading Ordinance to allow 32 parking spaces instead of the 44 parking spaces for proposed apartment use and 2) a Variance request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to be exempted from the 8-foot CMU buffer requirement along the west side of the subject property located at Lot 1, Wilson Subdivision No. 3,

Hidalgo County, Texas; 120 South 4th Street. (ZBA2023-0012)

REASON FOR APPEAL: The applicant request the following special exception to allow 32 parking spaces instead of the required 44 parking spaces for apartment use. The applicant is requesting to use the existing parking spaces on the subject property, the previous use was that of commercial (motel) use, therefore did not require as many parking spaces. The applicant is also requesting a variance from the 8-foot CMU buffer requirement along the west side of the subject property since the expense was not in the applicants' budget for the proposed development project.

PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY: The property is located at the northwest corner of Beaumont Avenue and South 4th Street. The tract has an approximate lot size of 27,675.34 square feet. The subject property is zoned as C-3 (general business) District, there is also C-3 District to the north, east, and west. The contiguous zoning is R-1 (single-family residential) District to the east and west, it is also C-1 (office building) District to the south of the subject property.





BACKGROUND AND HISTORY: A subdivision plat for a one lot subdivision under the name of Wilson Subdivision No. 3 was recorderd on October 13, 1980. The applicant submitted the variance application and the site plan to the Planning Department on February 01, 2023.

ANALYSIS: Request #1: The applicant is requesting the variance to allow 32 parking spaces instead of the required 44 parking spaces in order to comply with the apartment use parking space requirement. Currently the lot has two existing buildings that were for commercial (motel) use, "La Casita Motel of McAllen", and an existing parking lot. Based on the number of bedrooms the applicant is required to provide 44 parking spaces. Section 138-395 requires for an apartment/condominium building with five or more units to provide 1.5 parking spaces for each efficiency, studio apartment, and one bedroom living unit.

Section 138-395 requires one parking space for each sleeping room or suite plus one space for each 200 square feet of commercial floor area contained therein, therefore the required parking space requirement is not being met because the previous use did not require as many parking spaces.

Request #2: The applicant is requesting a variance to the 8-feet CMU screen requirement along the west side of the subject property since the expense is not part of the project budget for apartments. As per Section 110-49 Landscape and buffer plan approval, an 8-foot masonry wall is required where a commercial, industrial, or multi-family use has a side or rear property line in common with a single family use of zone. During a site visit by staff, the adjacent property located west of the subject property is zoned R-1 District and has a single-family residence.

The purpose of the buffer is used in such a manner that the adjacent property is visually screened, and so that noise, solid waste, or other objectionable influences will be avoided.

Staff has received neighborhood opposition of the special exception and variance request. The citizens expressed concerns of potential traffic and blocking of roadways by potential vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION: Request #1: Staff recommends disapproval of the special exception request since there may be insufficient number of parking spaces for tenants of the proposed apartment complex.

Request #2: Staff recommends disapproval of the variance request since the property to the west is R-1 zone and is used as a single-family residence. The buffer would visually screen and alleviate the level of noise extended to the adjacent property.





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