### **AGENDA**

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 - 4:30 PM MCALLEN CITY HALL, 1300 HOUSTON AVENUE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 Sylvia Hinojosa

### 1. MINUTES:

a) Minutes for the meeting held on August 17, 2022

### 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) Request of Andres Montiero, Jr. for a special exception request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 9 feet into the 20 feet front yard setback for an existing carport measuring 14 feet by 18 feet on Lot 89, Ponderosa Park Phase II, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3221 Iris Avenue. (ZBA2022-0045) (TABLED: 08/17/2022) WITHDRAWN
- b) Request of Andres Montiero, Jr. for a special exception request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 15 feet into the 20 feet front yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 14 feet by 18 feet on Lot 89, Ponderosa Park Phase II, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3221 Iris Avenue. (ZBA2022-0045)
- c) Request of David Zuniga. for a variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 5 feet into the 25-foot front yard setback for a proposed single family home, at Lot 20 Blk 4 for Balboa Acres subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 2400 Helena Avenue. (ZBA2022-0052)
- d) Request of Harold and Nancy Guthrie for a special exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow encroachments of 20 feet into the 20 feet front yard setback and 1.5 feet into the 6 feet west side yard setback for a proposed metal carport measuring 23 feet by 20 feet on Lot 7, Block 2, Crosspointe Subdivision Unit # 1, Hidalgo County, Texas; 425 East Shasta Avenue. (ZBA2022-0050)
- e) Request of Juan M. Garza. for a special exception to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 20 feet into the 20 feet front yard setback and encroachment of 2 feet into the 6ft side yard setback for a carport measuring 20 feet by 21 feet, for Lot 49, Shadow Brook UT 1, Hidalgo County, Texas; 5909 North 22nd Lane. (ZBA2022-0053)
- f) Request of Manuel and Juana Ramirez for a variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 10 feet into the 25 feet front yard setback, and a 4 feet encroachment into the 10 feet rear yard setback along the west side of property line for a single family dwelling on Lot 2, Ramirez Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 2420 South 25th Street. (ZBA2022-0051)
- g) Request of Emma Veras for the following Special Exception request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 15 feet into the 20 feet front yard setback for an existing carport measuring 12 feet by 15 feet, at Lot 47, Brookwood Unit II Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3824 Zinnia Avenue. (ZBA2022-0038) (TABLED: 07/20/2022) (REMAIN TABLED: 08/03/2022, 08/17/2022) WITHDRAWN

h) Request of Elizabeth L. Garza for the following Variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 4 feet into the 10 feet South side yard setback for an existing single family home, at Lot 124, Vendome Subdivision Phase II, Hidalgo County, Texas; 13818 North 33rd Lane. (ZBA2022-0037) (TABLED: 07/07/2022, 07/20/2022, 08/03/2022, 08/17/2022, 8/31/2022)

### 3. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) 3528 Katrina Avenue
- b) 5309 North 32nd Street
- c) 4201 Zinnia Avenue
- d) 4308 Avocet Avenue
- e) 1717 Maple Avenue
- f) 2011 Beaumont Avenue
- g) 628 North McColl Road

### 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, August 17, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the McAllen City Hall, Commission Chambers with the following present:

Present: Jose Gutierrez Vice-Chairperson

Ann Tafel Member
Hugo Avila Member
Rogelio Rodriguez Member
Rebecca Millan Alternate
Juan Mujica Alternate
Mark Talbot Alternate

Absent: Sylvia Hinojosa Chairperson

Sam Saldivar Alternate

Michelle Rivera Assistant City Manager

Edgar Garcia Planning Director Omar Sotelo Senior Planner

Kaveh Forghanparast Planner II
Marco Rivera Planner I
Samuel Nunez Planner I

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

### **CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa**

### 1. MINUTES:

a) Minutes for the special meeting held on August 3, 2022.

The minutes for the special meeting held on August 3, 2022 were approved. The motion to approve the minutes were made by Ms. Ann Tafel. Mr. Hugo Avila seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with five members present and voting.

### 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a) Request of Felipe Angel Cuellar for a special exception request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 15 feet into the 20 feet front yard setback for a proposed metal carport measuring 15 feet by 20 feet on Lot 12, Ponderosa Park Phase 6, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3409 North 36th Lane (ZBA2022-0044)

Mr. Nunez stated the applicant was requesting a special exception in order to allow an encroachment of 15 feet into the front yard setback of 20 feet for a proposed metal carport measuring 15 feet by 20 feet. The applicant is proposing the metal carport to protect his

(5) vehicles from the elements, namely high temperatures. According to the applicant, the existing driveway and garage cannot accommodate or provide protection for all of his vehicles. Approval of this request would change this situation.

The subject property is located west of North 36<sup>th</sup> Lane, approximately 130 feet north of Iris Avenue. According to the subdivision plat, the property has 56.75 feet of frontage along North 36<sup>th</sup> Lane and a depth of 102 feet, for a lot size of 5,788.5 square feet. The surrounding land use is single-family residential with a commercial use to the west across North Ware Road.

The plat for Ponderosa Phase 6 Subdivision was recorded in March 12, 2001. Said plat requires 20 feet for front yard setbacks. According to Hidalgo County Appraisal District, the existing home was built in 2007. A building permit application for the proposed metal carport was submitted in July 14, 2022. The applicant submitted the special exception request a day after (July 15, 2022) upon learning of the 15-foot encroachment the proposed metal carport would have over the required 20 feet front yard setback.

Approval of the special exception request would allow an encroachment of 15 feet into the 20 feet front yard setback as shown in the applicant's submitted site plan. Approval of this request would allow the applicant to provide protection for all of his (5) vehicles by using both his existing garage and the proposed metal carport.

According to the subdivision plat, there is 5-foot utility easement that runs alongside the 20 feet front yard setback and the 6 feet side yard setback in Lot 12. Based on the submitted site plan, these easements will not be impacted by proposed metal carport.

During the site visit, staff noticed similar encroachments, namely carports, located at the front yard within the area. There were approximately eight carports within the area that appear to encroach within the front yard setback. The proposed carport on the subject property would be characteristic of constructions along the area.

A review of the Planning Department records, however, did not reveal any approved building permits and or special exceptions for the above mentioned carport structures.

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

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

Staff recommended approval of the special exception request, limited to the encroachment shown on the submitted site plan. Given that there are other carports within the area, the proposed metal carport would not be breaking with the existing character of the subdivision.

Mr. Felipe Angel Cuellar, the applicant stated he wanted to build a carport to protect his vehicles from the inclement weather. He had two vehicles in the garage but had two more family members with cars and needed it for that purpose. He had pictures of how he wanted to build the carport.

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

Vice-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.

Board member Avila asked the applicant what height was the proposed carport to be constructed. Mr. Cuellar stated it was going to be the same height as the garage. The metal carport was going to be the same color as the house.

Following discussion, Mr. Hugo Avila **moved** to approve the special exception limited to the encroachment shown on the submitted site plan. Ms. Ann Tafel seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the special exception request with five members present and voting.

b) Request of Andres Montiero, Jr. for a special exception request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 9 feet into the 20 feet front yard setback for an existing carport measuring 14 feet by 18 feet on Lot 89, Ponderosa Park Phase II, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3221 Iris Avenue. (ZBA2022-0045)

### This item was to be tabled until the next meeting.

Ms. Ann Tafel **moved** to table the item until the next meeting. Mr. Juan Mujica seconded the motion. The Board voted to table the item with five members present and voting.

c) Request of Vanny A. Ramirez for a Variance request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow the height of a proposed townhouse to be at 32.50 feet rather than the required 25 feet on Lot 89, Diamante Village Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 6729 North 4th Street. (ZBA2022-0046)

Mr. Forghanparast stated the applicant was requesting a variance in order to allow the height of a proposed townhouse to be at 32.50 feet rather than the 25 feet height. As per the applicant, she is proposing to have a loft on the third floor for recreational purposes.

The subject property was located along the northwest side of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, approximately 150 feet east of North 5<sup>th</sup> Street. According to the subdivision plat, the property had 32.50 feet of frontage along North 4<sup>th</sup> Street and a depth of 90 feet, for a lot size of 2,925 square feet. The property was zoned R-3T (multi-family residential townhouse) District. The adjacent properties were zoned R-3T in all directions. The subject property was currently vacant.

The plat for Diamante Village Subdivision was recorded on October 30, 2000. An application for a building permit for the proposed townhouse was submitted on May 16, 2022. The applicant submitted the variance request on July 20, 2022. The proposed townhouse should be set back and additional 7.5 feet from the property line, which was provided along the northeast side of the subject property.

The applicant was requesting for the proposed townhouse to exceed the 25 feet height requirement. As per the applicant, she was requesting a height of 32.50 feet.

As per Section 138-356(a)-Table of height and yard requirements, the maximum height

requirement for residences within an R-3T District was 25 feet. Since the proposed residence was requesting to exceed the 25-foot height requirement, the structure should be set back one additional foot for each foot above the 25 feet.

As per the applicant, she was proposing to have a loft on the third floor of the proposed townhouse for recreational purposes. Additionally, the applicant would like for the height of the proposed townhouse to blend architecturally with the adjacent townhouses.

During the site visit, staff noticed other townhouses that appeared to exceed the 25 feet height requirement. The proposed height of the townhouse on the subject property would be characteristic of construction within the subdivision. A review of the Planning Department records did not reveal any variances within Diamante Village Subdivision.

Staff had not received a phone call or email in opposition to the special exception request.

Staff recommended approval of the variance request limited to the height shown on the submitted site plan since the proposed height of the townhouse is characteristic to other structures in the subdivision.

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

Vice-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.

Following discussion, Mr. Hugo Avila <u>moved</u> to approve the variance request as presented on the site plan. Ms. Ann Tafel seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the variance request with four members voting aye and Mr. Mark Talbot voted nay. The Board voted 4 to 1.

d) Request of Rio Delta Engineering for a Variance request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to be exempted from the 8-foot buffer requirement along the north and west side of the subject property located at the 6.713 Acres out of Lot 7, E.M. Card Survey No. 1 and out of Lot 14, Section 279, Tex-Mex Railway Company Survey Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 2300 Oxford Avenue. (ZBA2022-0047)

Mr. Forghanparast stated the applicant was requesting a variance from the 8-foot buffer requirement along the north and west side of the subject property. The adjoining property was being used as a solar panel farm and undeveloped land (vacant), the applicant found the requirement not necessary for the proposed self-storage facility on the subject property.

The property was located along the north side of Oxford Avenue, west of North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. The tract had a total lot size of 6.713 acres. The adjacent zoning was R-1 (single-family residential) District in all directions.

A subdivision plat for a one-lot subdivision under the name of Just a Closet Oxford Subdivision was currently undergoing the review process. The subject property was currently undergoing rezoning from R-1 District to C-3 (general business) District in order to construct a self-storage facility. The applicant would submit a building permit at a later

date. The applicant submitted the variance request on July 20, 2022.

The applicant was requesting a variance to the 8-feet masonry screen requirement along the north and west side of the subject property. Since the adjoining property was being used as a solar panel farm and undeveloped land (vacant), the applicant found the requirement not applicable to the proposed self-storage facility on the subject property. As per Section 110-49 Landscape and buffer plan approval, an 8-foot masonry wall was required where a commercial, industrial, or multi-family use had a side or rear property line in common with a single-family use of zone. As per the applicant, since the adjacent properties did not have single-family residences they did not find the 8-foot masonry wall applicable to the subject property. During a site visit by staff, the adjacent property located west of the subject property was zoned R-1 District and land was being used as a solar panel farm. The adjacent property located north of the subject property was also zoned R-1 and the property was currently undeveloped (vacant).

Staff had not received a phone call or email in opposition to the variance request.

Staff recommended disapproval of the variance request since the adjacent properties could potentially develop into single-family residences in the future causing the need for an 8-foot masonry screen from the self-storage facility on the subject property.

Board member Mujica asked staff if the property had been rezoned. Mr. Forghanparast stated it was zoned R-1 (single family residential) District. This subject project was going through the rezoning to C-3 business District. It would be going before the City Commission Board. If approved, it would be commercial property adjacent to residential zoned properties.

Mr. Ivan Garcia, from Rio Delta Engineering stated it was the intent was to build a Just-A-Closet self-storage facility like the one on Yuma Avenue and McColl Road. Currently, they were going through the rezoning and subdivision process of the property. He stated the reason for the request was on the west side there was a solar panel farm, which was, zoned R-1 residential. The solar panel farm are loan term contracts of 30 to 50 years. On the north side, the property was currently vacant and a possibility it could be developed as residential. Mr. Garcia stated they would be an opaque buffer for security if the variance was approved.

Vice-Chairperson Gutierrez asked staff if the variance was approved, does that mean that they would never have to meet with any buffer. Mr. Forghanparast stated depending on what the motion of the Board was if they were required to put any type of buffer it could be put in the motion. Currently, the request was to provide no type of buffer.

Mr. Edgar Garcia, Planning Director stated the request was not to provide the masonry wall. If approved, he would still have to provide a buffer it would not have to be 8 feet and masonry.

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

Vice-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.

Board member Mujica asked staff when the property became a solar panel farm. Mr. Forghanparast stated he was not sure of the date but it was after 2013.

Following discussion, Mr. Juan Mujica <u>moved</u> to disapprove the variance request. Ms. Ann Tafel seconded the motion. The Board voted to disapprove the variance request with five members present and voting.

e) Request of Juana Carballo for special exception and variance requests to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow: 1) encroachment of 8 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback, and 3 feet into the 5 feet side yard setback to the north side of property for a proposed irregularly shaped carport, 2) encroachments of 8 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback, and 4 feet into the 7 feet south side yard setback for an apartment dwelling, 3) encroachments of 3 feet into the 7 feet south side yard setback for a dog house measuring 8 feet by 8 feet, 4) encroachments of 5 feet into the 7 feet side yard setback and 20 feet into the 30 feet front yard setback for a pergola measuring 10 feet by 14 feet, 5) an encroachment of 2.5 feet into the 5 feet north side yard setback for a wooden porch/carport measuring 11 feet by 42 feet at Lot 9, North McAllen Addition, Hidalgo County, Texas; 614 North 17th Street. (ZBA2022-0049)

Mr. Nunez stated the applicant was requesting approval of a special exception request to construct a carport that would have access to an alleyway located in the rear of the subject property. Applicant would like an area to store her vehicles safe from weather conditions. In additions to the special exception request, the applicant seeks approval of other variance requests that consist of encroachments into the setbacks. The applicant recently acquired the subject property (within the last 6 months), and claims that she was unaware of the City of McAllen's ordinances and requirements for building.

The subject property was located east of 17<sup>th</sup> Street, approximately 450 feet south of Hackberry Avenue. According to the subdivision plat, the lot had 50 feet of frontage along 17<sup>th</sup> Street and a depth of 140 feet for a lot size of 7,000 square feet. The property was zoned R-2 (duplex-funplex residential) District. The surrounding land uses are single-family residences.

According to Hidalgo County Appraisal District records, the main residence was built in 1980. The applicant purchased the property in November 2, 2022 from a previous owner.

A stop work order was issued by the Building Permits and Inspections Department in July 16, 2022 for a detached room that was built without a permit and is used as a living area. The stop work order also noticed a carport that was being built in the property without a building permit. An application for a building permit was submitted two days after in July 18, 2022 for the proposed carport.

Upon further review of the application and inspection of the subject property, staff discovered four nonconforming structures that had been built on the property. Said structures (items 2 through 5 on memo's subject line) were not included in the submitted site plan for the proposed carport. An application for a special exception request was submitted in July 20, 2022 to address the proposed carport. The applicant later requested that variances 2 through 5 be added to her initial appeal.

Special exception request #1 was for a proposed irregularly shaped carport. Said carport

will be located in the rear yard with access to an alleyway. If a special exception and building permit was granted for this request, the proposed carport will encroach 8 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback, and 3 feet into the 5 feet side yard setback.

The rear yard setbacks are important in establishing the character of a single-family neighborhood by providing landscaping to enhance the residence appeal as well as providing protection of utility easements that typically run concurrently with rear yard setback lines. During a site visit, staff noticed several structures that appeared to be encroaching into the rear yard setback in the immediate area (including one of their next-door neighbors).

A review of Planning Department records revealed several variance requests in North McAllen Addition, however none for a proposed carport or any other rear yard structures.

Variance request #2 was to allow an encroachment of 8 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback, and 4 feet into the 7 feet side yard setback for an existing apartment dwelling. Said structure includes a rear porch that would align with one of the proposed carport's sides. According to the applicant, a family member currently occupies this detached dwelling free of rent.

Variance request #3 was to allow an encroachment of 3 feet into the 7 feet side yard setback for an existing doghouse with an air conditioning unit measuring 8 feet by 8 feet. Said structure is located in the rear of the property approximately 4 feet from the front of the above-mentioned apartment dwelling.

Variance request #4 was to allow an encroachment of 5 feet into the 7 feet side yard setback and 20 feet into the 30 feet front yard setback for an existing pergola measuring 10 feet by 14 feet.

Variance request #5 is to allow an encroachment of 2.5 feet into the 5 feet side yard setback along the north property line for an existing wooden porch/carport measuring 11 feet by 42 feet. Said structure would align with on the sides of the proposed carport with approximately 3.8 feet of space in between them. According to the applicant, the wooden porch/carport was used for both outdoor activities and car parking.

All measurements were taken without the benefit of a survey.

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

Staff recommended disapproval of the special exception request and disapproval of the variance requests (2 through 5), as variances go with the land and approval would allow for future construction on the subject property. However, the Board may take into consideration the financial cost of compliance for variance request 2 through 5 that may cause unnecessary hardship to the applicant.

If the Board grants approval of the requests, it should be limited to the footprint shown on the submitted site plan.

Vice-Chairperson Gutierrez asked staff if these structures were already built. Mr. Nunez stated yes, except for the rear carport. A part of the carport was built.

Ms. Juana Carballo, the applicant stated she was unaware that she needed permits to build. She stated it was not an intrusion on anyone and wanted to keep the structures where they stood. Vice-Chairperson Gutierrez asked the applicant when she started to build the structures. Ms. Carballo stated about 4 to 6 months ago. He stated with the exception of the carport, the remaining structures go with the land not with the owner. He went onto explain the difference between the variance and special exception.

Board member Mujica mentioned to the applicant the Board had concerns of fire issues with the distance of the structures to the neighbor. Ms. Carballo stated that the neighbor had structures that were close to her property as well. Vice-Chairperson Gutierrez asked the applicant if she had hired a contractor. She stated her uncle and husband built the structures.

Board member Mujica asked the applicant about the apartment dwelling if she was renting it out. Mr. Carballo stated no, it was a friend residing there. He asked if it had electricity and water. She stated yes.

Vice-Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in favor of the special exception and variance requests. There was no one in favor of the special exception and variance requests.

Vice-Chairperson Jose Gutierrez asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the special exception and variance requests. There was no one in opposition of the special exception and variance requests.

Following discussion, Mr. Mark Talbot <u>moved</u> to disapprove the special exception and variance requests as presented. Mr. Ann Tafel seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the special exception and variance requests with five members present and voting.

f) Request of Elizabeth L. Garza for the following Variance to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 4 feet into the 10 feet South side yard setback for an existing single family home, at Lot 124, Vendome Subdivision Phase II, Hidalgo County, Texas; 13818 North 33rd Lane. (ZBA2022-0037) (TABLED: 07/07/2022) (REMAIN TABLED: 07/20/2022)

Ms. Ann Tafel **moved** to remove the item from the table. Mr. Mark Talbot second the motion. The Board voted to remove the item from the table with five members present and voting.

Mr. Rivera stated the applicant was requesting to allow an existing single-family residential structure with an encroachment of 4 feet into the 10 feet south side yard setback to remain.

The subject property is located on the east side of North 33<sup>rd</sup> lane. The property has 74 feet. of frontage along North 33<sup>rd</sup> Lane and a depth of 125 feet for a lot size of 9,250 square feet. The subject property is zoned R-1 (single family residential) District. The surrounding land use is single-family residential, vacant land and Hidalgo Canal No. 1 Right of Way.

Vendome Subdivision Phase II was recorded on April 21, 2021. The original building permit application for the residential home was for Lot 126 however, a final survey of the construction revealed that the house was built on Lot 124 with an encroachment on the

South side yard setback. A Certificate of Occupancy was issued April 28, 2022 for a single family home.

The variance request is to allow an encroachment of 4 feet into the 10 feet side yard setback for an existing single family home. The survey provided indicates the structure was built with an encroachment of 3.8 feet into the south side yard setback. A 10 feet drainage easement runs concurrently with the setback. According Engineering Department plans, a 24-inch drain line runs through the middle of the 10 feet drainage easement. Any damage to the line may impact the structured integrity of the home and stability of its foundation. The actual construction of the home is approximately 1.2 feet from the drain line.

Staff had not received any phone calls or e-mails in regards to the variance requests.

Staff recommended disapproval of the variance request since the documents for the relocation of the drainage easement are pending.

At the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals, meeting of May 25, 2022 no one appeared in opposition of the variance request. Elizabeth Garza, the applicant, stated that a survey requested by their financial institution showed the recently constructed home encroaching into the 10 feet side yard setback and a drainage easement that run concurrently. Board member Mujica stated the proximity of the house to a drainage line within the easement was a cause for concern since potentially the line can leak, soften the soil, and thus impact the integrity of the foundation. The structure might also be impacted repair the line in the future. Felix Hernandez, the developer, provided a letter stating that if repairs were needed (caused by the proximity of the house to the drainage line) during a certain limited time period into the future, he would cover the expense of the repairs. Following further discussion, a motion to approve the request received three votes in the affirmative and two members voted nay thus, the motion did not pass due to the required supermajority vote.

Subsequent to the meeting, the applicant through their building contractor submitted a site plan as a request for relocation of the drainage line in order to provide greater distance from the already constructed house to the existing drainage line. The Engineering Department is in the process of reviewing the feasibility of the proposed drainage line relocation and a determination is pending this review process.

At the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals, meeting of July 7, 2022 a rehearing of the request was tabled, since the applicant was in the process of preparing information for their case. The board voted to table the request with five members present and voting.

Staff gave the each Board member a proposing site plan, which had not been approved.

Ms. Elizabeth Garza, the applicant stated they had filed two extensions on their loan and ends at the end of August. They are currently speaking with the bank to see if they could extend the loan one more time. She stated this issue had been going back and forth between multiple engineers. She stated the plans for the moving of the drainage line were submitted on Monday. Vice-Chairperson Gutierrez asked Ms. Garza if she knew when the Engineering Department was going to take care of this problem. Ms. Garza stated that she spoke with Ms. Bilkis of the Engineering Department and that she was going to review the site plan and speak with the other engineers outside of the City.

Mr. Felix Hernandez stated their engineer; Gilbert Gracia stated the email that Ms. Bilkis of the City Engineering Department sent to their engineer that it could be done in a week and a half after they obtain the building permits.

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

Eliezer Louzada, the applicant's father stated this had been an ongoing process, which has caused a lot of stress on the daughter.

Ms. Garza asked the Board if they could table her item and schedule a special meeting.

Following discussion, Mr. Hugo Avila <u>moved</u> to table the variance request for a special meeting on August 31, 2022. Ms. Rebecca Millan seconded the motion. The Board voted to table the variance request with five members present and voting.

g) Request of Emma Veras for the following Special Exception request to the City of McAllen Zoning Ordinance to allow an encroachment of 15 feet into the 20 feet front yard setback for an existing carport measuring 12 feet by 15 feet, at Lot 47, Brookwood Unit II Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas; 3824 Zinnia Avenue. (ZBA2022-0038) (TABLED: 07/20/2022)

This item was to remain tabled until the next meeting.

### 4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) 425 East Shasta Avenue
- **b)** 2420 South 25<sup>th</sup> Street
- c) 2400 Helena Avenue
- **d)** 5909 North 22<sup>nd</sup> Lane

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

	Chairperson Sylvia Hinojosa	
Carmen White, Administrative Assistant		

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# WITHDRAWN

### **Planning Department**

### Memo

**TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

FROM: Planning Staff

**DATE:** August 31, 2022

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF ANDRES MONTIERO, JR. FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST

TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 15 FEET INTO THE 20 FEET FRONT YARD SETBACK FOR AN EXISTING CARPORT MEASURING 14 FEET BY 18 FEET ON LOT 89, PONDEROSA PARK II, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS: 3221 IRIS AVENUE

(ZBA2022-0045)

#### **REASON FOR APPEAL:**

The applicant is requesting a special exception in order to allow an encroachment of 15 feet into the front yard setback of 20 feet for an existing metal carport measuring 14 feet by 18 feet. The applicant is appealing to keep his existing carport to protect his vehicles (3) from the weather elements, namely high temperatures, rain, and hail damage. According to the applicant, his truck (one of the three vehicles) would be too long to fit in the existing garage. The applicant has also mentioned that the provides shade while he is out doing work on his vehicles and landscaping.

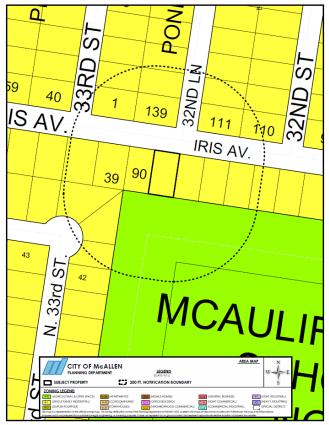
#### PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:

The subject property is located south of Iris Avenue, approximately 420 feet east of North 34<sup>th</sup> Street. According to the subdivision plat, the property has 60 feet of frontage along Iris Avenue and a depth of 105 feet, for a lot size of 6,300 square feet. The surrounding land use is single-family residential.

### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:**

The plat for Ponderosa Park Phase II Subdivision was recorded on February 24, 1998. Said plat requires 20 feet for front yard setbacks. According to Hidalgo County Appraisal District, the existing home was built in 2000. According to the applicant, the existing carport was built on July 2022.

A stop work notice was issued by the Building Permits and Inspections Department on July 13, 2022 for construction of a carport without a permit. A Building Permit application was submitted by the property owner a day after (July 14, 2022) in response to the stop work notice for the existing carport. The applicant submitted the special exception request in July 18, 2022.





### **ANALYSIS:**

Approval of the special exception request would allow an encroachment of 15 feet into the 20 feet front yard setback as shown in the applicant's submitted site plan. Approval of this request would allow the applicant to provide protection for all of his (3) vehicles by using both his garage and the existing carport.

According to the subdivision plat, there are no dedicated easements along the front of the subject property. The plat only designates a 20 feet front setback and a 20 feet utility easement on the rear of the property.

During a site visit, staff noticed similar encroachments, namely carports, located at the front yard in the area. A review of the Planning Department records revealed one approved building permit and special exception for the above mentioned carport structures.

At the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals meeting of August 17, 2022, the Board approved a special exception for a proposed metal carport that would encroach 15 feet into the required 20 feet front yard setback for Lot 12 of Ponderosa Park Phase 6 Subdivision.

Special exceptions are issued and recorded for the present applicant/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 the Board approved one special exception in the area. Approval should be limited to the encroachment shown on the submitted site plan.

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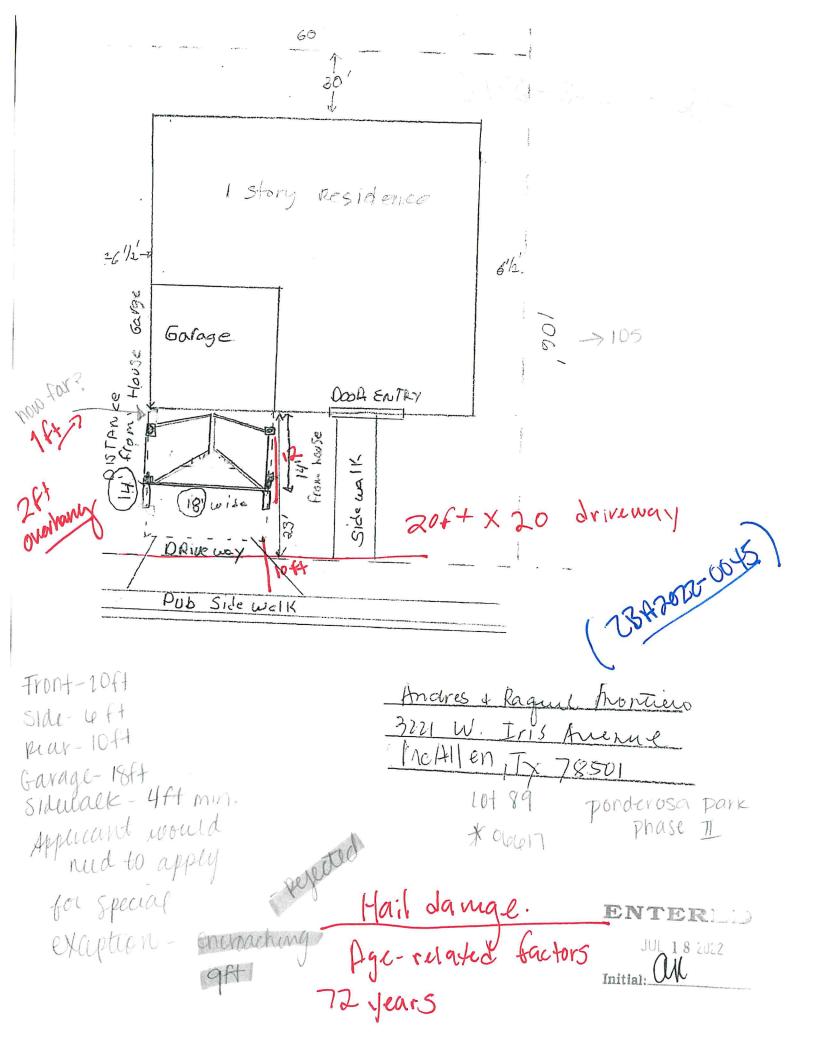
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	\$300.00 non-refundable filing fee + \$50.00 Recording Fee for Special Exception (carport)	
	☐ Current Survey and Metes and Bounds (if the legal description of the tract is a portion of a lot) is required	
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Reason 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: (Please use an additional page if necessary to complete responses) **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:  ***CENT OF THE PROVIDED HERE OF T
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### **Planning Department**

### Memo

**TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

FROM: Planning Staff

**DATE:** August 30, 2022

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF DAVID ZUNIGA FOR A VARIANCE TO THE CITY OF MCALLEN

ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCHROACHMENT OF 5 FEET INTO THE 25 FEET FRONT YARD SETBACK FOR A PROPOSED SINGLE FAMILY HOME, AT LOT 20, BLOCK 4, BALBOA ACRES SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS;

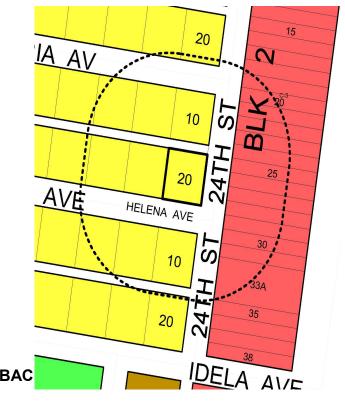
2400 HELENA AVENUE. (ZBA2022-0052)

### **REASON FOR APPEAL:**

The applicant is requesting a variance to allow an encroachment of 5 feet into the 25-foot front yard setback in order to accommodate construction of a proposed single family residence.

### PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:

The subject property is located at the northwest corner of Helena Avenue and South 24<sup>th</sup> Street. The property has 95 feet of frontage along Helena Avenue and a depth of 107.5 ft, for a lot size of 1,0212.5 square feet. The surrounding land use is single-family residential with a commercial use to the east across South 24<sup>th</sup> Street.





The plat for Balboa Acres Subdivision was recorded in January 1963. The subdivision was annexed into the city in 1975. The plat indicates a front yard setback of 25 feet. A building permit application for the proposed residence has not yet been submitted. The applicant submitted the special exception request on August 3, 2022.

### ANALYSIS:

Approval of the variance request would allow an encroachment of 5 feet into the 25 feet front yard setback. The submitted site plan shows that a garage is proposed to be built at the rear of the property and the proposed encroachment will help to accommodate the proposed garage.

During the site visit, staff noticed other homes within the subdivision that appear to have been built at the 20-foot front yard setback. The proposed setback request on the subject property would be characteristic of construction in this area.

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

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

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the variance request. If the board grants approval of the request it should be limited to the encroachment show on the submitted site plan. The proposed encroachment will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood.

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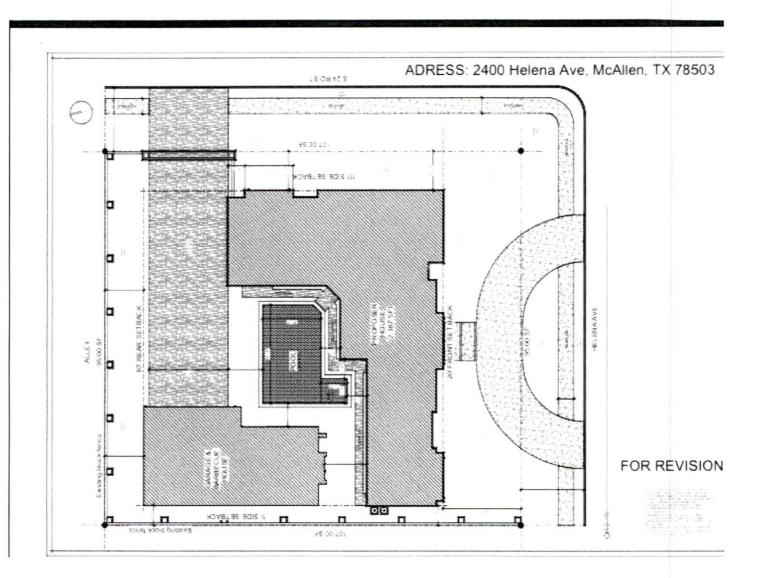
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ADJUSTMENT TO MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE	
Project	Legal Description  Lot 20, Block 4, Balboa Acres, an Addition to  the City of Modlen, Hidalys County Toxas.  Subdivision Name  Street Address  Street Address  Number of lots  Existing Zoning  Reason for Appeal (please use other side if necessary)  \$300.00 non-refundable filing fee + \$50.00 Recording Fee for Special Exception (carport)
* * 2	Current Survey and Metes and Bounds (if the legal description of the tract is a portion of a lot) is required
Applicant	Name <u>David Zunigh</u> Phone <u>956-867-4250</u> Address <u>S611. S 29</u> City <u>McAllen</u> State <u>Tx</u> Zip <u>78503</u>
Owner	Name Jesus Rodriguez Phone 8991681780  Address 2000 Helen: Are E-mail Mayleth Pura a hotmail.com  City Mayle State +x Zip 78503
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  David Zuniga  Date  Owner  Authorized Agent
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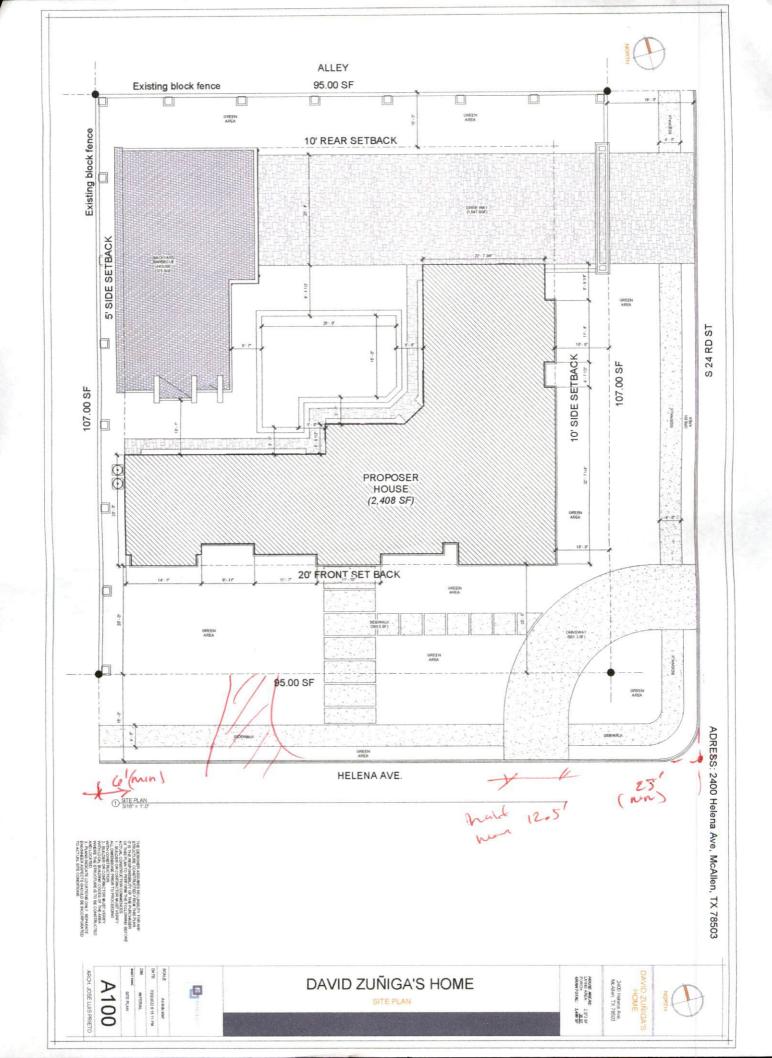
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### **Planning Department**

### Memo

**TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

FROM: Planning Staff

**DATE:** August 31, 2022

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF HAROLD AND NANCY GUTHRIE FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO

THE CITY OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW ENCROACHMENTS OF 20 FEET INTO THE 20 FEET FRONT YARD SETBACK AND 1.5 FEET INTO THE 6 FEET WEST SIDE YARD SETBACK FOR A PROPOSED METAL CARPORT MEASURING 23 FEET BY 20 FEET ON LOT 7, BLOCK 2, CROSSPOINTE SUBDIVISION UNIT # 1, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 425 EAST SHASTA

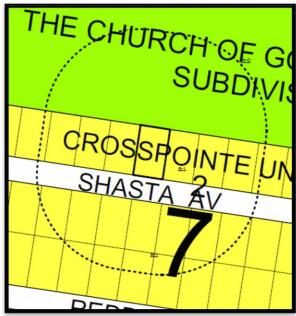
**AVENUE. (ZBA2022-0050)** 

### **REASON FOR APPEAL:**

The applicant is proposing a metal carport to protect his three vehicles from high temperature weather conditions. According to the applicant, the existing driveway and garage cannot accommodate or provide protection for all of his vehicles, especially for his truck, which does not fit inside the garage because of its length.

#### PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:

The subject property is located along the north side of Shasta Avenue, approximately 374 feet East of Chai Street. According to the subdivision plat, the property has 62.33 feet of frontage along East Shasta Avenue and a depth of 105 feet, for a lot size of 6,544.65 square feet. The surrounding land use is single-family residential with Valley Worship Center church adjacent to the north property line.





### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:**

The plat for Crosspointe Subdivision Unit # 1 was recorded on April 1, 1993. The required front yard setback is 20 feet. According to Hidalgo County Appraisal District, the existing home was built in 1994. The applicant submitted the special exception request on July 21, 2022 for the proposed metal carport. A building permit application has not been submitted.

#### **ANALYSIS:**

Approval of the special exception request would allow an encroachment of 20 feet into the 20 feet front yard setback, and 1.5 feet into the 6 feet west side yard setback, as shown in the submitted site plan.

According to the subdivision plat, no utility easements run along the front or the sides of the property lines of Lot 7. Therefore, the proposed metal carport would not be impacting any easements

During the site visit, staff did not notice similar carports (as proposed) or any other structures that appeared to be encroaching into the front yard setback. This metal carport would be the first in the subdivision. Approval of this request may encourage other property owners in the area to build their own carports. Front yard and side yard setbacks are important in establishing the character of a single-family neighborhood by providing landscaping to enhance the residence and curb appeal of the street view of properties in a subdivision.

A review of the Planning Department records did not reveal any approved special exceptions in the subdivision.

Special exceptions are issued and recorded for the present property owner. New property 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 disapproval of the special exception request since the proposed metal carport may alter the essential character of the neighborhood. It may also encourage other property owners to build their own carports. However, if the Board grants approval of the special exception request, it should be limited to the footprint shown on the submitted site plan.

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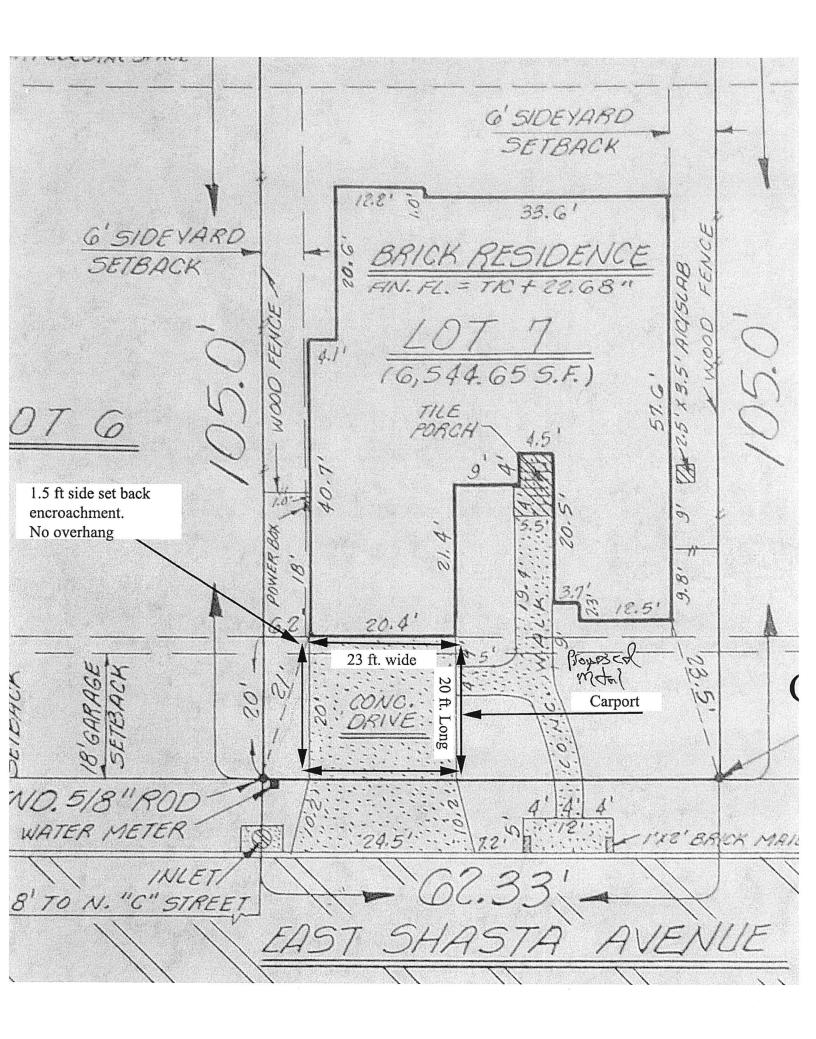
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Owner	Name Harold & Mancy Guthrie Phone (956) 279-7555  Address 425 E. Shasta Ave E-mail nancyguthrie 007@gmail.  City McAllen State TX Zip 78504	· COM
Authorization	To the best of your knowledge are there any deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, 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  Print Name  Hatting Authorized Agent	
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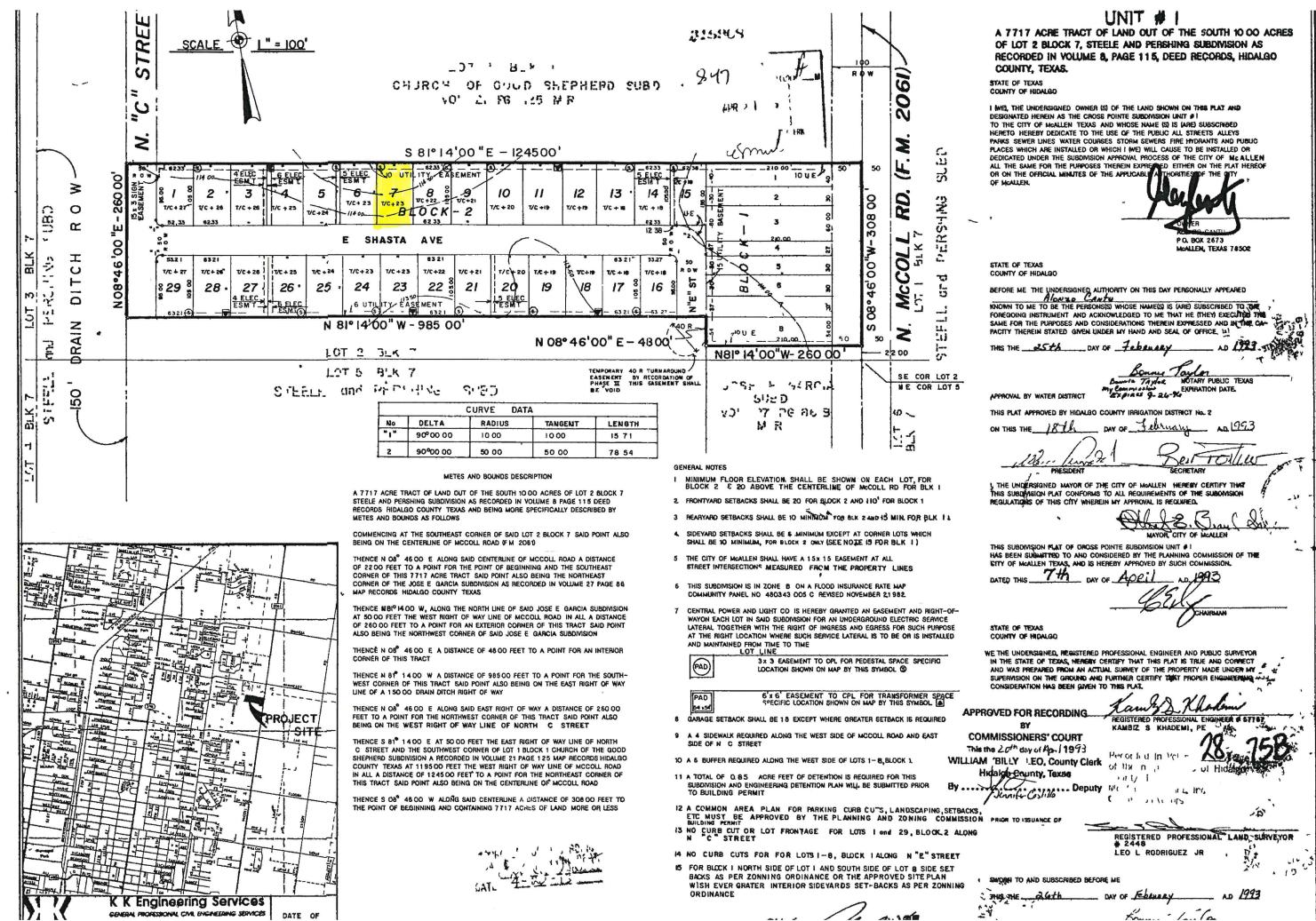
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### **Planning Department**

### Memo

**TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

**FROM:** Planning Staff

**DATE:** August 31, 2022

SUBJECT: REQUEST OF JUAN M. GARZA FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE CITY OF

MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCHROACHMENT OF 20 FEET INTO THE 20 FEET FRONT YARD SETBACK AND AN ENCROACHMENTS OF 2 FEET IN TO THE 6 FEET SIDE YARD SETBACK FOR AN EXISTING METAL CARPORT MEASURING 20 FEET BY 21 FEET FOR LOT 49, SHADOW BROOK UT

1, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 5909 N 22ND LANE. (ZBA2022-0053)

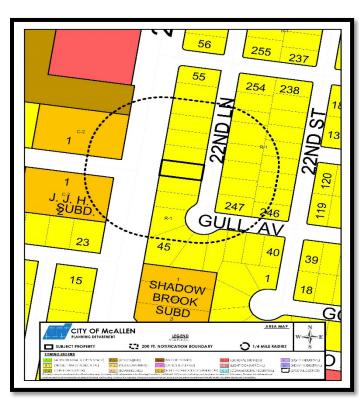
### **REASON FOR APPEAL:**

The applicant is requesting a special exception in order to allow an encroachment of 20 feet into the front yard setback of 20 feet and an encroachment of 2 feet into the 6 feet side yard setback for an existing metal carport measuring 20 feet by 21 feet. The applicant stated the existing metal carport is to protect his 2 vehicles from the weather elements, and also for protection for his elderly wife who has limited mobility.

### PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:

The subject property is located along the west side of North 22nd Lane. The property has 50 feet of frontage along North 22nd Lane and a depth of 114.11 feet, for a lot size of 5,705.5 square feet. There is an existing single-family residence on the subject property. The surrounding land use is single-family residential with commercial use to the west across North 23rd Street.





### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:**

The plat for Shadow Brook UT 1 was recorded on April 30, 1980. The plat states a 20-foot front yard setback. An application for a building permit application for the carport was submitted on July 26, 2022. An application for the special exception request was submitted on August 3, 2022.

### ANALYSIS:

Approval of the special exception request would allow an encroachment of 20 feet into the 20 feet front yard setback and an encroachment of 2 feet in to the 6 feet side yard setback as shown in the applicant's submitted site plan. The reason for this request is to allow the applicant to provide protection for his two vehicles, as well as protection for his wife from the weather elements.

Front yard setbacks are important to keep the character of single-family residential areas by maintaining the street yard and curb appeal of properties in a subdivision.

During the site visit, staff noticed two other (carports) similar encroachments in the area. A review of Planning Department records did not reveal any variances or special exceptions granted for carports in the area.

The board may consider a type of hardship- the financial cost of complying with the code, if the financial cost of compliance is greater than 50 percent of the appraised value of the structure.

Special exceptions are issued and recorded for the present applicant/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 disapproval of the special exception request, since approval may encourage other property owners to build similar structures that may require special exceptions.

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APPEAL TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE

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Project	Legal Description  Shadow Brook  Lot 49  Subdivision Name  Shadow Brook  Street Address  Street Address
	Number of lots Gross acres   Existing Zoning
Applicant	Name JUAN M. GARZA Phone 986-328-6186  Address 5909 N 22Nd LANE E-mail Megaeinme ACC. com  City MCA((Im State TX Zip 78504
Owner	Name GARZA, JUNN & Linda Phone 936-328-6186  Address PO Box 720080 E-mail MRGZET, NMBAOL.com  City MAILEN State TX Zip 78504
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  8/3/2022  Print Name  Date  Owner  Authorized Agent
Office	Accepted by Payment received by Date Date Initial:

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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 Zonning Board of Adjustment will consider any combination of the following: (Please use an additional page if necessary to complete responses)  "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:  LAMPORAL WARDARD FOR PROPERTY OWNERS And Property  OF 2 VERLIZES From heart of the provisions required would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land:  LAMPORAL WARDARD FOR HEART OWNERS AND PROPERTY  2. Describe how the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of the legal property rights of the owner. Refined Owners Spand 95% of Day At home to Reparty  Addingment in a Complete the Strugget Home and Resident Property.  Believe the years of the preservation and enjoyment of the legal property rights of the owner. Refined Owners Spand 95% of Day At home Indicated Property of Day At home and Resident Property owners enjoy in the area.  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.  And property owners enjoy in the area.  And property owners enjoy in the area.  And property winers enjoy in the area.  And property winers enjoy in the area.  And property owners enjoy in the area.  And property ow
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### **Planning Department**

### Memo

**TO:** Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals

FROM: Planning Staff

**DATE:** August 30, 2022

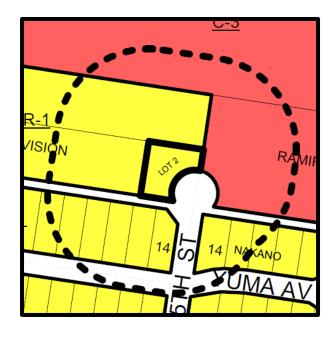
SUBJECT: REQUEST OF MANUEL AND JUANA RAMIREZ FOR A VARIANCE TO THE CITY

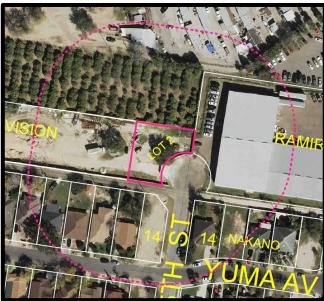
OF MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN ENCROACHMENT OF 10 FEET INTO THE 25 FEET FRONT YARD SETBACK, AND A 4 FEET ENCROACHMENT INTO THE 10 FEET REAR YARD SETBACK ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF PROPERTY LINE FOR A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING ON LOT 2, RAMIREZ SUBDIVISION, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS; 2420 SOUTH 25TH

STREET. (ZBA2022-0051)

### **REASON FOR APPEAL:**

The applicant is requesting a variance to allow a proposed single family dwelling to encroach 10 feet into the 25 feet front yard setback, and 4 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback along the west property line. Since the subject property is fronting a cul-de-sac, the applicant requests the setback variance in order to allow more room for the construction of the proposed single family dwelling.





### PROPERTY LOCATION AND VICINITY:

The vacant subject property is located on South 25<sup>th</sup> Street along a cul-de-sac. According to the subdivision plat, the property has a curved frontage of 107.36 feet along South 25<sup>th</sup> Street, with a total lot size of 10,857 square feet. The subject property is zoned R-1 (single family residential) District. The surrounding land use is single-family residential, with commercial districts to the north and east.

### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:**

Ramirez Subdivision was recorded on October 31, 2006. The application for the variance request was submitted on August 2, 2022. A building permit application has not been submitted.

### **ANALYSIS:**

Approval of this variance request will allow encroachments of 10 feet into the 25 feet front yard setback and 4 feet into the 10 feet rear yard setback along the west side of property in order to build a one story single family residence.

The applicant has stated that the adjacent lots to the east and west are owned by the Ramirez family, so they will not be impacting other property owners. Additionally, this property is fronting a cul-de-sac on 25<sup>th</sup> Street with an alleyway separating the subject property from the residences to the south. The aforementioned facts add an element of privacy to the subject property.

If the variance request is approved, the applicant must comply with all other building and zoning ordinance requirements, including requirements from the vegetation ordinance (landscaping).

Staff has not received any phone calls, email, or letter in opposition of this request.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends disapproval of the variance request since the lot size is adequate to fit a single family dwelling that is designed differently in size from what is being proposed. The applicant can also propose a second floor area. However, if the Board decides to grant approval of this request, it should be limited to the footprint shown on the submitted site plan.

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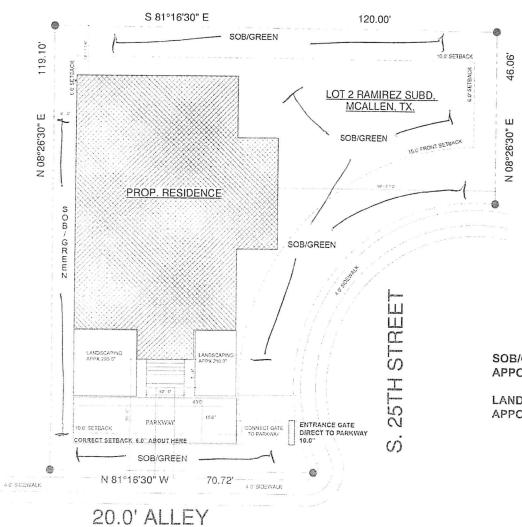
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# APPEAL TO ZONING BOARD OF (956) 681ADJUSTMENT TO MCALLEN ZONING ORDINANCE

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Project	Street Address	TV IIIII (IIII VOID VI										
	Existing Zoning R-1	Existing Land Use VACANT  ase use other side if necessary) reduction of 25th street setback from 25' to 15'										
N/A	\$300.00 non-refundable filing fee +  \$50.00 Recording Fee for Special Exception (carport)  Current Survey and Metes and Bounds (if the legal description of the tract is a portion of a lot) is required											
Applicant	Address <u>2313 S.</u>	MIREZ AND JUANA RAMIREZ Phone (956) 656-0595  26th STREET E-mail ramine hundure edson equai).  State TX Zip 78503										
Owner	Address 2313 S. 26	### State Zip Zip Zip Zip										
Authorization	etc. which would p I certify that I am the application is being OR I am authorized attached written expenses.	r knowledge are there any deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, revent the utilization of the property in the manner indicated?  Yes No ne actual owner of the property described above and this g submitted with my consent (include corporate name if applicable) d by the actual owner to submit this application and have vidence of such authorization.  Date  Date  ANGE ANGE ANGE  Owner  Authorized Agent										
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\*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: (Please use an additional page if necessary to complete \*\*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: THIS IS AN IRREGULAR LOT AND THE TYPICAL SETBACK FOR CUL-DES-SAC LOTS IS 15'. Reason for Appeal 2. Describe how the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of the legal property rights of the owner: WE ARE REQUESTING TO REDUCE ONLY THE 25TH STREET SETBACK TO BE ABLE TO FIT THE PROPOSED SITE PLAN AND SQUARE FOOTAGE 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: WILL NOT AFFECT ANY OF THE OTHER RESIDENTS PROPERTIES AND ALL CONSTRUCTION WILL BE DONE AS PER CITY OF McALLEN BUILDING REGULATIONS Describe special conditions that are unique to this applicant or property: THIS IS AN IRREGULAR LOT AND THE TYPICAL SETBACK FOR CUL-DES-SAC LOTS IS 15'. **Board Action** Chairman, Board of Adjustment Date Signature Rev. 9/20



4" 0" SIDEWALK SECTION CONTRACTOR AND SECURE OF THE PARTY OF THE PA EXPANSION JOINT TYP @ 50'-0 SEPATION (MAX.) 1/2" - 1/0" - 4/0" SIDEWALK TYP DETAIL

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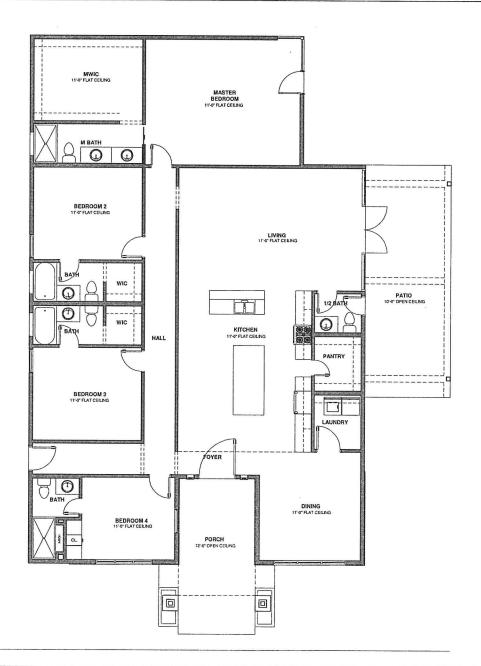
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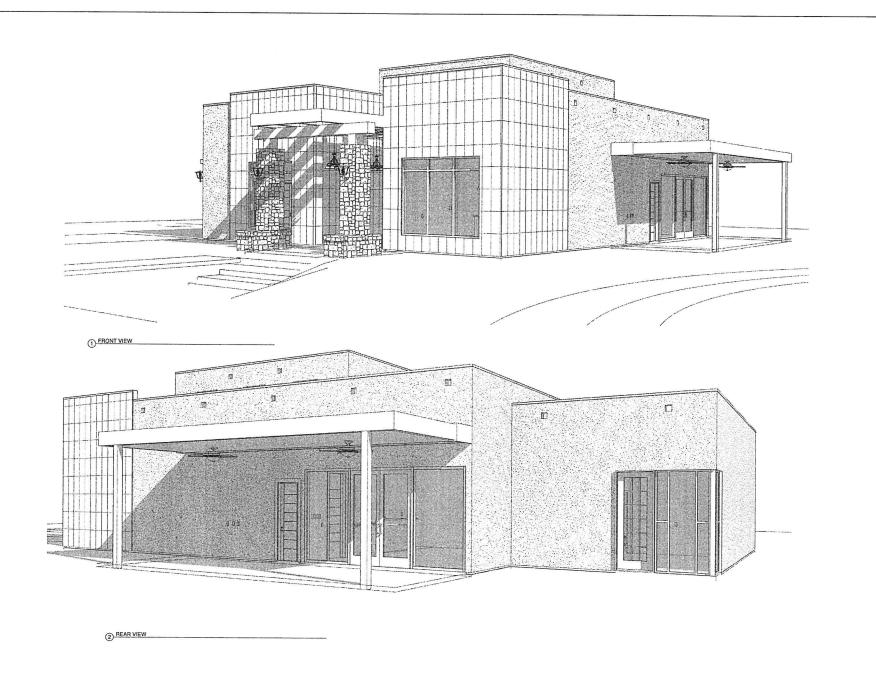
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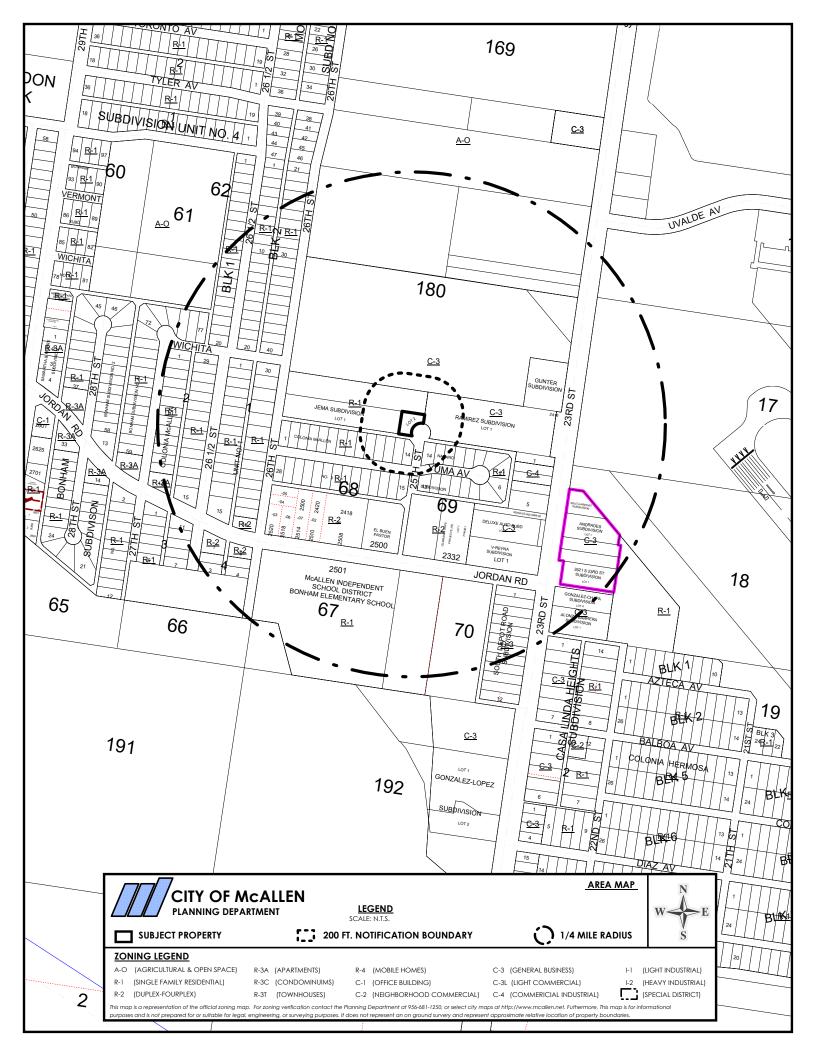
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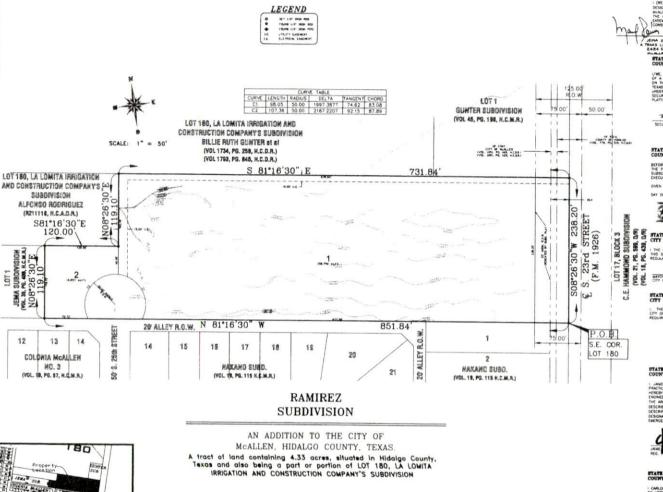


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PRINT SCALE 11X17 = 1/8"=1"-0" 24X36 = 1/4"=1'-0"









### PRINCIPAL CONTACTS

Nome Address
Owner: MANUEL & JUANA RAMBEZ 2013 S. 28111 STREET
REGISTER: JAMES EMPOURZ 405 W. OWNESA ROAD
SURVEYOR-EARLISS VASQUEZ 2014 N. RASE ROAD

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LOT 2: 5. 25th STREET - 25', REAR 10', EAST SIDE 8', GARAGE 18' EXCEPT WHERE GREATER STERACK IS REQUIRED, SOUTH 50C 10' ALONG ALLEY.

EXISTING BUILDINGS REMAIN AS NOW EXIST. IF THE BUILDINGS ARE REMOVED OR IF ADDITIONS ARE PROPOSED, COMPLIANCE WITH SETBACKS AS NOTED ON THE PLAT WILL BE

GEODETRIC DATA LATITUDE-28"11 30 58433", LONGITUDE-98"15"01 70395",

5. ONLY ONE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING UNIT PER LOT SHALL BE PERMITTED.

9. NO STRUCTURE PERMITTED OVER 500 FEET OF FIRE HYDRANT.

12. 6' BUFFER REQUIRED BETWEEN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ZONE/USES

13. SITE PLAN MUST BE APPROVED BY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PRIOR TO SSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMIT

RAMIREZ SUBDIVISION
PREPARED BY ENRIQUEZ GROUP
DATE OF PREPARATION 8-3-05
OWNER MANUEL & JUNA RAWRE
P. BOX 295
MCALEN, TEXAS 78502

GROUP

CONSULTING ENGINEER 405 W. OWASSA RD. EDINBURG, TEXAS 78539 ONE (056)702-8828 FAX (956) 259-8009



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### 2022 ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS

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MARK TALBOT (ATL 2)				Р	Р	Α	Р	Р	Р	Α	Α	Α	Α	LQ	Р	A	Р	Р								
SAM SALDIVAR (ALT 3)				Р	Р	Α	Р	Р	Р	Α	Р	Α	Α	LQ	Р	P	Р	Α								
JUAN MUJICA (ALT 4)				Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Α	LQ	Р	P	Р	Р								

P - PRESENT

A - ABSENT

NEW APPOINTMENT

**MC - MEETING CANCELLED** 

**NRM - NO MEETING** 

LOQ - LACK OF QUORUM

**RS - RESIGNATION** 



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