AGENDA

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024 - 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 May 22, 2024. (TABLED: 06/05/2024)
- b) Minutes for the meeitng held on June 5, 2024

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) Request of Hector J. Alcoser for a special exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of up to 20 feet into the 20 foot front yard setback for an existing carport at Lot 126, Ponderosa Park Phase II Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3212 Kerria Avenue. (ZBA2024-0021)
- b) Request of Juan Muniz for the following variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow a Lot size of 5,250 square feet instead of the required 5,600 square feet for a duplex at Lot 17, Block 11, College Heights Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 2164 Kennedy Circle. (ZBA2024-0014) (TABLED: 06/05/2024)
- c) Request of Merle D. Davis for a variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 3 feet into the east 6 foot side yard setback for a proposed swimming pool at Lot 45, Parkwood Manor Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 2317 Sandpiper Avenue. (ZBA2024-0020)
- d) Request of Arnold Cavazos on behalf of Gabriel Alanis for a variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 20-foot rear yard setback on the East Rear and South Rear portion for a proposed residence at Lot 19, Lago Vista Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 4501 South "M" Street. (ZBA2024-0018) (TABLED: 06/05/2024)

3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a) 2323 Dallas 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, May 22, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the McAllen Development Center, 311 North 15th Street, Executive Conference Room with the following present:

Present:	Jose Gutierrez Ann Tafel Hugo Avila Rogelio Rodriguez Hiram A. Gutierrez Juan Mujica Alex Lamela	Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Member Member Alternate Alternate
Absent:	Daniel Santos Pablo Garcia	Alternate Alternate
Staff Present:	Benito Alonzo Edgar Garcia Rodrigo Sanchez Samuel Nunez Natalie Moreno Carmen White	Assistant City Attorney I Planning Director Senior Planner Senior Planner Planner I Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Jose Gutierrez

1. MINUTES:

a) Minutes for the meeting held on May 8, 2024.

The minutes for the meeting held on May 8, 2024 were approved. The motion to approve the minutes were made by Mr. Hugo Avila. Mr. Alex Lamela seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with five members present and voting.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) Request of Arnold Cavazos on behalf of Gabriel Alanis for a variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 20-foot rear yard setback on the East Rear and South Rear portion for a proposed residence at Lot 19, Lago Vista Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 4501 South "M" Street. (ZBA2024-0018)

The applicant is requesting variances to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 20foot rear yard setback into the east rear yard and into the south rear yard for a proposed single-family residence with garage.

The subject property is located on a partial cul-de-sac at the intersection of South "M" Street and Helena Avenue. The irregular shaped property is vacant and is zoned R-1 (single family residential) District. Adjacent zoning is R-1 District to the north and west.

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There is A-O (agricultural and open space) District to the south. The area to the east across South Jackson Road is in the city limits of Pharr.

Lago Vista Subdivision was recorded on October 31, 2006. The plat indicates a front setback of 25 feet and 20 feet for a rear yard setback. Due to an oversight during the site plan review process the building permit was issued stating a rear yard setback of 10 feet, instead of the required 20 feet for the rear yard setback. A variance request was submitted on May 2, 2024.

The applicant is requesting a variance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 20foot rear yard setback. The specific encroachment widths are approximately 34.4 feet for the garage, 74.25 for the outdoor kitchen and extends 27.16 feet along the south portion of the rear yard setback. The plat shows an irrigation easement that was abandoned by the Hidalgo County irrigation District.

To the east side of the property there is a ROW easement. As per discussion with Engineering Department, there are no plans of future expansion to Jackson Road at that location. To the south of the subject property is vacant land.

The standard rear setbacks for an R-1 district is 10 feet. Lots 8 through 18, just west of Lot 19, show a rear setback of 10 feet.

A review of the Planning Department records did not reveal any other similar variances approved in this area.

Variances run with the land and remain as a condition for future owners and new constructions.

Measurements provided on the site plan are without benefit of a survey.

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

Staff recommended approval of the variance request since the irregular shape of the Lot affects the construction design.

Mr. Arnold Cavazos, 2020 E. Silverbell Street, Mission. Mr. Cavazos stated the reason for the encroachment was because it was a pre-sold home on the west side. It had a patio, and was going to have a swimming pool and an outdoor kitchen. When asked for the easements they were able to work that parameter. On the garage side, they assumed the utility easement was there but wanted to separate so the cars could drive in and out. After it was designed they then proceeded with the project. Mr. Cavazos stated they showed the design to the homeowner, she liked the way it looked based on the lot itself and then signed off on it. Engineers Melden and Hunt had brought to their attention of the encroachment. Chairperson Gutierrez asked Mr. Cavazos if there was another alterntive to solve the problem. Mr. Cavazos stated they did speak with the homeowner regarding it but she rejected.

Board member Avila asked staff what was the rear setback for an R-1. Staff stated it was10 feet.

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Board member Mujica agreed with Chairperson Gutierrez that there could be a better option for the situation.

Oscar Falcon, 5221 North McColl Road, McAllen, Texas. He represented Cantu Construction and the Homeowners Association at Lago Vista. He stated as an Association they had no objection to the 10 foot setback. They researched with the engineer of record to see why it was a 20 foot rear setback, they could not give him an answer. They checked with the State to see if there were any future expansion plans otherwise it would have been a right-of-way not a setback. He stated the owner bought the plan with all good intentions of meeting the City's setbacks that were standard at the time.

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

Vice-Chairperson Tafel asked staff was this the only lot in the subdivision that had this problem or will others be coming with the same issue. Staff stated all the lots on the east side had a 20-foot setback platted but not the rest of the lots.

Board member Rodriguez asked the applicant if asphalt was going to put at 30 feet at the irrigation easement. Mr. Cavazos stated it would be a concrete driveway.

Following discussion, Mr. Hugo Avila **moved** to approve Variance request as presented. Mr. Hiram Gutierrez seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the Variance request with two members voting aye and three members, Vice-Chairperson Ann Tafel, Rogelio Rodriguez and Chairperson Jose Gutierrez voting nay.

Assistant City Attorney Benito Alonzo requested a recess with Planning Director.

Mr. Benito Alonzo stated for purposes of the record there was a motion made for approval and acceptance of staff's recommendation of approval of the variance request and there was a second. There were two votes in favor of that motion. However, there were three votes against the vote. The question was if a super majority is necessary in order to move forward. Mr. Alonzo then conferred with staff and City Attorney, Isaac Tawil, stated in Section 211.009 of the Government Code Subsection C does state that the concurring vote of 75% of the members of the Board was necessary to reverse an order requirement, decision or determination of an administrative official.

After much discussion, the Board proceeded with the regular meeting in process.

b) Request of Walter B. Azuara for a variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of up to 7 feet into the 10-foot rear yard setback for a garage at Lot 1, The John Collavo Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 720 North 6th Street. (ZBA2024-0011)

Staff stated the item had been withdrawn.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairperson Jose Gutierrez

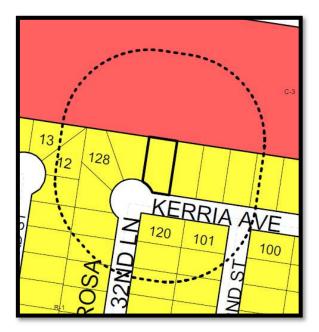
Carmen White, Administrative Assistant

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Minutes for the meeting of June 5, 2024 will be uploaded into the packet on Monday.

- **TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals
- FROM: Planning Staff
- **DATE:** June 14, 2024
- SUBJECT: REQUEST OF HECTOR J. ALCOSER FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF UP TO 20 FEET INTO THE 20 FOOT FRONT YARD SETBACK FOR AN EXISTING CARPORT AT LOT 126, PONDEROSA PARK PHASE II SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 3212 KERRIA AVENUE. (ZBA2024-0021)

REASON FOR APPEAL: The applicant is requesting a Special Exception to encroach up to 20 feet into the 20 foot front yard setback for an existing carport measuring 13 feet by 18 feet for protection of vehicles from inclement weather.





PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY: The subject property is located along the North side of Kerria Avenue just East of North 32nd Lane. The property is an irregular shape lot with 38.56 feet fronting Kerria Avenue then a partial frontage of 34.89 feet along the curved boundary of a cul de sac. The property is zoned R-1 (single family residential) District. The surrounding zones include C-3 (general business) to the north and R-1(single family residential) to the east, west and south.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY: Lot 126, Ponderosa Park Phase II was recorded on February 24, 1998. The plat shows a 20 foot front yard setback. A building permit application for a carport was submitted on July 18, 2022. The building permit was rejected by the Planning department with comments advising the applicant that a special exception would be needed to build a carport. A stop

work order was issued on May 14, 2024. An application for a special exception request was submitted to the Planning department on May 21, 2024.

ANALYSIS: The applicant is requesting a Special Exception to allow an encroachment of up to 20 feet into the 20 foot front yard setback for an existing carport. The applicant states that the 20 foot front yard setback does not allow him to have any structures or a porch due to the offset of the front yard setback from the cul de sac. There is no alley at the rear of the property that would allow for relocation of the carport out of the setback.

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

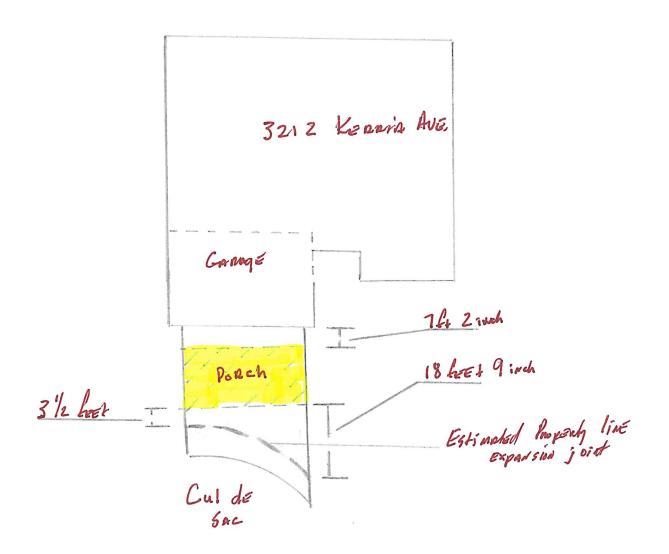
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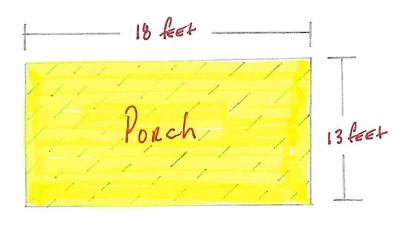
There have been no calls or emails received in opposition of the Special Exception request.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff is recommending approval of the Special Exception request due to it is characteristic of the neighborhood and the irregular shape of the lot renders it unfeasable to construct any structure for safeguarding vehicles.

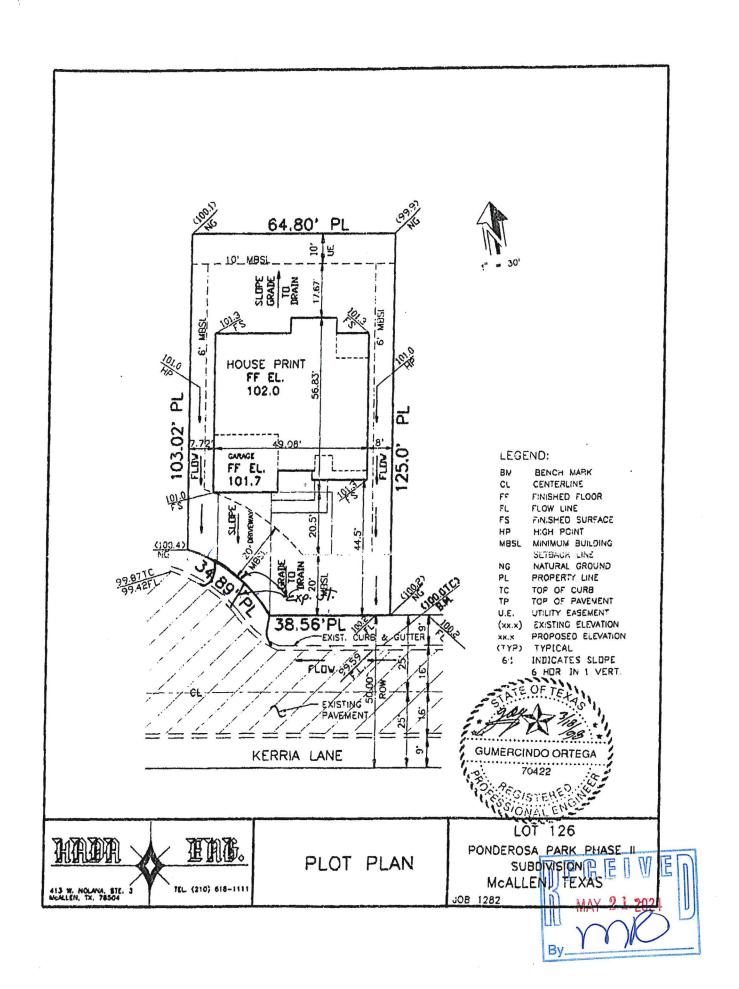
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AUTHORIZATION
To the best of your knowledge are there any deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, etc. which would prevent the utilization of the property in the manner indicated? Yes VNO I certify that I am the actual owner of the property described 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 5/20/2024 E G E I V E Print Name_/HE c/on J. Alcoson
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	City of McAllen
	Planning Department REASON FOR APPEAL & BOARD ACTION
Reason for Appeal	 *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: <i>Using approval exception to have a have a 1' boot sethace usquirance</i>, the <i>Mos dam park that the 11' purtled my ushicks</i> 2. Describe how the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of the legal property rights of the owner: <i>I wrigh to purkled will for my proparty i.e. vishicks than usantka</i>. 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: <i>The prodim is campled with the public</i>. 4. Describe special conditions that are unique to this applicant or property: <i>The 20' trigguined duest not public</i>. 4. Describe special conditions that are unique to this applicant or property: <i>The 20' trigguined duest not public</i>. <i>Mark do float of cul duest not public</i>.
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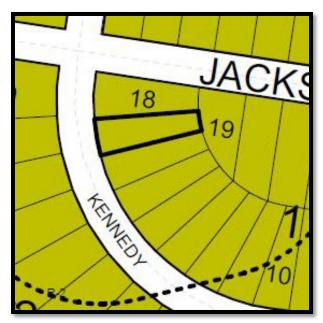






- **TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals
- FROM: Planning Staff
- **DATE:** June 10, 2024
- SUBJECT: REQUEST OF JUAN MUNIZ FOR THE FOLLOWING VARIANCES TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW A LOT SIZE OF 5,250 SQUARE FEET INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED 5,600 SQUARE FEET FOR A DUPLEX AT LOT 17, BLOCK 11, COLLEGE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISON, HIDLAGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 2164 KENNEDY CIRCLE. (ZBA2024-0014)

REASON FOR APPEAL: The applicant is requesting a variance to allow a Lot area of 5,250 square feet instead of the minimum required Lot area of 5,600 square feet for construction of a duplex.





PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY: The vacant property is located southeast of the intersection of Jackson Avenue of Kennedy Circle. The property has a frontage of 50 feet along Kennedy Circle and a depth of 140 feet. The property is zoned R-2 (duplex-fourplex residential) District. There is R-2 District in all directions.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY: College Heights Subdivision was recorded on December 28, 1926. The front yard setback is 20 feet as per the R-2 Zoning District. The application for the Variance request was submitted on April 24, 2024.

ANALYSIS: The applicant submitted a feasibility plan that shows the layout of the proposed duplex on a Lot area of 5,250 square feet. The applicant has not submitted an application for a building permit with site plan for formal review.

The duplex will consist of two living units which will include a bedroom, kitchen, bath and dining room. The feasibility plan shows compliance with parking and setback requirements.

The variance request is to allow a 5,250 square feet Lot for the duplex use instead of the 5,600 square feet required as per Section 138-356 of the Zoning Ordinance. The minimum area for a duplex use in the R-2 (duplex-fourplex residential) District is 5,600 square feet. The Lot size is deficient by 350 square feet or .0625 percent.

Development along Kennedy circle is primarily single family residential and duplex use along this neighborhood may conform to the character of the area.

Staff has received two phone calls and one email in opposition to the variance request with concerns of a duplex not being characteristic to the neighborhood.

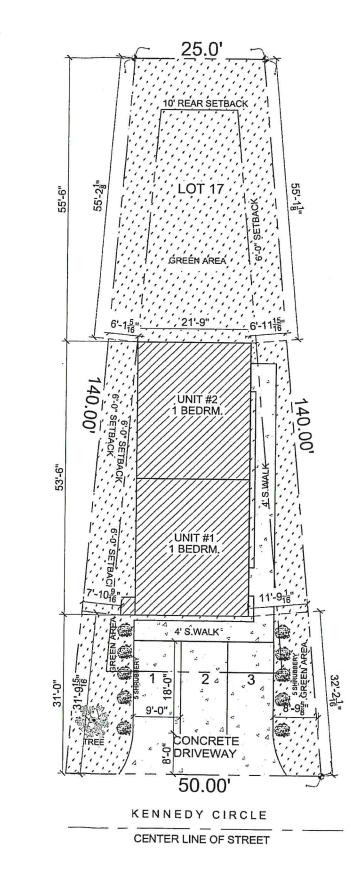
RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request since the deficiency is only 6% of the required Lot area and the proposed construction conforms to the R-2 (duplex-fourplex residential) District designation for the subject property.

Staff requested for this item to be tabled due to a discrepency with the previously provided case packet.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2024: At the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals meeting of June 5, 2024, there was one person in opposition to the variance request. Following discussion, Mr. Hiram Gutierrez **moved** to table the variance request. Mr. Hugo Avila **seconded** the motion. There were five Board members present and voting.

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Applicant	Name <u>Juan Muniz</u> Phone <u>9564919837</u> Address <u>3000 ZenaiDA AU</u> E-mail <u>Jmuniz330gahoo.(on</u> City <u>McXIIIen</u> State <u>(X</u> Zip <u>78504</u>
Owner	Name <u>Juan Muniz</u> Phone <u>956 491 9837</u> Address <u>SAME</u> E-mail City <u>State</u> <u>Zip</u>
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 No 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
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	City of McAllen <i>Planning Department</i> REASON FOR APPEAL & BOARD ACTION
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Board Action	Chairman, Board of Adjustment Date Signature



VERIFY JOINT LAYOUT FOR SIDEWALKS WITH CONTRACTOR PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

2. ALL SITE WORK: INCLUDING LOCATION OF TRASH DUMPSTER. TEMPORARY TOILET FACILITES, TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION BARACADE/FENCING CONSTRUCTION TRAILER, CLEARING PROCEDURE (RADING AND DRAINAGE, CONFORMANCE TO POLUTION AND PREVENTION CONTROL, AND TEMPORARY UTILITY FACILITES, ETC. SHALL BE IN ACCOMDANCE WITH THE CITY AS WELL AS SUBDIVISION PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION GUIDELINES.

1) SITE PLAN SCALE: 3/32"=1'-0"

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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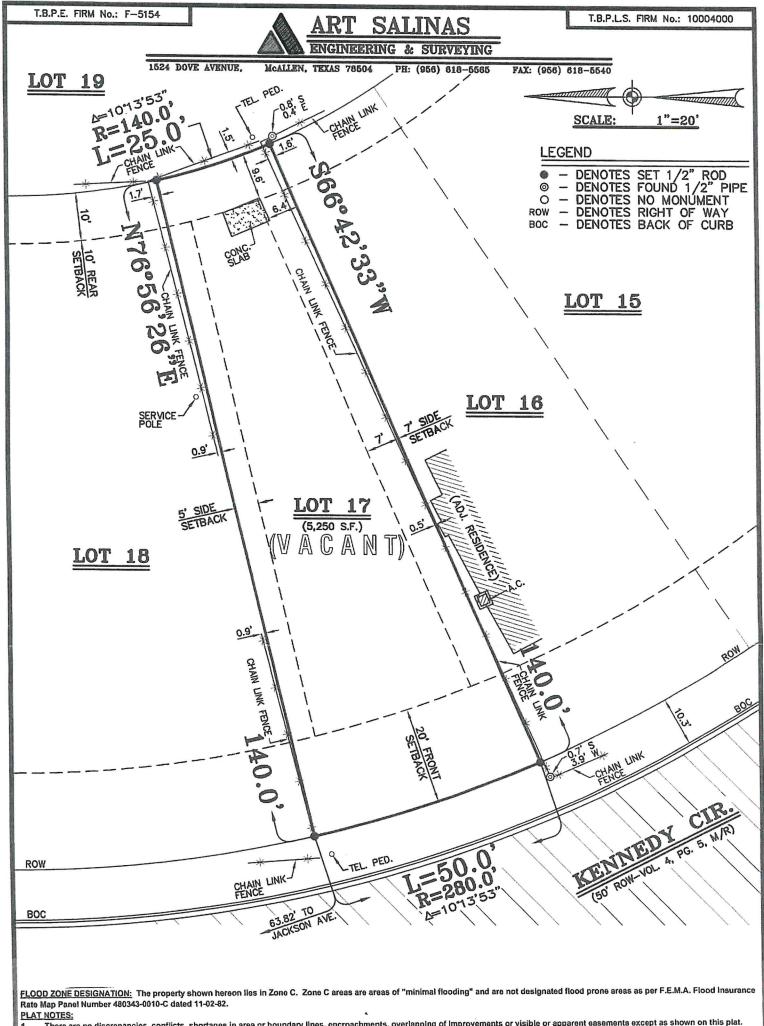
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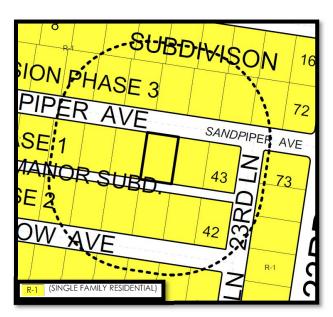
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- **TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals
- FROM: Planning Staff
- **DATE:** June 11, 2024
- SUBJECT: REQUEST OF MERLE D. DAVIS FOR A VARIANCE TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 3 FEET INTO THE 6 FOOT SIDE YARD SETBACK FOR A PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL AT LOT 45, PARKWOOD MANOR SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 2317 SANDPIPER AVENUE. (ZBA2024-0020)

REASON FOR APPEAL: The applicant is requesting a variance for an encroachment of three feet into the six foot side yard setback along the east property line for a proposed swimming pool measuring approximately 28.5 feet by 14 feet. The applicant states the pool is needed for physical therapy purposes, exercise and recreation.





PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY: The subject property is located along the south side of Sandpiper Avenue, west of North 23rd Lane. The Lot has 69 feet of frontage along Sandpiper Avenue and 104 feet of depth for a total Lot size of 7,176 square feet. The property is zoned R-1 (single family residential) District. The adjacent zoning is R-1 District in all directions.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY: Parkwood Manor Subdivision was recorded in July 1983. The recorded plat shows a six foot side yard setback. An application for a variance request was submitted on May 15, 2024.

ANALYSIS: The variance request is for a proposed swimming pool which is considered an accessory structure and requires compliance with setbacks. The applicant proposes to build a swimming pool to be used for physical therapy purposes, exercise and recreation.

The submitted site plan shows a proposed swimming pool encroaching three feet into the six foot side yard setback along the east property line. There are no utility easements that would be impacted by the proposed encroachment.

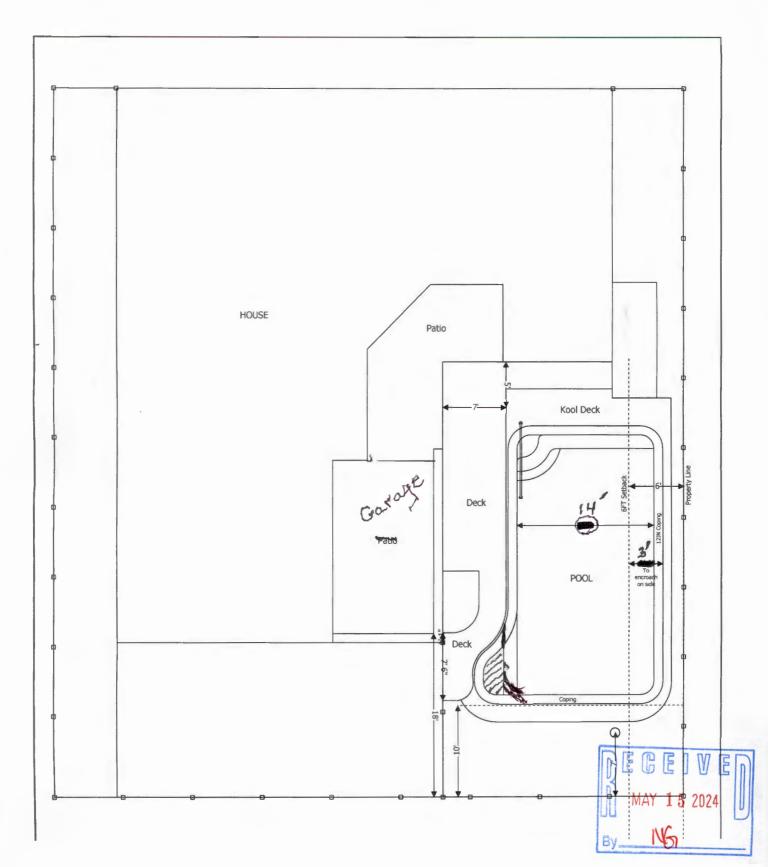
The construction of the home has an "L" shaped configuration and the homeowner feels the proposed location is the most appropriate location for placement of the swimming pool. Relocation of the proposed swimming pool to the rear yard area is not feasible since there is a driveway entrance from the alley for a car garage.

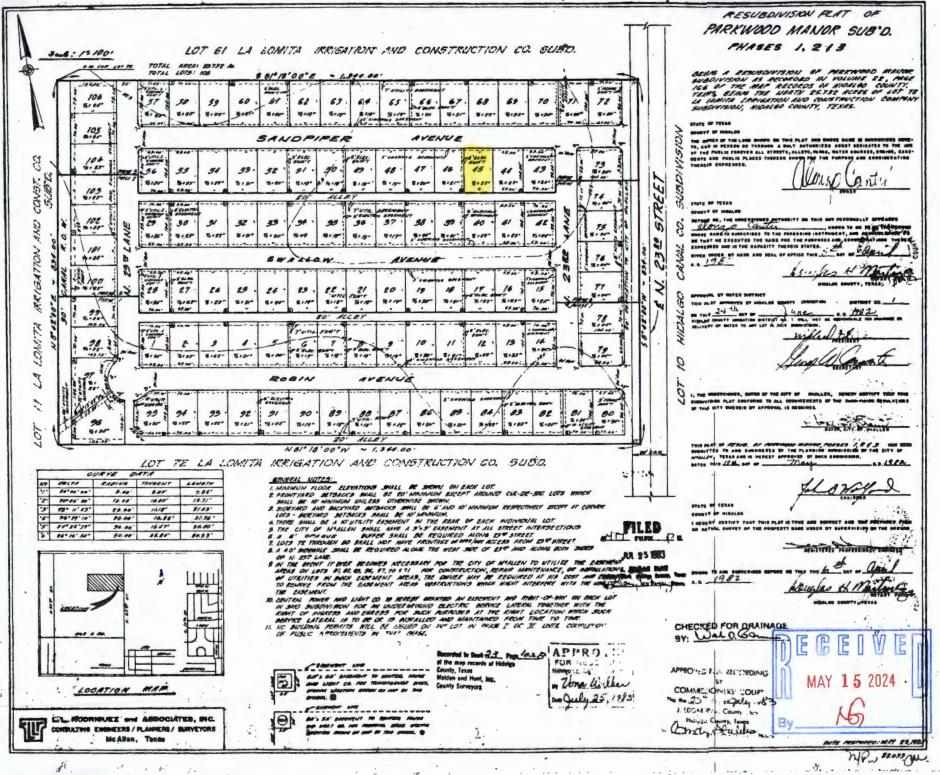
Measurements provided are without benefit of a survey.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends disapproval of the variance request since unnecessary hardship has not been established however, if the Board approves the request, it should be limited to the encroachment shown on the submitted site plan.

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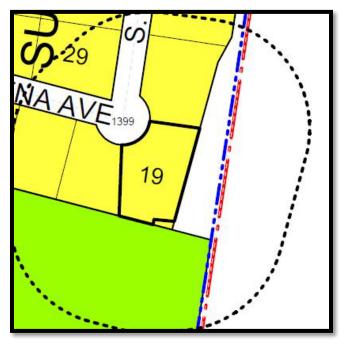
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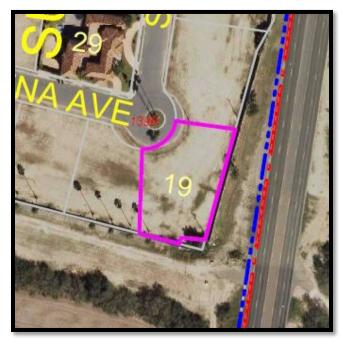




- **TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals
- FROM: Planning Staff
- **DATE:** June 12, 2024
- SUBJECT: REQUEST OF ARNOLD CAVAZOS ON BEHALF OF GABRIEL ALANIS FOR A VARIANCE TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 10 FEET INTO THE 20 FOOT REAR YARD SETBACK ON THE EAST REAR AND SOUTH REAR PORTION FOR A PROPOSED RESIDENCE AT LOT 19, LAGO VISTA SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 4501 SOUTH "M" STREET. (ZBA2024-0018)

REASON FOR APPEAL: The applicant is requesting variances to allow an encroachmet of 10 feet into the 20 foot rear yard setback into the east rear yard and into the south rear yard for a proposed single family residence.





PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY: The subject property is located on a partial cul-de-sac at the intersection of South "M" Street and Helena Avenue. The irregular shaped property is vacant and is zoned R-1 (single family residential) District. Adjacent zoning is R-1 District to the north and west. There is A-O (agricultural and open space) District to the south. The area to the east across South Jackson Road is in the city limits of Pharr.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY: Lago Vista Subdivision was recorded on October 31, 2006. The plat indicates a front setback of 25 feet and 20 feet for a rear yard setback. Due to an oversight during the site plan review process the building permit was issued stating a rear yard setback of 10 feet, instead of the required 20 feet for the rear yard setback. A variance request was submitted on May 2, 2024.

ANALYSIS: The applicant is requesting a variance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 20 foot rear yard setback. The specific encroachment width are approximately 34.4 feet for the garage, 74.25 for the outdoor kitchen and extends 27.16 feet along the south portion of the rear yard setback. The plat shows an irrigation easement that was abandoned by the Hidalgo County irrigation District.

Analysis of the area appears to be 45% of the Lot that is unbuildable due to the restrictions. As per Texas Local Government Code 211.009 (b-1) "Compliance would result in a loss to the Lot on which the structure is located of at least 25 percent of the area on which development may physically occur."

To the east side of of the property there is a ROW easement. As per discussion with Engineering Department, there are no plans of future expansion to Jackson Road at their location. This request will, therefore, not negatively impact future road expansions plans. There is vacant land south of the subject property.

City Ordinance Section 138-367(b) states, "Where lots have double frontage, a required fornt yard shall be provided on one street only." The submitted site plan shows the proposed residence will be in compliance with the 25 foot front yard setback.

The standard rear yard setbacks for a R-1 district is 10 feet as per our current Code of Ordinance. Lots 8 through 18, just west of Lot 19 show a rear setback of 10 feet.

Variances run with the land and remain as a condition for future owners and new constructions.

Measurements provided on the site plan are without benefit of a survey.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the variance request since the applicable minimum setbacks for the subject property would result in a loss to the Lot of at least 25 percent of the buildable area, as per Texas Government Code 211.009(b-1). Moreover, the requested rear yard setback of 10 feet complies with the City's current Zoning Ordinance for R-1 (single family residential) District properties and will not negatively impact future road expansions or development plans for the area.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS MEETING OF MAY 22, 2024: At the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals meeting of May 22, 2024, no one appeared in opposition to the variance request. There were five Board members present and voting. Following discussion, Board member Hugo Avila made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Board member Hiram H. Gutierrez. Two members voted aye and three members voted nay.

Chairman Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 5:18p.m.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2024: At the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals meeting of June 5, 2024, no one appeared in opposition to the variance request. There were five Board members present and voting. Following discussion, Board member Hugo Avila made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Board member Hiram H. Gutierrez. Two members voted aye and three members voted nay. Therefore, Mr. Rogelio Rodriguez made a motion to table the item with Mr. Hugo Avila seconded the motion.

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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 No 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 Authorized Agent Print Name Gabriel Algent	
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