CITY OF AUSTIN Board of Adjustment/Sign Review Board Decision Sheet

DAT	ΓE: Monday, September 13, 2010	CASE NUMBER: C15-2010-0083
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APF	PLICANT: Peter Anzalone	
ADE	DRESS: 6117 HARROGATE DR	
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	an Walker cutive Secretary	Leane Heldenfels Chairman

From: Peter Anzalone (via Gmail) [peter.anzalone@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2010 12:51 PM

To: Walker, Susan

Cc: 'Carol Anzalone'; 'Peter Anzalone'

Subject: Appeal Letter Case #C15-2010-0083.

ls. Susan Walker enior Planner lanning & Development Review Department

hone: 512-974-2202 ax: 512-974-6536

ls. Walker,

lease accept my request of appeal for Case # C15-2010-0083. I would like to base my appeal on the illowing three concerns, any one of which individually should support our request to maintain of side yard ned:

Failure to consider Unnecessary Hardship created by the City in 2000.

s I have submitted in my testimony, I contacted the City before constructing our shed back in 2000. At that me, I was told that the placement over the side yard setback was not an issue as long as it was not on a ermanent foundation. As the Board itself showed on August 9th, well intentioned educated representatives the City can give out inaccurate information. On August 9th, I was told my application was futile as my ned needed to be fireproofed and brought up to code before they could consider my variance request. I as sent out on a postponement to educate myself as to these costs. Upon research, I found that the Board as in error and no such requirements existed for our shed. I submitted this correct information to the Board my September 13th hearing. Likewise, I received erroneous information in 2000 and will pay the additional costs should the Board refuse this variance. Even with this vivid example of misinformation and the impact on an applicant such as myself, the Board refused to accept the errant information given by the ity in 2000 as an Unnecessary Hardship.

Failure appropriately interpret a special instance of Financial Hardship.

nlike the many other cases before the Board, our instance of Financial Hardship is not about the best tilization of our property for maximum return. Instead, it is about the additional costs that will be imposed by se ordinance to an existing situation. While Board of Adjustment of the City of San Antonio v. Willie, 511 .W.2d 591, 594 (Tex. Civ. App. – San Antonio 1974, writ ref'd n.r.e.) clearly indicates limits to a financial ardship, it does so in light of the "highest and best use" of the property. This is not the case with our shed s it has no bearing on any ROI of our property. Instead, this is about the additional moving or removal osts imposed on our unemployed household by the refusal of this variance.

Inconsistent application of variances in similar environments.

he case immediately before ours on August 9th involved an applicant who wanted to construct an utbuilding (a habitable structure complete with power) on an existing cement pad within 5 feet of her roperty line. This variance was granted in short order without objection, in spite of the fact that the tructure could easily been built elsewhere on her property. Again, this was a variance to construct, not

aintain an existing structure. While our variance was for a lesser structure and had been in existence for ver ten years, this other applicant was approved and ours denied. Part of her request was based on the ct that the cement pad was already in place and it would cost her more to remove it. Our shed is on ocks, not a permanent foundation. Unlike this case, we have secured approvals from all surrounding eighbors when they already knew what was in question, she did not.

ease let me know the next steps in our appeal process.

espectfully, eter Anzalone

ter Anzalone ter.anzalone@gmail.com 17 Harrogate Drive istin, Texas 78759 2-779-8151 9-272-0250 Fax

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APPLICANT: Peter Anzalone	
ADDRESS: 6117 HARROGATE DR	
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Public Hearing: Board of Adjustment Aug 9, 2010
Contact: Susan Walker, 512-974-2202
Case Number: C15-2010-0083 - 6117 Harrogate

From: Evan Marchman [evan.marchman@gmail.com]

Monday, August 09, 2010 8:53 AM Walker, Susan Sent:

To:

Case # C15-2010-0083 - 6117 Harrogate Dr Subject:

Dear Ms. Walker,

I am writing you to voice my support IN FAVOR of the variance requested by the Anzalones regarding their property at 6117 Harrogate Dr. (case #: C15-2010-0083).

My apologies for the late submission.

Best regards,

Evan Marchman 6101 Harrogate Dr Austin, TX 78759 512-619-8426 evan.marchman@gmail.com

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P. O. Box 1088 Austin, TX 78767-8810

From: Pamela Burton [tab62@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 1:02 PM

To: Walker, Susan

Cc: tab62@bellsouth.net

Subject: Case #C15-2010-0083

ear Ms. Walker,

im contacting you regarding case # C15-2010-0083. As a neighbor directly behind the property in question (6200 Colina Lane), vould like to express my full support for the variance request of Mr. & Mrs. Anzalone. In no way does the structure referenced the case detract from the view or value of our property.

you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

ncerely,

om Burton .00 Colina Lane .stin, TX 78759

From: Monti MacMillan [mmacmillan@austin.rr.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 9:00 PM

To: Walker, Susan

Subject: Propsal for a shed variance request

Ve would like to offer our support for Frank and Carol Anzalone's shed variance request.

Lase #C15-2010-0083, located at 6117 Harrogate Dr., Austin, 78759. The shed is very tastefully onstructed, matching their house paint color, and is well maintained. It is almost completely hidden by a fence and ndscaping, which would make someone specifically looking for a violation.

le live across the street from the Anzalones and have no problem whatsoever with their having a shed in its irrent location.

hank you,

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Beth Patterson [bethp524@yahoo.com] From:

Thursday, August 05, 2010 8:52 AM Sent:

Walker, Susan To: John Patterson Cc:

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e support the Anzalone's request for a variance from the Land Development Code.

ncerely, hn and Elizabeth Patterson 12 Harrogate Dr ıstin, Tx 78759

lephone: 512-331-7272

From: Luis Matamoros [Imatamoros@earthlink.net]

Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 9:25 PM

To: Walker, Susan

Subject: Board of Adjustments Case C15-2010-0083 - 6117 Harrogate

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ear Ms. Walker:

am writing in reference to Case Number C15-2010-0083 - 6117 Harrogate, in which my neighbors, Peter and Carol nzalone are requesting a variance on their property. As their direct neighbor facing the building in question I will say at my wife and I are in full support of their request and have no problem whatsoever in their keeping the structure. hey have made all efforts to maintain the structure in top condition over the 5 years we have been neighbors and in way does it represent an issue for us.

ank you for your attention,

uis Matamoros 113 Harrogate Drive 12) 219-6553 If you need assistance completing this application (general inquires only) please contact Susan Walker, 974-2202; 505 Barton Springs Road, 2nd Floor (One Texas Center).

CASE # (15-2010-0083)
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CITY OF AUSTIN OF APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT GENERAL VARIANCE/PARKING VARIANCE

WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

PLEASE: APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED WITH ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION COMPLETED. STREET ADDRESS: 6117 Harrogate Drive, Austin, Texas 78759 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision — The Enclave At Sierra Vista Lot(s) 5 Block A Outlot Division I/We Frank Peter and Carol Suzanne Anzalone on behalf of myself/ourselves as authorized agent for Frank Peter and Carol Suzanne Anzalone affirm that on June 18, 2010, hereby apply for a hearing before the Board of Adjustment for consideration to: (check appropriate items below) ERECT ATTACH COMPLETE REMODEL X MAINTAIN A garden shed located in the side yard on the southeast side of the lot. The 8 foot by 12 foot shed is located at the south corner of the residence, parallel and equal distance from the residence and the softthwest lot line. The attached sketch shows the shed location and size to scale in a SF-2* district. (zoning district) NOTE: The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional support documents.	·
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VARIANCE FINDINGS: I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings (see page 5 of application for explanation of findings):

REASONABLE USE:

1. The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:

Our garden shed has been in this location for over ten (10) years. While the northwest side yard is used for AC Compressors, a walkway and gated access to the backyard, the southeast side yard is fenced in without a gate and unusable for other purposes. There is no room within the southeast side yard to provide for the lot line set back.

HARDSHIP:

2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:

We built this shed back in 2000 at considerable cost after checking with the city and were told that it was permissible as long as it was not a poured foundation and did not exist over utility easements. The shed is on cinder blocks and is not over any utility easements as is shown in the attached letter from Austin Energy. We have been out of work for some time now and simply do not have the resources to remove and rebuild this shed. I have contacted all my neighbors and they have no issue with our shed. Many of my neighbors did not even realize that we have a shed as it is barely visible from the street as shown in the attached pictures.

(b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

As one of the smaller lots in our neighborhood, there is no room to situate the shed out of the usable area within our very limited backyard that is very much used by our two young children. Our shed is the storage location for gardening and yard equipment, bicycles and scooters that will not fit into our small garage. As is the case with many parents on our cul-de-sac, we prefer to keep our cars off the street and driveway to increase visibility and reduce "hiding areas" that small children can run out from. Least this seem an exaggeration, we have 22 elementary age or younger children within the 15 houses on our cul-de-sac portion of Harrogate Drive.

AREA CHARACTER:

3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

The shed is over 60 feet from the street and barely visible behind a tree and fencing (see attached pictures). The construction, trim materials and color are contiguous with our house. It has been in this same location for over ten years and has never been an issue. I have contacted my neighbors and they have no issue with our shed. My closest neighbor to the shed at 6113 Harrogate has specifically voiced his support of this variance request. The shed was in place when he purchased this house in 2005.

PARKING: (Additional criteria for parking variances only.)

Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed Section 479 of Chapter 25-6 with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply:

1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:

NA

2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:

NA

3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:

NA

4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:

<u>NA</u>

NOTE: The Board cannot grant a variance that would provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATE - 1 affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed M. Hillylloyllord

Mail Address 6117 Harrogate Drive

City, State & Zip Austin, Texas 78759

Printed Frank Peter Anzalone Phone 512-249-8422 Date June 18, 2010

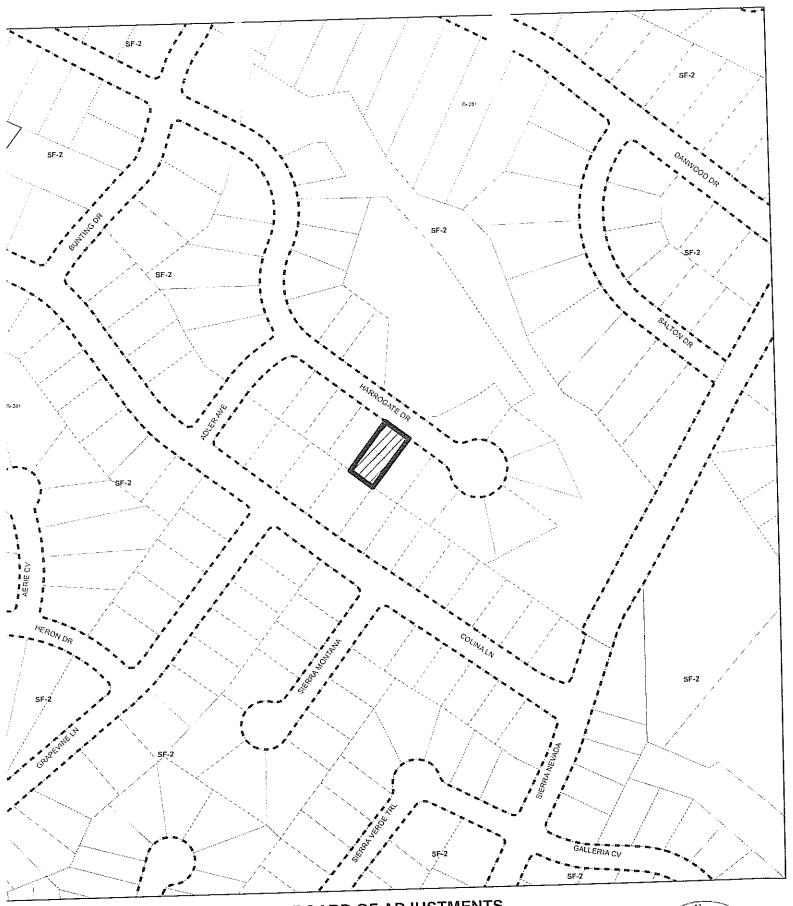
OWNERS CERTIFICATE – I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

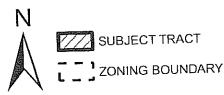
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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

ZONING CASE#: C15-2010-0083

LOCATION: 6117 HARROGATE DR

GRID: H35

MANAGER: SUSAN WALKER



From: Peter Anzalone (via Gmail) [peter.anzalone@gmail.com]

Bent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 11:34 AM

Fo: Walker, Susan
Ca: 'Carol Anzalone'

Subject: Follow-up to your call re distance to the Property Line

od Morning Susan.

anks for your call this morning. The exact distance from the shed to our fence is 9 inches.

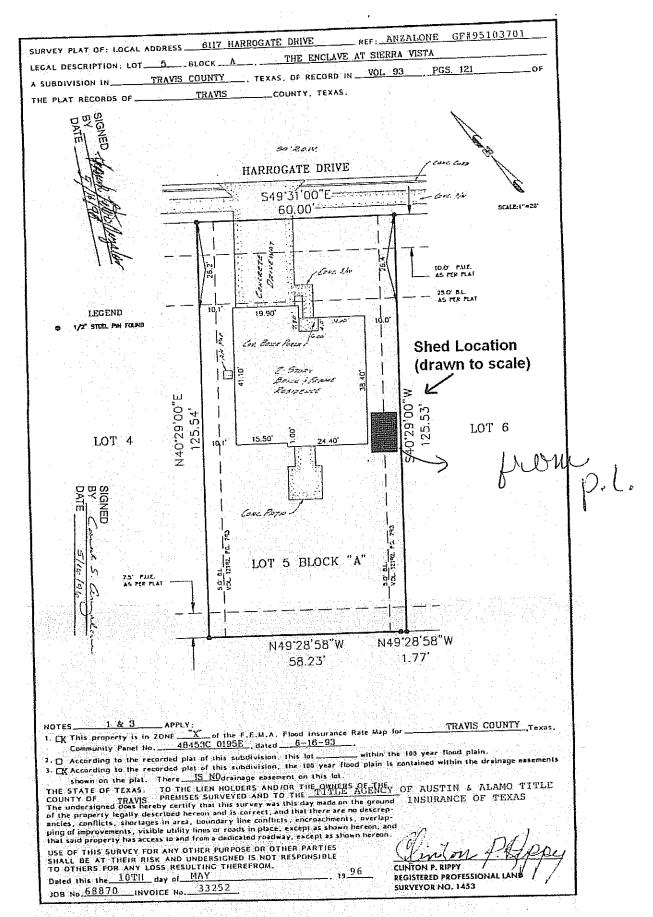
m assuming that the fence is on my side of the property line as it was installed for us by the builder when we rchased the house new in 1996. The lot next to us was empty so it was fully at our request that the fence was built.

ope this helps. If you need pictures or other measurements, please don't hesitate to call or email.

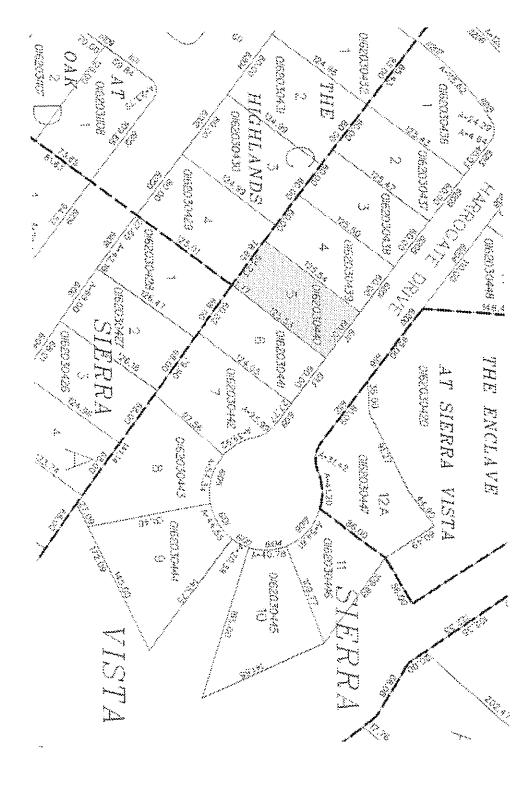
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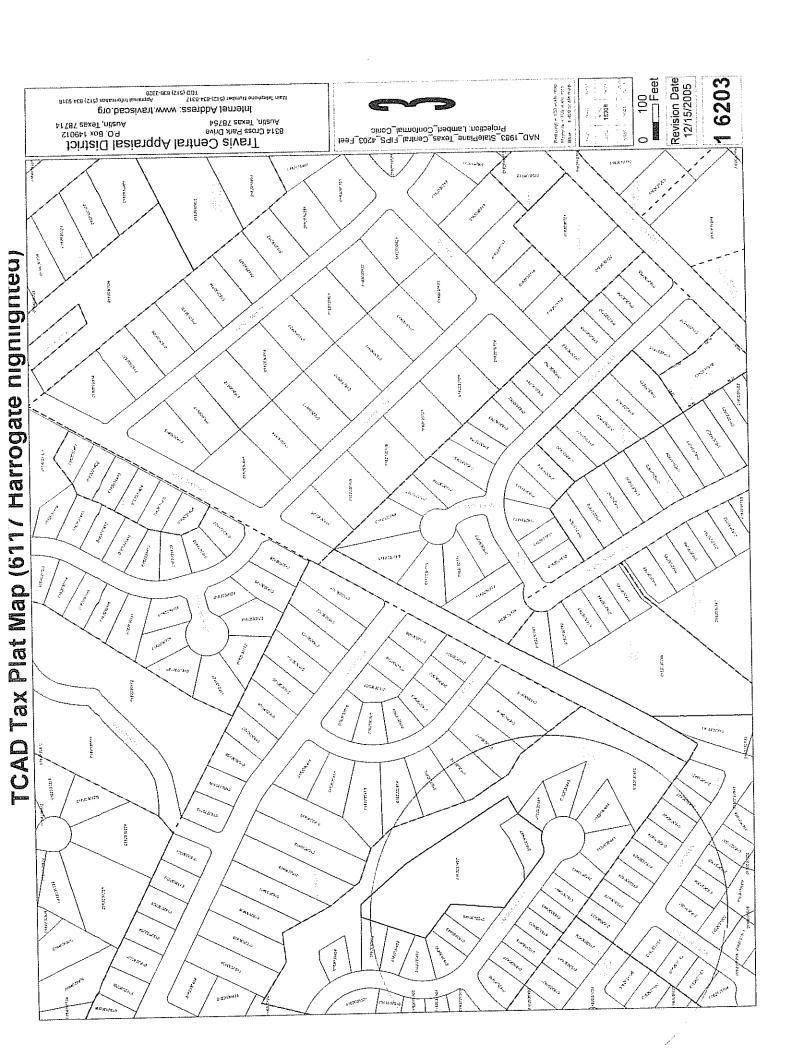
ter Anzalone ter.anzalone@gmail.com 17 Harrogate Drive istin, Texas 78759 2-779-8151 9-272-0250 Fax

Shed Location at 6117 Harroy ... e Drive



Lot Location at 6117 Harrogate Drive (shown shaded)





"No Conflicts" Letter from Austin Energy



City of Austin

www.austinenergy.com Austin's Community-Owned Electric Utility

Town Lake Center • 721 Barton Springs Road • Austin, Texas • 78704

func 9, 2010

Frank Peter and Carol Suzanne Anzalone 6117 Harrogate Dr. Austin, Texas 78759 ANY AND PROPERTY OF THE LAND. 6117 Harrogate Dr. Lot 5 Blk A Enclave at Sierra Vista Re:

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Anzalone,

Austin Energy (AE) has reviewed your application for the above referenced property requesting to matriain a portable building on the side of the home. Austin Energy has no conflicts with this application as requested and shown on the attached red-stamped sketch.

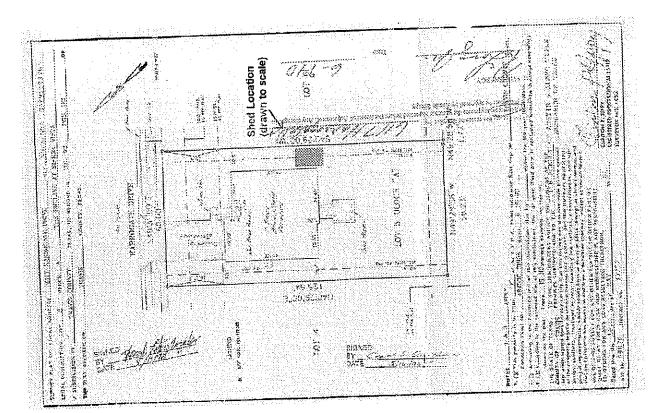
Thank you for checking with us in advance. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 322-6522.

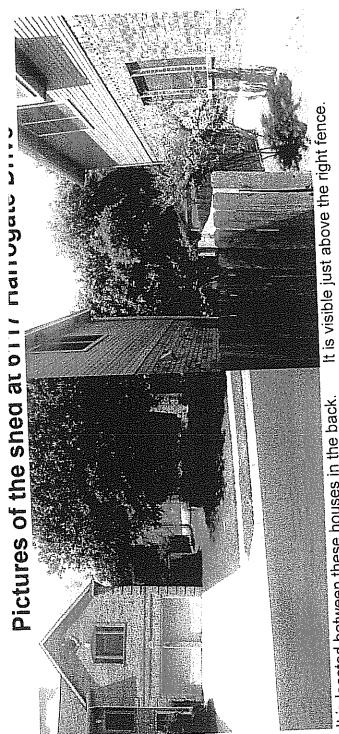
Sincerely...

Robert K. Long, Jr.

Public Involvement/Real Estate Services

Cc. Diana Ramirez and Susan Walker





It is located between these houses in the back.



The shed is effectively shielded from view by the fence and tree within our side yard.

Ramirez, Diana

From:

Skip Cameron [scameron@austin.rr.com]

Sent:

Monday, October 04, 2010 10:36 PM

To:

leane_heldenfels@sbcglobal.net; Clarke.Hammond@gmail.com; heidigoebel@sbcglobal.net; mwh@austin.rr.com; jjack2@austin.rr.com; bryan@bkradio.net; nora_salinas@yahoo.com;

pdi@grandecom.net; Guernsey, Greg; Walker, Susan; Ramirez, Diana

Subject:

C15-2010-0083 Sice Yard Setback Variancd 25-2-492(D) in SF-2 6117 Harrogate Dr.

I receive notice of this variance reconsideration hearing October 11, 2010, but cannot attend.

attend.
Out of curiosity, I visited the property and discussed the case with the applicant.
It appears that a whole stack of code complaints were filed by one cranky person, similar

to the highly publicized case in south Austin.
There is also widespread neighborhood support FOR this variance.

The accessory building is not permanently installed on a slab of concrete.

It is on removable blocks.

Moving it to the back yard would impede the children's play.

I suggest you allow this variance.

If you feel compelled to be "politically correct" you could stipulate that the owner record a covenant on their deed a requirement that voids the variance and requires the accessory building to be moved upon sale of the property.

This seems like a fair and equitable solution ...

I trust you will do the right thing by this applicant to retain mutual trust of your Board, Planning and Development Review and the City by them and their neighborhood.

Skip Cameron, President Bull Creek Foundation 8711 Bluegrass Dr Austin, TX 78759 (512) 794-0531