

Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals Meeting Agenda

August 1, 2023 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Commission Chamber

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The Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals will convene for its regular meeting for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the following:

ITEM 1: Call to Order

ITEM 2:	Roll Call
ITEM 3:	Approval of minutes from the July meeting
ITEM 4:	City Attorney explains purpose and authority of the Board
ITEM 5:	Homeowner Ryan Bodolay requests a 2' variance to allow a maximum fence height of 8', in lieu of the maximum height of six feet for residential fences and walls in rear yards specified by Figure 4.1-1 of the Land Development Code, to allow an eight-foot-high fence in the rear yard area approximately 13' from the north (street-side) property boundary, on property located at 905 Clearview Avenue. (VAR23-011)
ITEM 6:	The Lunz Group requests a 3' variance to allow a rear setback of 2', in lieu of the 5' minimum setback specified by Table 4.3-4 of the Land Development Code, and a 4' variance to allow a maximum height of 16.5', in lieu of the maximum height of 12.5' for accessory structures specified by Table 4.3-4 of the Land Development Code, in order to construct a new detached garage on property located at 200 Lake Morton Drive. Owner: Lake Morton Place LLC. (VAR23-024)
ITEM 7:	Spencer Bartram, Dorvidor Management, requests a 2' variance to allow a maximum wall height of 8', in lieu of the maximum height of six feet for residential fences and walls in street side yards specified by Figure 4.4.1 of the Land Development Code, to allow for the construction of an eight-foot high privacy wall in the northeast corner of property located at the southwest corner of U.S. Highway 98 North and Griffin Road (3000 Pyramid Parkway). Owner: Dorvidor Management. (VAR23-025)
ITEM 8:	Preston Chatmon requests a 190' variance to allow a front yard setback of 225 feet, in lieu of the maximum front yard setback of 35 feet specified by Table 3.4-1 of the Land Development Code, to allow for the construction of a new single-family home on property located at 1825 Providence Road. Owner: Kary W. Dickens Jr. (VAR23-026)
ITEM 9:	David Tavlin, Crossroads Construction of Central Florida, requests a 10' variance to allow a 5' rear yard setback, in lieu of the 15' minimum rear yard setback specified by the PUD (Planned Unit Development) zoning for Sandpiper Golf and Country Club in order to construct a screen room with a hard roof on property located at 837 Meadowlark Drive. (VAR23-027)
ITEM 10:	Homeowner Frederick Koehler requests a 2' variance to allow a 3' interior side yard setback, in lieu of the 5' minimum setback specified for swimming pools in Table 4.3-3 of the Land Development

Code, to allow for the construction of a 13' x 50' in-ground swimming pool in the interior side (south)

yard of property located at 519 N. Stella Avenue. (VAR23-028)

ITEM 11: Homeowner Enmanuel Baez Rosario requests a 2' variance to allow a maximum fence height of 6', in lieu of the maximum height of four feet for residential fences and walls in front yards as specified by Figure 4.4.1 of the Land Development Code, to allow a six-foot-high wall with horizontal wood panels and a decorative metal gate adjacent to the front property line on property located at 1805 Providence Road. (VAR23-029)

ITEM 12: Unfinished Business

ITEM 13: New Business

ITEM 14: Adjournment

The Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals met in Regular Session on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 in the Lakeland Electric Building, Room 1A/B, located at 501 E. Lemon Street.

Present were Board Members Gregory Kent (Chair), Tunesia Mayweather (Vice Chair), Thomas Brawner, Emily Breheny, Jiwa Farrell, Judith Hatfield and Kristen Tessmer. Also present were Ramona Sirianni, Assistant City Attorney; and staff from the Community & Economic Development Department Matthew Lyons, Chief Planner; Phillip Scearce, Principal Planner; Audrey McGuire, Senior Planner and Christelle Burrola, Board Secretary.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted, and Ramona explained the purpose and authority of the Board and the necessity of providing a hardship or uniqueness for the Board to consider and/or grant a variance. Anyone planning to present testimony was sworn in and everyone gave affirmative responses.

Item 6: David Tavlin, Crossroads Construction of Central Florida, requests a 10' variance to allow a 5' rear yard setback, in lieu of the 15' minimum rear yard setback specified by PUD (Planned Unit Development) zoning for Sandpiper Golf & Country Club in order to construct a screen room with a hard roof on property located at 813 Meadowlark Drive. (VAR23-022)

David Tavlin, 10509 Sherrouse Road, stated he is requesting relief from the rear setback requirements to construct a hard-roofed screen room which will provide protection from errant golf balls. Mr. Tavlin is the builder of the home and the developer of the subdivision phase in which the home will be located.

Phillip Scearce stated that within Sandpiper a precedent has been established by the Board in which variances for screen rooms have been granted when a property is adjacent to the golf course. The lot on which the house will be built is adjacent to the green for hole no. 1 and the screen room will provide protection from errant golf balls.

Mr. Scearce stated staff recommends approval.

In response to Matthew Lyons, Mr. Scearce stated no public comment was received in regards to the request.

Jiwa Farrell made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. Thomas Brawner seconded the motion and it passed 7–0.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

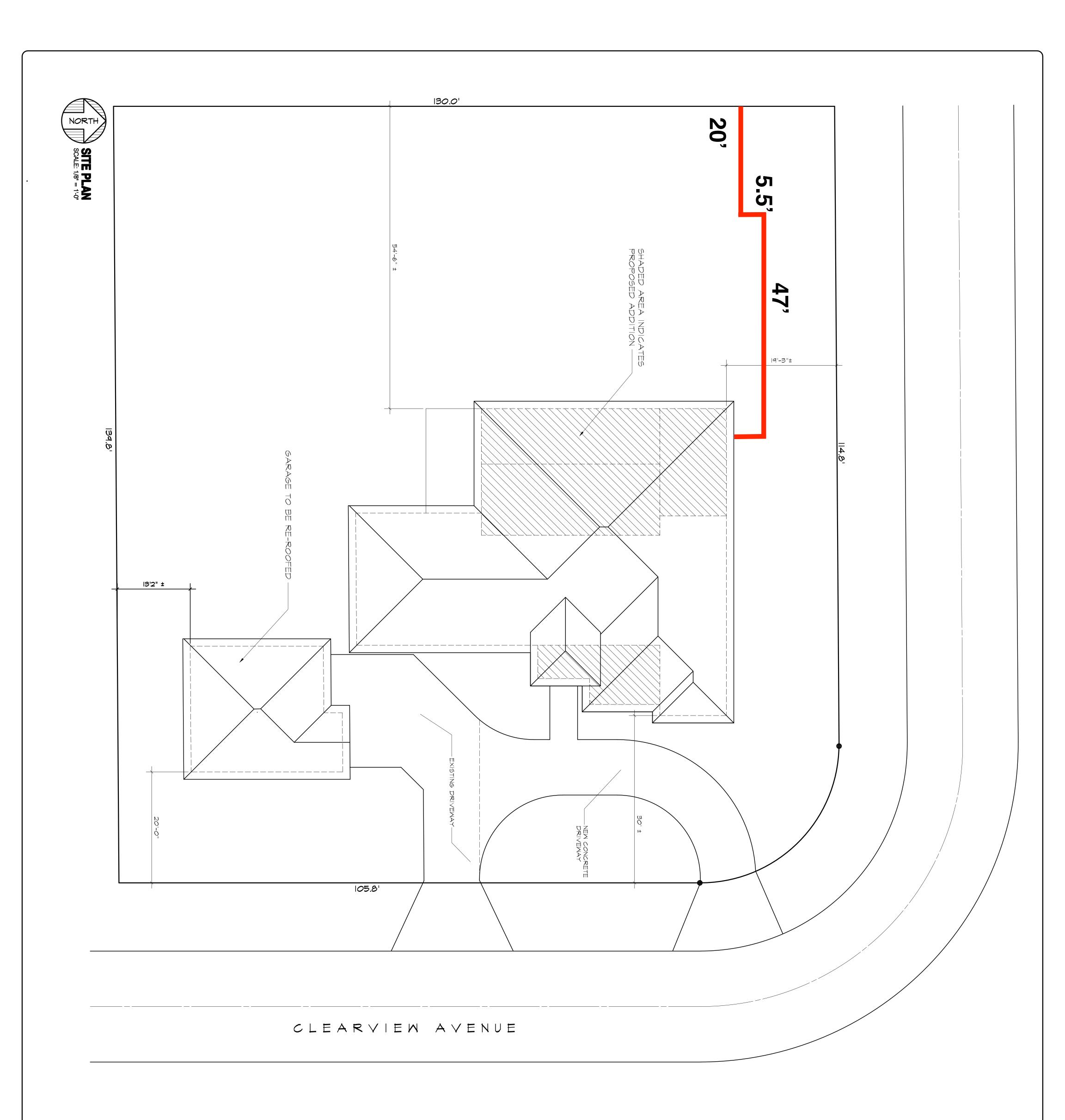
Gregory Kent, Chairperson

Christelle Burrola, Secretary



General Information:							
Project No:	VAR23-011 Application Date: 4/3/2023						
Project Name:	905 CLEARVIEW AV_FENCE HEIGHT						
Subject Property Address:	905 CLEARVIEW AV						
Parcel ID:	242820239000002250						
Applicant Name:	RYAN BODOLAY						
Applicant Address:	905 CLEARVIEW AVE	LAKELAND	FL	33801			
Owner Name:	RYAN BODOLAY						
Owner Address:	905 CLEARVIEW AVE	LAKELAND	FL	33801			

Request:							
Application Type:	VARIANCE						
Current							
Zoning:	(RA-3) Single Family	Context:	Urban Neighborhood (UNH)				
Lot Dimensions:	130' x 140'	Square Footage:	2600				
Present Use:	Fence						
Explanation of Request:	I am requesting a variance to allow a fence heigh greater than 6 feet on one side of my property.						
Justification:	The property is on a corner lot that slopes downward on one side. The way the house was built, the back of house is elevated around 4 feet off of the ground. Therefore, a fence height of 6 feet does not provide any privacy for my family.						



DATE: 1-25-21 REVISED: 2/13/21 DRAWN BY: LAP CHECKED BY: FILE: BODOLAY - 1 SHEET NUMBER OF 5 SHEETS	HOME REMODELING FOR: RYAN & STEPHANIE BODOLAY 905 CLEARVIEW AVENUE LAKELAND, FLORIDA 33801	SITE PLAN SCALE: 1/*8" =1'-0"	Image: Waller Image: Waller Image: Waller









RE: Variance Request - Project No. VAR23-011

Dear Property Owner:

This notice is to advise you that Ryan Bodolay requests a 2' variance to allow a maximum fence height of 8', in lieu of the maximum height of six feet for residential fences and walls in rear yards specified by Figure 4.1-1 of the Land Development Code, to allow for the construction of an eight-foot-high fence in the rear yard area approximately 13' from the north (street-side) property boundary, on property located at 905 Clearview Avenue. The subject property is legally described as:

HOLLINGSWORTH TERRACE SUB PB 9 PG 45 BLK 2 LOTS 25 LESS S 10 FT & 26 LESS S 10 FT. (A COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.)

The public hearing to consider this request will be held before the Lakeland Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals at **9:00 a.m. on 8/1/2023** in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 228 S. Massachusetts Avenue. As an owner of property located in proximity to the subject property, as indicated on the attached map, you will be given an opportunity to express your opinion at the public hearing. You may also submit your views to the Community & Economic Development Department by including your name, address, and the project number via email to <u>planning@lakelandgov.net</u>, prior to the meeting date.

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ZBAA Hearing	8/1/2023	Reviewer:	Audrey McGuire			
Project No:	VAR23-011	Subject Property:	905 Clearview Av	enue		
Owner:	Ryan Bodolay					
Applicant:	Ryan Bodolay					
Current Zoning:	RA-3 (Single-Family) Context District Urban Neighborhood (UNH)					
Request:	A 2' variance to allow a maximum fence height of 8', in lieu of the maximum height of six feet for residential fences and walls in rear yards specified by Figure 4.1-1 of the Land Development Code, to allow an eight-foot-high fence in the rear yard area approximately 13' from the north (street-side) property boundary, on property located at 905 Clearview Avenue.					

1.0 Background

The subject property, approximately 0.42 acres in area, consists of a corner parcel comprised of two platted lots of record which were recorded as part of the Hollingsworth Terrace subdivision. According to the Polk County Property Appraiser, the property contains an 1,873 square foot, one-story single-family residence built in 1950. The subject property is zoned RA-3 (Single-Family Residential) and is located within the Urban Neighborhood (UNH) context district.

2.0 Discussion

The applicant is requesting a 2' variance to allow a maximum fence height of 8 feet, in lieu of the maximum height of 6 feet for residential fences. The purpose of this request is to address an existing nonconforming fence located in the street side yard which was installed without a permit. The existing fence is located along the north side of property, approximately 13 feet from the street-side property line and extends 67 feet in length to the west (rear) property line.

The fence, which was constructed using wood planks with variable length ranging from six to 10 feet, is the subject of code enforcement violations related to height and permitting (LCE23-00380 and PER23-00379). The fence does not meet the uniform size requirements for wood fence units, as specified in Section 4.4.1 of the Land Development Code and exceeds the maximum height of six feet for residential fences. The evidence that is available suggests the fence was installed without a permit sometime between 2011 and 2019; however, staff is unable to determine whether the fence was in place prior to the applicant's purchase of the property in 2016.

The hardship suffered by the applicant is related to the topography of the land. The subject property naturally slopes to the west towards Lake Horney, with a grade differential of approximately 5 feet between the front (east) and rear (west) property lines. The back lanai of the home sits approximately 3 feet above grade and the in-ground swimming pool, and approximately 5 feet above the northwest corner of the property. The applicant is requesting a 2-foot variance to allow for an 8-foot high fence to retain privacy from neighboring residential lots to the north. To address the requirement that wood fences be comprised of uniform wood units, the applicants is willing to modify the fence by either cutting back boards or adding new boards such that the fence is uniformly eight feet in height.

3.0 Recommendation

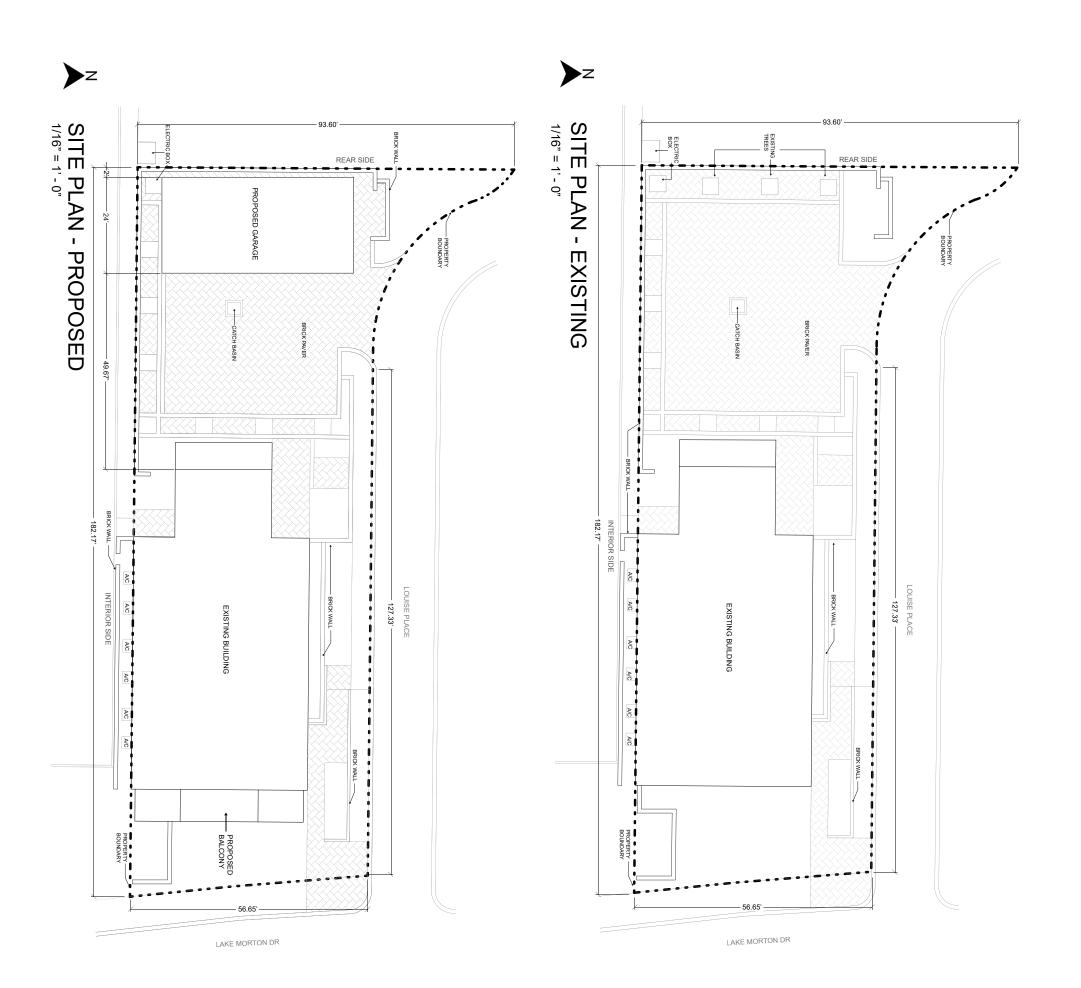
The hardship is related to the topography of the land and not the result of the applicant's own actions. The requested relief is reasonable and proportionate to the degree of hardship and approval of a variance would not be contrary to the public interest. Provided there are no substantive objections from adjoining property owners, staff recommends the variance be considered for approval subject to the following condition(s):

The existing wood fence shall be altered to substantially conform with the uniform size requirements of Section 4.4.1 of the Land Development Code such that the fence retains a uniform, even height of eight feet across the top of the fence. Existing fence boards greater than eight feet in length shall either be cut back or replaced with new boards not to exceed eight feet. Existing fence boards less than eight feet in length shall be replaced with new fence boards eight feet in length.



General Information:							
Project No:	VAR23-024 Application Date: 6/29/2023						
Project Name:	O'TOOLE APARTMENTS_200 LA	AKE MORTON DR					
Subject Property Address:	200 LAKE MORTON DR						
Parcel ID:	242819218500001053						
Applicant Name:	THE LUNZ GROUP						
Applicant Address:	58 LAKE MORTON DR LAKELAND FL 33801						
Owner Name:	LAKE MORTON PLACE LLC						
Owner Address:	645 WHISPER WOODS DR LAKELAND FL 338135646						

Request:							
Application Type:	VARIANCE						
Current							
Zoning:	O-1 (Low Impact Office)	Context:	Urban Corridor (UCO)				
Lot Dimensions:	182.17' x 56.65' (See site plan for exact)	10672					
Present Use:	Office						
Explanation of Request:	Request a 3' setback variance from 5' rear setback requirement for accessory structure to result in a new rear setback of 2'. Request of a 4' height variance from 12'-6" max height requirement for accessory structure to result in a new max height of 16'-6" in order to match the slope of accessory structure roof to slope of primary building roof.						
Justification:	Requesting variance in effort to provide additional safe and private parking to residents of property. Requesting height variance in effort to match slope of proposed accessory structure roof to slope of existing primary building. Site is located in area surround be much larger commercial structures.						



FRONT STRI REQUIRED: LOCAL STRE REQUIRED: MAX HEIGHT: 12.5' PROPOSED: 16.5'

ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SETBACKS:

RET SETBACK (LAKE MORTON DR)

EET (LOUISE PL) SETBACK 5'

REAR SETBACK MINIMUM REQUIRED: 5' PROPOSED: 2' INTERIOR SIDE SETBACK MINIMUM REQUIRED: 5'



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OTOOLE APARTMENTS

200 LAKE MORTON DR. LAKELAND, FL 33801

EXISTING & PROPOSED SITE PLAN





RE: Variance Request - Project No. VAR23-024

Dear Property Owner:

This notice is to advise you that the Lunz Group requests a 3' variance to allow a rear setback of 2', in lieu of the 5' minimum setback specified by Table 4.3-4 of the Land Development Code, and a 4' variance to allow a maximum height of 16.5', in lieu of the maximum height of 12.5' for accessory structures specified by Table 4.3-4 of the Land Development Code, in order to construct a new detached garage on property located at 200 Lake Morton Drive. The subject property is legally described as:

TALLEY J R SUB PB 5 PG 40 20 PB 4 PG 76 BLK A LOTS 5 E1/2 & ALL 6. (A COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.)

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ZBAA Hearing	8/1/2023	Reviewer:	Todd Vargo				
Project No:	VAR23-024	Subject Property:	200 Lake Morton	200 Lake Morton Drive			
Owner:	Lake Morton Pla	ice LLC					
Applicant: The Lunz Group							
Current Zoning:	O-1 (Low Impac	t Office)	Context District	Urban Corridor (UCO)			
Request:	A 3' variance to allow a rear setback of 2', in lieu of the 5' minimum setback specified by Table 4.3-4 of the Land Development Code, and a 4' variance to allow a maximum height of 16.5', in lieu of the maximum height of 12.5' for accessory structures specified by Table 4.3-4 of the Land Development Code, in order to construct a new detached garage on property located at 200 Lake Morton Drive.						

1.0 Background

The subject property, located on the west side of Lake Morton, is approximately 0.25 acres in area and currently improved with a 10,168 sq. ft., four-story office building which was constructed in 1984 according to the Polk County Property Appraiser. The subject property has an O-1 (Low Impact Office) zoning classification and a future land use designation of RH (Residential High). The applicant proposes to convert the structure from professional office uses to multi-family residential as allowed by the O-1 zoning. As part of this conversion, the developer is requesting variance approval to construct a new 48' x 24' (1152 sq ft) detached garage in the rear yard area to provide secure parking for the residents.

2.0 Discussion

To accommodate the proposed garage, the applicant requests a 3-foot variance to allow a 2-foot setback from the rear (western) property line as well as a four-foot variance to allow a maximum roof height of 16.5 feet. The applicant's justification for the setback relief pertains to the relatively small size of the parcel and the needed to accommodate vehicle access and turning movements when entering and exiting the site from Louise Place. The justification for the height variance pertains to the steep 12/12 roof slope used on the existing office building which the detached garage is designed to match. The garage will accommodate a total of four vehicles with the doors face to the east, towards the existing building. Adjacent uses to the north, south and west consist of off-street parking lots or structured parking facilities.

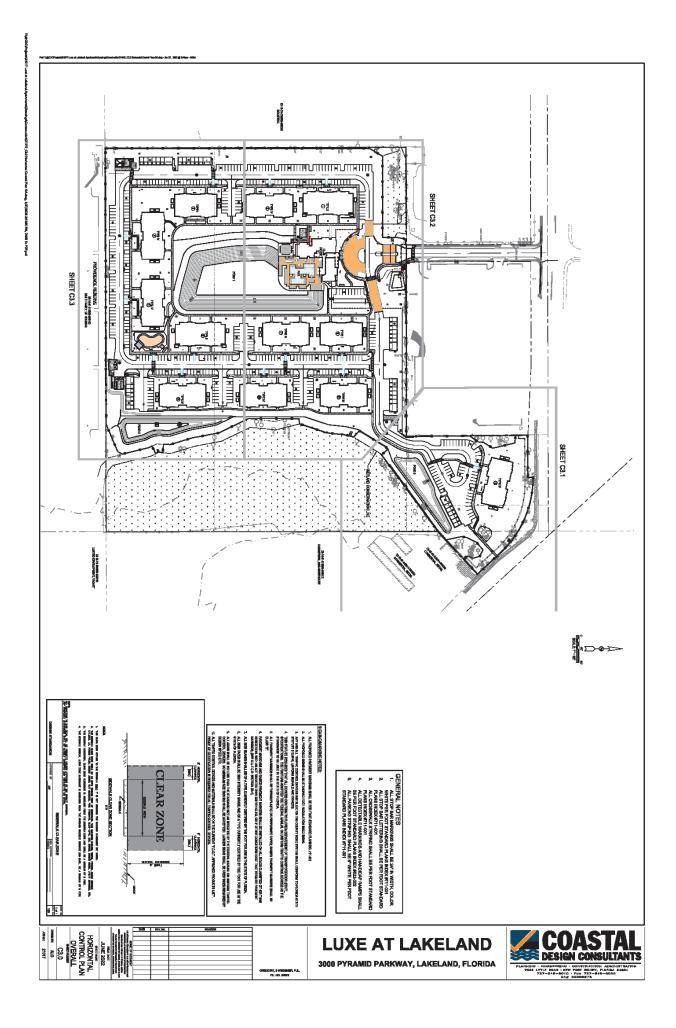
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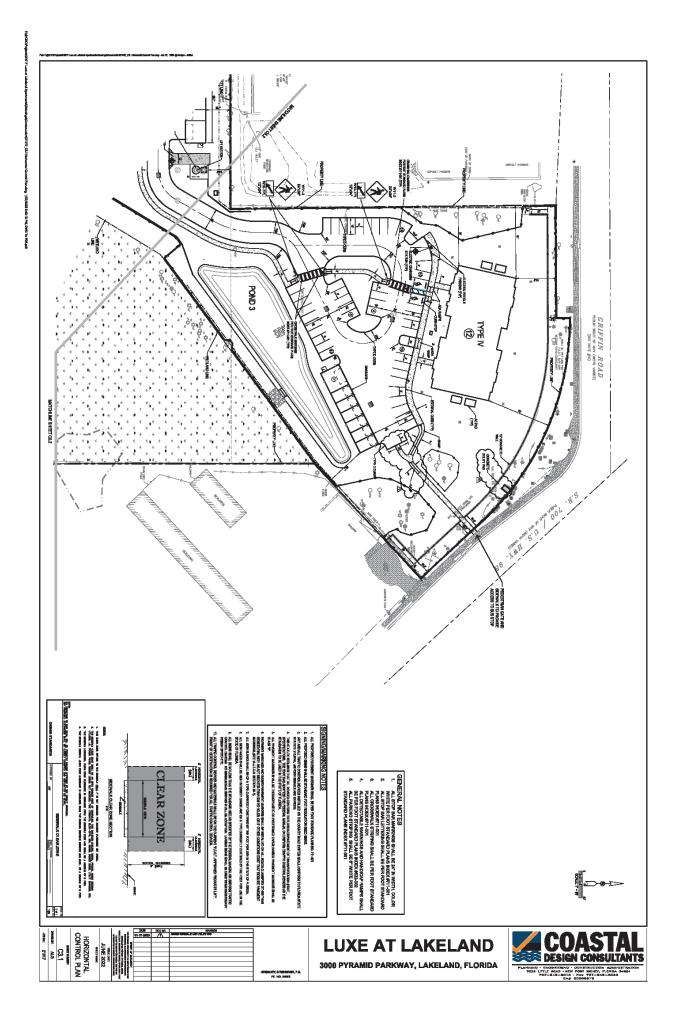
The amount of relief requested is proportionate to the degree of hardship resulting from the relatively small parcel size as well as the access constraints from Louise Place. The detached garage is compatible in terms of scale, massing and roof sloped with the existing office building. The requested relief is reasonable and proportionate to the degree of hardship and the minimum amount necessary to allow for development of the detached garage approval of a variance would not be contrary to the public interest. Provided that there are no substantive objections from adjacent property owners, staff recommends that the request be considered for approval.



General Information:						
Project No:	VAR23-025	Application Date:		6/30/2023		
Project Name:	LUXE AT LAKELAND_WALL HEI	GHT				
Subject Property Address:	3000 PYRAMID PY					
Parcel ID:	232801016500000303					
Applicant Name:	DORVIDOR MANAGEMENT (PE	RMIT EXP)				
Applicant Address:	25 SE 2ND AVE #900 MIAMI FL 33131					
Owner Name:	DORVIDOR MANAGEMENT (PERMIT EXP)					
Owner Address:	25 SE 2ND AVE #900 MIAMI FL 33131					

Request:							
Application Type:	VARIANCE						
Current							
Zoning:	LD (Limited Development, MF-22 (Multi Family)	, Context: Preservation, Conservation, Recreation (F Urban Neighborhood (UNH)					
Lot Dimensions:	23 acres	Square Footage:	1100000				
Present Use:	MF-22						
Explanation of Request:	Wall Height Variance						
Justification:	Wall Height Variance at the NE corner of the property						







VAR23-025 Luxe at Lakeland Parcel ID 232801016500000303





RE: Variance Request - Project No. VAR23-025

Dear Property Owner:

This notice is to advise you that Spencer Bartram, Dorvidor Management, requests a 2' variance to allow a maximum wall height of 8', in lieu of the maximum height of six feet for residential fences and walls in street side yards specified by Figure 4.4.1 of the Land Development Code, to allow for the construction of an eight-foot high privacy wall in the northeast corner of property located at the southwest corner of U.S. Highway 98 North and Griffin Road (3000 Pyramid Parkway). The subject property is legally described as:

THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 28 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, LESS THE WEST 178 FEET AND LESS THE NORTH 424 FEET OF THE WEST 1038 FEET, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA. (A COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.)

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ZBAA Hearing	8/1/2023	Reviewer:	Audrey McGuire					
Project No:	VAR23-025	Subject Property:	3000 Pyramid Pa	3000 Pyramid Parkway				
Owner:	Dorvidor Manag	ement						
Applicant:	Spencer Bartram, Dorvidor Management							
Current Zoning:	MF-22 (Multi-Fa LD (Limited Dev		Context District Preservation, Conservation, Recreation (PCR)/ Urban Neighborhood (UNH)					
Request:	A 2' variance to allow a maximum wall height of 8', in lieu of the maximum height of six feet for residential fences and walls in street side yards specified by Figure 4.4.1 of the Land Development Code, to allow for the construction of an eight-foot high privacy wall in the northeast corner of property located at the southwest corner of U.S. Highway 98 North and Griffin Road (3000 Pyramid Parkway).							

1.0 Background

The subject property, located at the southwest corner of U.S. Highway 98 North and Griffin Road, is approximately 26 acres in area with an MF-22 (Multi-Family Residential) zoning classification and Residential High (RH) future land use designation. The applicant recently received site plan approval for a 288-unit multi-family project and is seeking variance approval to construct an eight-foot-high wall adjacent to the U.S. Highway 98 North/Griffin Road intersection.

2.0 Discussion

The purpose of this request is to obtain variance relief to allow for the construction of an eight-foot- high precast wall along the street side property boundary adjacent to the U.S. Highway 98 North/Griffin Rd intersection. Section 4.4.3, Figure 4.4.1, of the Land Development Code specifies a maximum height of six feet for fences and walls. The proposed wall will run for a total distance of approximately 490 feet. To soften the visual appearance of the proposed wall, the applicant has agreed incorporate four 20-foot-long sections of decorative aluminum fencing at regularly spaced intervals. Where appropriate, these sections will also contain a gate to provide access for non-motorists.

When evaluating fence height variances, staff determines if there are unique features related to the land itself or external factors that would justify granting variance relief. Such features include a change in grade on the property itself or a change in elevation when compared to adjacent properties. In this case, the primary justification for the request is the proximity of the development to the U.S. Highway 98 North/Griffin Road intersection, which generates a substantial amount of noise and will infringe on the privacy of residents in the proposed 288-unit multi-family project. The parcel is not symmetrical, and a portion of the proposed apartment complex consists of a 24-unit building which will be directly adjacent to the intersection. U.S. Highway 98 North, which carries over 33,000 daily trips, is classified as a principal arterial roadway by the Polk County Roadway Network Database. Griffin Road is classified as an urban collector with an estimated 14,900 daily trips. These factors combined make the intersection one the busiest in the City. In addition, traffic accident data suggests that it is also one of most dangerous intersections in the City. The proposed wall height is therefore needed for privacy, security and as a buffer from the constant traffic and noise.

3.0 Recommendation

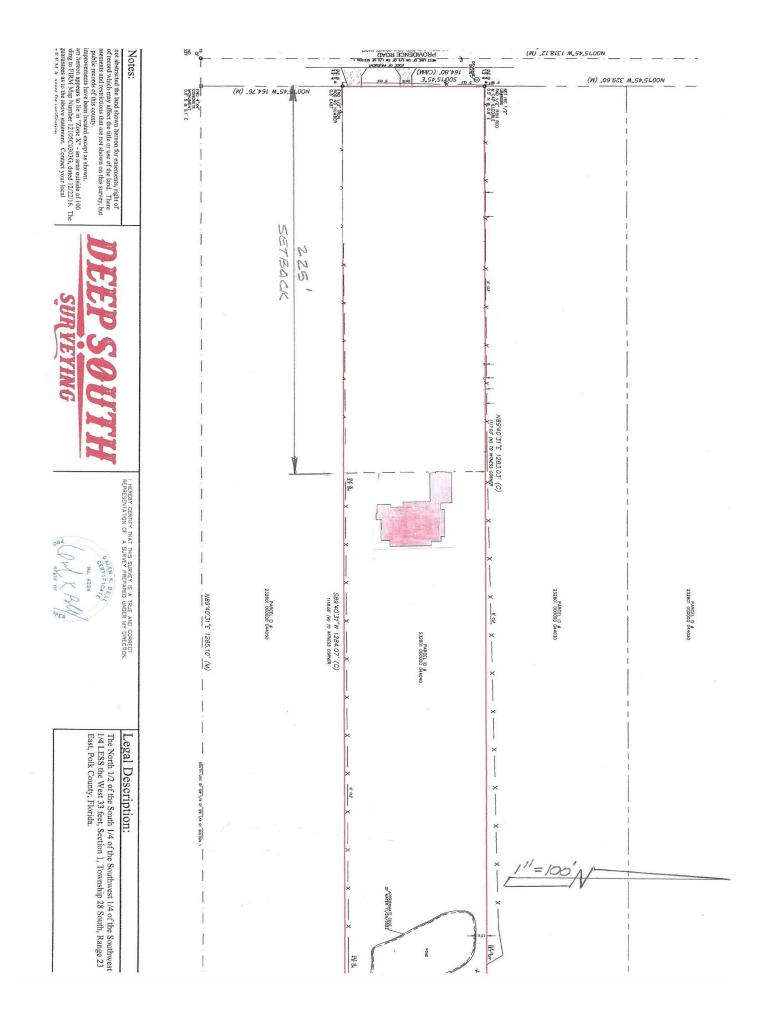
The requested relief is reasonable and proportionate to the degree of hardship suffered by the applicant and approval would not be contrary to the public interest. Provided there are no substantive objections from adjacent property owners, staff recommends that the request for variance relief be considered for approval subject to the following condition(s):

The massing of the eight-foot-high wall shall be visually broken up through the incorporation of four 20foot-long sections of eight-foot-high decorate metal fencing placed at regularly intervals along the wall. The metal fencing section may contain ADA compliant gates to provide access to pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles.



General Information:							
Project No:	VAR23-026 Application Date: 7/4/2023						
Project Name:	1825 PROVIDENCE RD_FRONT SETBACK						
Subject Property Address:	1825 PROVIDENCE RD						
Parcel ID:	23280100000044040						
Applicant Name:	PRESTON CHATMON						
Applicant Address:	3969 SPRUCE CREEK DR LAKELAND FL 33811						
Owner Name:	DICKENS KARY W JR						
Owner Address:	1943 DEEP CREEK DR LAKELAND FL 338100655						

Request:					
Application Type:	VARIANCE				
Current					
Zoning:	RA-4 (Single Family)	Context:	Urban Neighborhood (UNH)		
Lot Dimensions:	165x1284.07	Square Footage:	211000		
Present Use:	The property if vacant and not bein	g used			
Explanation of Request:	I am requesting a front yard setbac	k of 190 feet			
Justification:	The opportunity to live on a parcel is taken all the necessary precautions structures demolished prior to comp Working in law enforcement in the of only me but my wife and child. Livin protection and safety; on more than have taken some type of law enforce allowed to build our home further fr privacy fence from my next door ne keep my family safe. The request for the proposed lot sp from me being assigned as my mot (including a stroke); providing a saf keep her independence but also all	as well as followed inst oleting this variance app City of Lakeland sometin ing in standard subdivision in one occasion I have ha cement action against wh om the roadway coupled ighbor would drastically lit or being allowed to bu hers caregiver. She has e home large enough fo	ructions to have the existing lication. Ines poses a safety risk for not ns is not feasible for adequate ad encounters with people that I hilst off duty at my home. Being d with continuing the concrete aid in my continued efforts to wild a slightly larger ADU comes had multiple heath issues r her to reside in allows her to		







RE: Variance Request - Project No. VAR23-026

Dear Property Owner:

This notice is to advise you that Preston Chatmon requests a 190' variance to allow a front yard setback of 225 feet, in lieu of the maximum front yard setback of 35 feet specified by Table 3.4-1 of the Land Development Code, to allow for the construction of a new single-family home on property located at 1825 Providence Road. The subject property is legally described as:

N1/2 OF S1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SW1/4 LESS W 33 FT FOR RD R/W. (A COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.)

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ZBAA Hearing	8/1/2023	Reviewer:	Damaris Stull			
Project No:	VAR23-026	Subject Property:	1825 Providence	Road		
Owner:	Kary W. Dickens	s Jr	Jr			
Applicant:	Preston Chatmon					
Current Zoning:	RA-4 (Single-Family) Context District Urban Neighborhood (UNH)					
Request:	A 190' variance to allow a front yard setback of 225 feet, in lieu of the maximum front yard setback of 35 feet specified by Table 3.4-1 of the Land Development Code, to allow for the construction of a new single-family home on property located at 1825 Providence Road.					

1.0 Background

The subject property, approximately 4.85 acres in area, consists of a 165.9' x 1319.2' parcel located on the east side of Providence Road. The subject property has an RA-4 (Single-Family Residential) zoning classification and is located within the Urban Neighborhood (UNH) Context district. In June 2023, a demolition permit was issued to raze an existing 2,060 sq. ft. single-family dwelling located on the subject property.

2.0 Discussion

The applicant requests a 190' variance to allow for the construction of a single-family home with a front yard setback of 225' from Providence Road. Providence Road is classified as a collector roadway and has a posted speed limit of 35 MPH. Pursuant to Table 3.4-1 of the Land Development Code, the maximum front yard setback within the RA-4/UNH context sub-district when adjacent to a collector roadway is 35 feet.

The applicant's justification for the request pertains to a need for privacy and the large lot, rural development pattern associated with the subject property and adjacent parcels located along Providence Road. Providence Road is classified by Polk County's Roadway Network Database as a two-lane Urban Collector roadway carrying over 7,700 daily trips. The setback relief request will provide a greater degree of privacy and reduce noise from vehicle traffic along the roadway. As a secondary justification, the applicant is employed in law enforcement and the setback relief being request would provide for a greater degree or protection and security.

In the immediate vicinity of Providence Road there are a series of large single-family lots with variable front setbacks. The requested front setback relief mirrors that of an existing home located on the opposite of Providence Road. In order to meet public safety requirements, a stabilized driveway at least 10-feet in width will be required to accommodate emergency vehicles. There is adequate depth to safely accommodate the applicant's request. All other setback and Land Development Code requirements will be maintained.

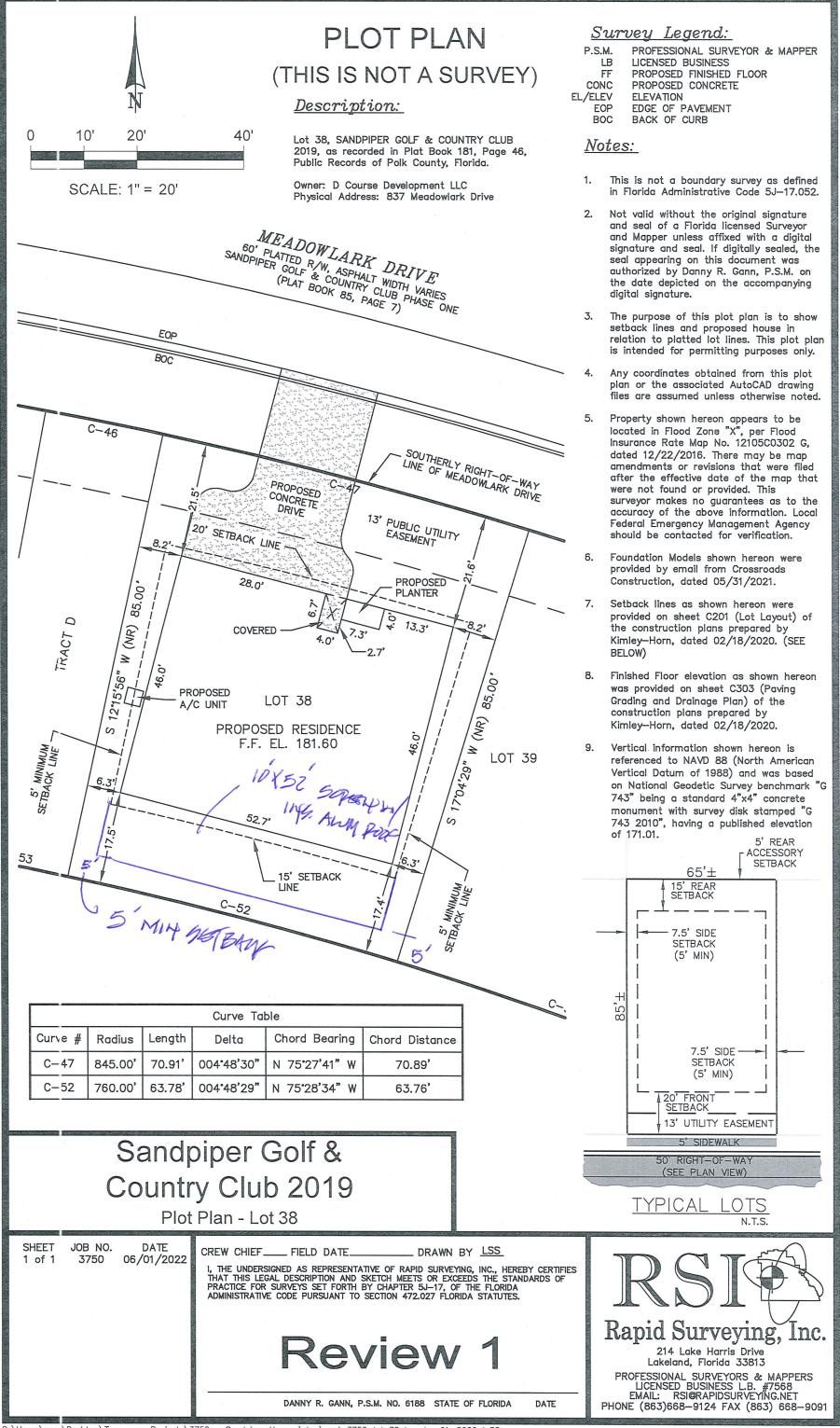
3.0 Recommendation

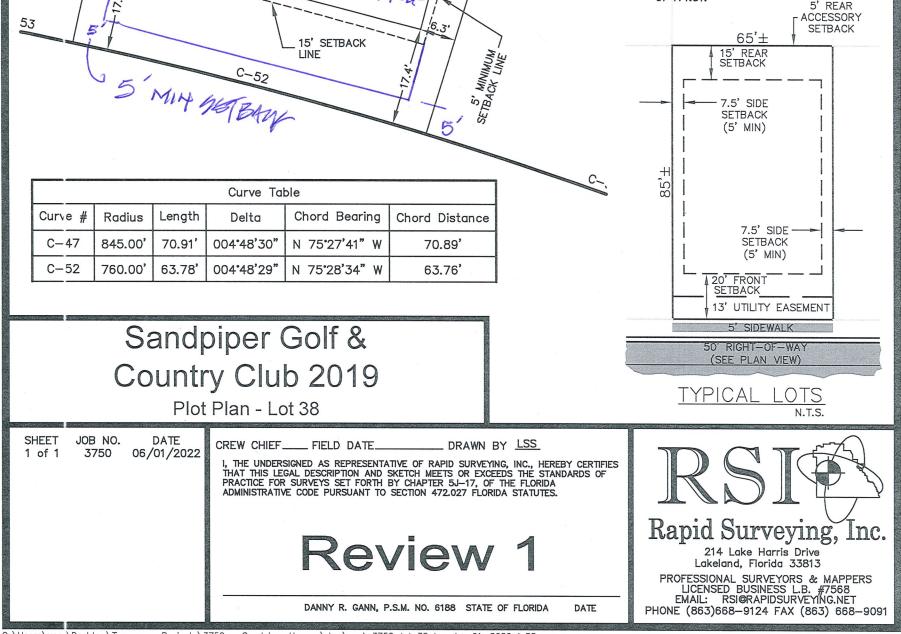
The requested relief is reasonable and proportionate to the degree of hardship associated with the large parcel size and the rural development pattern of properties long Kathleen Road. Approval of this request would not be contrary to the public interest, as impacts on adjacent property owners would be minimal. Provided that there are no substantive objections from adjacent property owners, staff recommends that the variance be considered for approval.



General Information:							
Project No:	VAR23-027 Application Date: 7/5/2023						
Project Name:	837 MEADOWLARK DR REAR Y	ARD SETBACK					
Subject Property Address:	837 MEADOWLARK DR						
Parcel ID:	242719161368000380						
Applicant Name:	CROSSROADS CONST OF CENT FL						
Applicant Address:	6001 SANDPIPERS DR LAKELAND FL 33809						
Owner Name:	VONDERFECHT TIMOTHY R						
Owner Address:	5926 GROUSE DR LAKELAND FL 338097312						

Request:					
Application Type:	VARIANCE				
Current					
Zoning:	PUD 5705 (Planned Unit Development) Context: Suburban Neighborhood (S				
Lot Dimensions:	71 X 64	2528			
Present Use:	SINGLE FAMILY NEW CONSTRUCT	ION			
Explanation of Request:	10' VARIANCE TO ALLOW A 5' REAR YARD SETBACK, IN LIEU OF THE 15' MINIMUM REAR YARD SETBACK SPECIFIED BY THE PUD ZONING FOR SANDPIPER GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB (Ordinance 3563, as amended) IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT A 10' X 38' SCREEN ROOM WITH HARD ROOF				
Justification:	THIS WILL PROTECT THE HOME FROM ERRANT GOLF BALLS.				





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RE: Variance Request - Project No. VAR23-027

Dear Property Owner:

This notice is to advise you that David Tavlin, Crossroads Construction of Central Florida, requests a 10' variance to allow a 5' rear yard setback, in lieu of the 15' minimum rear yard setback specified by the PUD (Planned Unit Development) zoning for Sandpiper Golf and Country Club in order to construct a screen room with a hard roof on property located at 837 Meadowlark Drive. The subject property is legally described as:

Lot 38, Sandpiper Golf and Country Club 2019, as recorded in plat Book 181, Page 46 Public records of Polk County. (A COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.)

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ZBAA Hearing	8/1/2023	Reviewer:	Audrey McGuire			
Project No:	VAR23-027	Subject Property:	837 Meadowlark Drive			
Owner:	Timothy R. Vond	derfecht				
Applicant:	David Tavlin, Crossroads Construction of Central Florida					
Current Zoning:	PUD (Planned L 5705	Init Development)	Context District	Suburban Neighborhood (SNH)		
Request:	A 10' variance to allow a 5' rear yard setback, in lieu of the 15' minimum rear yard setback specified by the PUD zoning for Sandpiper Golf and Country Club, in order to construct a 10' x 38' screen room with hard roof.					

1.0 Background

The subject property consists of 0.13 acres and measures approximately 71 feet wide by 85 feet deep. The subject property is zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development) and is located within the Suburban Neighborhood (SNH) context district.

2.0 Discussion

David Tavlin, Crossroads Construction of Central Florida, on behalf of Timothy Vonderfecht, requests relief from the required rear setback requirements to construct a hard-roofed screen room at the rear of a new single-family home. The Planned Unit Development requires a minimum 15-foot rear yard setback. The subject property is adjacent to the green for the first hole of the Sandpiper Golf Course and the proposed screen room will provide protection to the home from stray golf balls.

There is precedence for the construction of hard-roofed screen rooms at the rear of single-family residences abutting the golf course as similar variances have been approved throughout the Sandpiper development. Additionally, the Board approved a similar case for 813 Meadowlark Drive (VAR23-022) at the July 2023 meeting.

The hardship suffered by the applicant is related to the proximity of the subject property to the green for the 1st hole on the Sandpiper Golf Course.

3.0 Recommendation

The hardship suffered is related to the proximity of the subject property to the golf course. There requested relief would not be contrary to the public interest as variance relief has been granted for similar circumstances throughout the Sandpiper development.

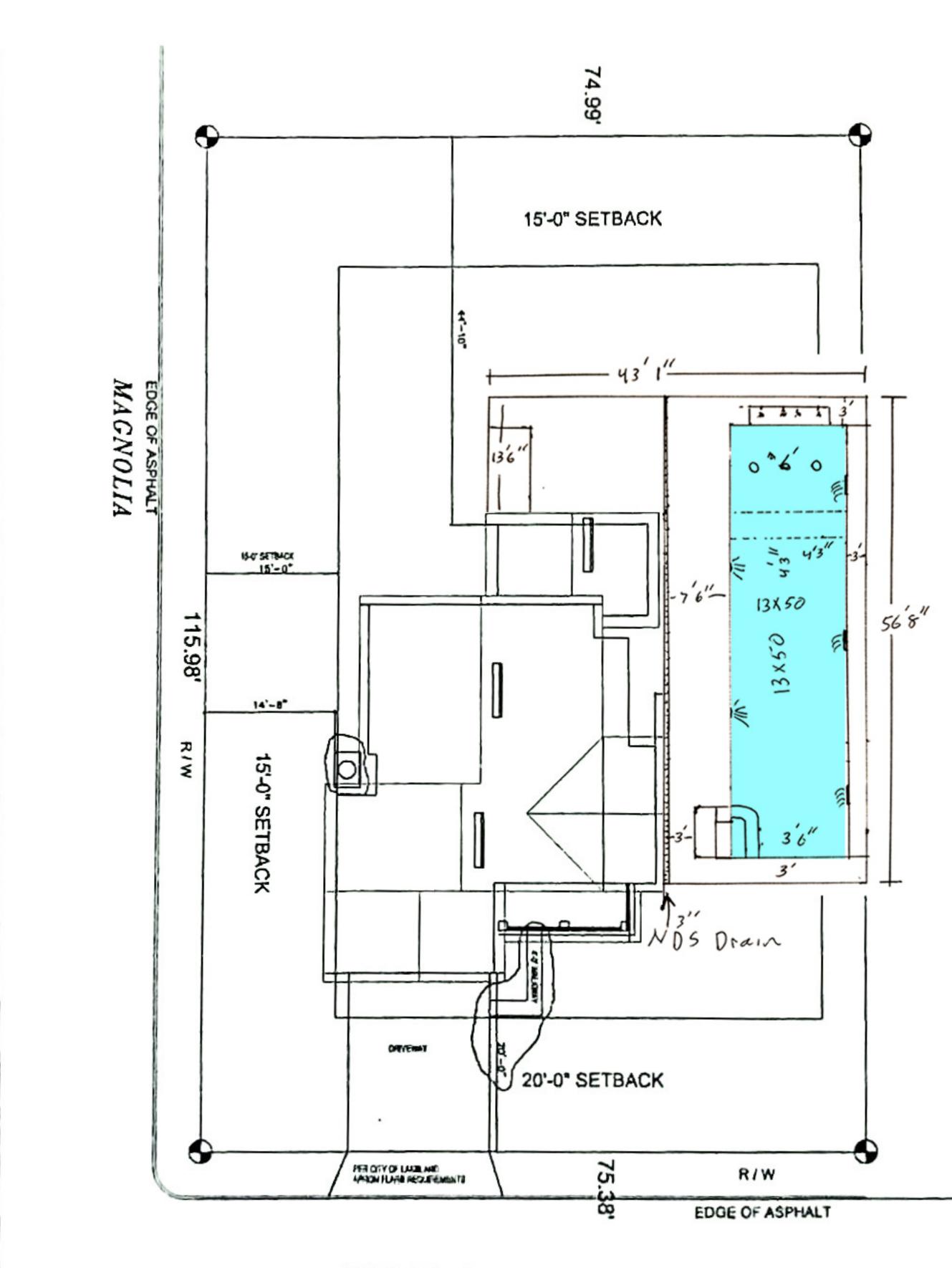
The requested relief is reasonable and proportionate to the degree of hardship suffered by the applicant and the minimal amount necessary to allow for maintenance of the home adjacent to the golf course. Due to the minimal impact on adjacent properties, staff recommends the requested variance be considered for approval.



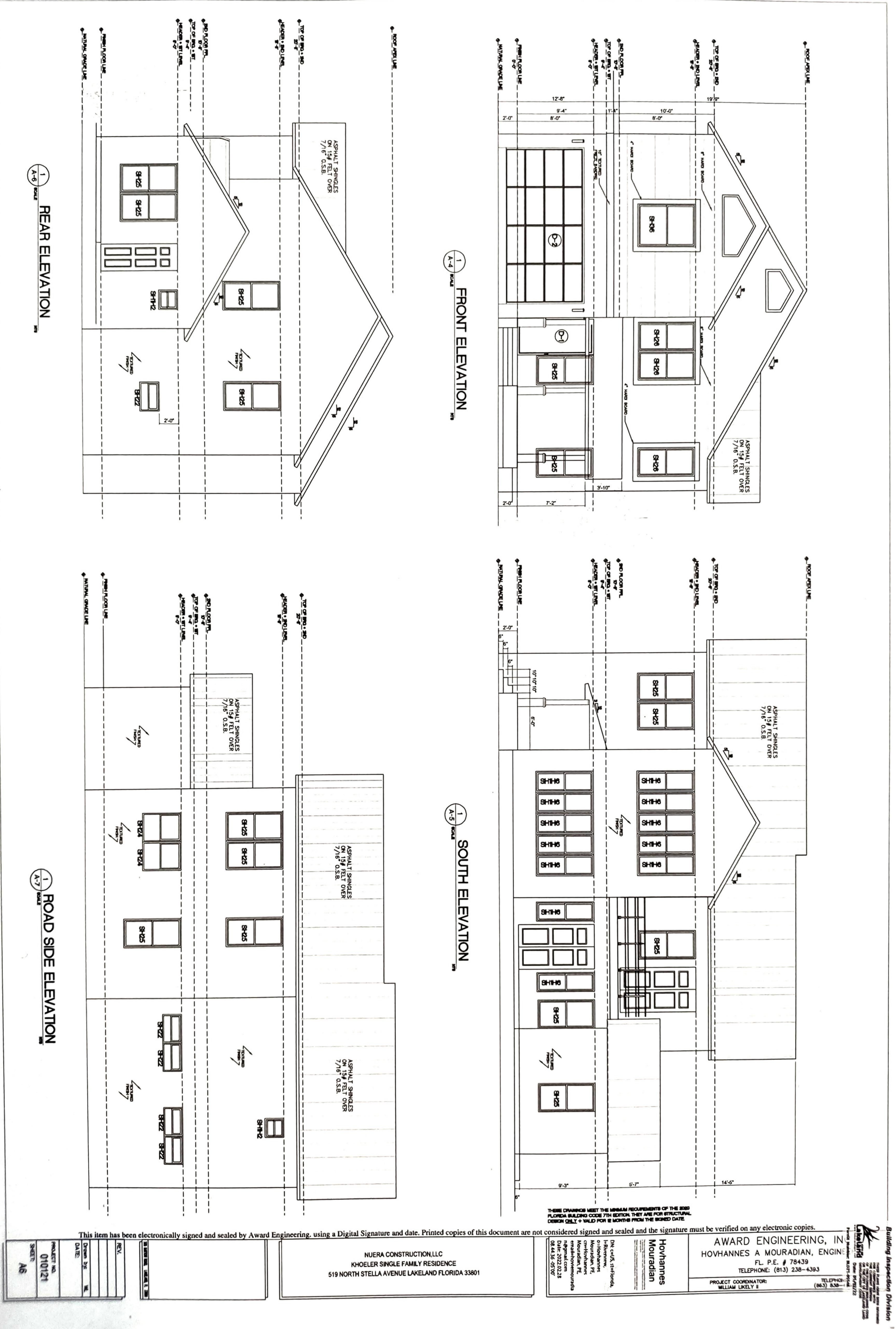
General Information:						
Project No:	VAR23-028 Application Date: 7/5/2023			7/5/2023		
Project Name:	519 N STELLA AV_POOL SETBA	ACK				
Subject Property Address:	519 N STELLA AV					
Parcel ID:	24281819900002071					
Applicant Name:	FREDERICK KOEHLER					
Applicant Address:	504 EAST BAY STREET LAKELAND FL 33801					
Owner Name:	FREDERICK KOEHLER					
Owner Address:	504 EAST BAY STREET LAKELAND FL 33801					

Request:						
Application Type:	VARIANCE					
Current						
Zoning:	RA-4 (Single Family)	Context:	Urban Neighborhood (UNH)			
Lot Dimensions:	115.98' x 75.38'	Square Footage:	2340			
Present Use:	Yard					
Explanation of Request:	Seeking 2 feet of setback in side yard to change 5 foot setback to 3 feet					
Justification:						





NORTH STELLA AVENUE











RE: Variance Request - Project No. VAR23-028

Dear Property Owner:

This notice is to advise you that Frederick Koehler requests a 2' variance to allow a 3' interior side yard setback, in lieu of the 5' minimum setback specified for swimming pools in Table 4.3-3 of the Land Development Code, to allow for the construction of a 13' x 50' in-ground swimming pool in the interior side (south) yard of property located at 519 N. Stella Avenue. The subject property is legally described as:

GROVE PARK SUB PB 6 PG 9 BLK B N 75.15 FT OF LOTS 7 THRU 10. (A COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.)

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ZBAA Hearing	8/1/2023	Reviewer:	Audrey McGuire			
Project No:	VAR23-028	Subject Property:	519 N Stella Avenue			
Owner:	Frederick Koehl	er				
Applicant:	Frederick Koehler					
Current Zoning:	RA-4 (Single-Family) Context District Urban Neighborhood (UNH)			Urban Neighborhood (UNH)		
Request:	A 2' variance to allow a 3' interior side yard setback, in lieu of the 5' minimum setback specified for swimming pools in Table 4.3-3 of the Land Development Code, to allow for the construction of a 13' x 50' in-ground swimming pool in the interior side (south) yard of property located at 519 N. Stella Avenue.					

1.0 Background

The subject property, approximately 0.20 acres in area, consists of a 75' x116' corner lot located at the southeast corner of N. Stella Avenue and E. Magnolia Street. The subject property is located within the Parker Street Special Public Interest (SPI) district and is zoned RA-4 (Single-Family) / UNH (Urban Neighborhood.)

2.0 Discussion

The applicant requests relief from the minimum five-foot setback requirement for pools to construct a 13' x 50' in-ground swimming pool located in the interior side (south) yard of a new single-family home under construction. The applicant's primary justification for the request is related to the floor plan layout of the residence and preferred placement of the pool.

The subject property is located within the Parker Street Special Public Interest (SPI) district, adopted by the City Commission in June of 1993 (Ordinance 3437, as amended). The SPI ordinance provides provisions primarily related to accessory dwelling units and setbacks of existing structures within the district. Under the Parker Street SPI, all new construction must comply with the development standards of the conventional zoning district. The SPI does not provide specific standards related to pools or similar features; therefore, the standards of Table 4.3-3 of the Land Development Code and the RA-4/UNH district are applicable.

Section 4.3.4 of the Land Development Code (LDC) allows for the placement of pools in interior side and rear yards in accordance with Table 4.3-3, which requires a minimum 5-foot interior side yard setback, as measured from the edge of water to the property boundary line. The applicants are requesting a 2-foot variance to allow a 3-foot interior side yard setback in lieu of the required 5-foot setback for the placement of the pool in the interior side (south) yard. It should be noted that there appears to be adequate space in the rear yard to accommodate a 650 square foot swimming pool meeting the standards of Table 4.3-3.

3.0 Recommendation

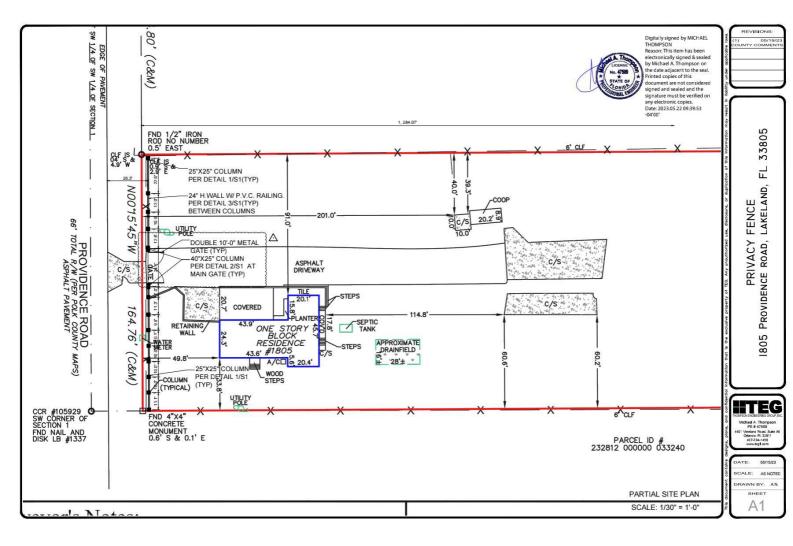
The specific hardship suffered by the applicant is related to the layout and floor plan of the home under construction. While a swimming pool can be accommodated in the rear yard area, the location would not be optimal in terms of the layout and flow of the home's floor plan. However, while the hardship appears to be self-imposed, the adjacent property owner to the south has provided a letter of support indicating that they do not have any objections to granting a variance for the pool.

While the neighboring property owner to the south does not object to the request, the request appears to relate to personal circumstances of the applicant rather than the land itself. Should the Board approve this request it would establish a precedent for similar variances in the future. Therefore, due to the self-imposed nature of the hardship and available alternatives for locating a pool elsewhere on the property, staff is unable to recommend approval of the variance.



General Information:							
Project No:	VAR23-029 Application Date: 7/5/2023						
Project Name:	1805 PROVIDENCE RD_FENCE						
Subject Property Address:	1805 PROVIDENCE RD						
Parcel ID:	23280100000044050						
Applicant Name:	ENMANUEL BAEZ ROSARIO						
Applicant Address:	1805 PROVIDENCE RD LAKELAND FL 33805						
Owner Name:	ENMANUEL BAEZ ROSARIO						
Owner Address:	1805 PROVIDENCE RD LAKELAND FL 33805						

Request:					
Application Type:	VARIANCE				
Current					
Zoning:	RA-4 (Single Family)	RA-4 (Single Family) Context: Urban Neigh			
Lot Dimensions:	4.85 Acres	60			
Present Use:	Single family Residence				
Explanation of Request:	6 feet tall on the front of the lot in concrete and PVC				
Justification:	Only 4 feet is allowed				











RE: Variance Request - Project No. VAR23-029

Dear Property Owner:

This notice is to advise you that Enmanuel Rosario requests a 2' variance to allow a maximum fence height of 6', in lieu of the maximum height of four feet for residential fences and walls in front yards as specified by Figure 4.4.1 of the Land Development Code, to allow for the construction of a six-foot-high wall with horizontal wood panels and a decorative metal gate adjacent to the front property line on property located at 1805 Providence Road. The subject property is legally described as:

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ZBAA Hearing	8/1/2023	Reviewer:	Phillip Scearce			
Project No:	VAR23-029	Subject Property:	1805 Providence	Road		
Owner:	Enmanuel Baez	Rosario				
Applicant:	Enmanuel Baez	Rosario				
Current Zoning:	RA-4 (Single-Fa	mily)	Context District Urban Neighborhood (UNH)			
Request:	A 2' variance to allow a maximum fence height of 6', in lieu of the maximum height of four feet for residential fences and walls in front yards as specified by Figure 4.4.1 of the Land Development Code, to allow a six-foot-high wall with horizontal wood panels and a decorative metal gate adjacent to the front property line on property located at 1805 Providence Road					

1.0 Background

The subject property, approximately 4.85 acres in area, consists of a 166' x 1,285' parcel located on the east side of Providence Road. The subject property, zoned RA-4 (Single-Family Residential) and located within the Urban Neighborhood context sub-district, is presently improved with an existing 1,580 sq. ft. single-family home that was constructed in 1945 according to the Polk County Property Appraiser. On April 4, 2023, the owner of the property was cited by Code Enforcement for constructing a six-foot-high wall with horizontal wood panels and a decorative metal gate adjacent to the front property line without a building permit.

2.0 Discussion

The purpose of this request is to obtain variance relief to allow for the retention of an existing six-foot high wall with horizontal wood panels and a decorative metal gate along the front property line. Section 4.4.3, Figure 4.4.1, of the Land Development Code specifies a maximum height of four feet for fences and walls located in the required front yard area. The wall runs parallel to the front property line for an approximate distance of 166 feet.

When evaluating fence height variances staff determines if there are unique features related to the land itself that would justify granting variance relief. Such features include a change in grade on the property itself or a change in elevation when compared to adjacent properties. The applicant did not provide a justification for the request. The request, however, appears to be justified by the proximity of the single-family home located on the property to Providence Road and the large lot, rural development pattern associated with the subject property and adjacent parcels. Providence Road, which has a posted speed limit of 35 MPH, is classified by Polk County's Roadway Network Database as a two-lane Urban Collector roadway with an average daily trip count of 7,700 trips. Therefore, the proposed wall also acts as a buffer from the traffic and noise generated by the roadway.

3.0 Recommendation

The primary hardship suffered by the applicant is related to proximity of the existing home to Providence Road and the need to buffer impacts associated with traffic generated by the roadway. The requested relief is reasonable and proportionate to the degree of hardship suffered by the applicant and approval would not be contrary to the public interest. Provided there are no substantive objections from adjacent property owners, staff recommends that the request for variance relief be considered for approval.