



McKinley Heights Neighborhood Association

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Case Number: C15-2016-0061, 3104 E. 13th Street

Monday, September 26th, 2016

To the City of Austin's Board of Adjustments,

On July 12th, 2016 the attendees of the McKinley Heights Neighborhood Association's monthly meeting voted on and approved a request for support from Gerard Verkaart regarding a special exemption for a structure that stands less than 5 feet from his property line at 3104 E 13th St. After that vote, a letter was sent to the Board of Adjustments stating our support. It was noted later that our official protocol was inadvertently not followed when this vote was held. In particular, the residents of the neighborhood were not notified in advance that a vote was taking place. Additionally, at the time of that vote the meeting attendees had not yet heard from the other party in this matter, Thomas Henderson. Since that time, no other vote has been held.

In the intervening weeks it has become clear that while some residents continue to support Mr. Verkaart in this matter, others support Mr. Henderson, while others are not sure about the matter.

As the elected board of the McKinley Heights Neighborhood Association, we do not feel that the letter previously sent to the Board of Adjustments can reasonably be assumed to represent the opinion of the neighborhood as a whole. For the reconsideration request being heard on September 28th, 2016, we trust that the City of Austin Board of Adjustments will use all available evidence to make the best and most appropriate decision regarding this exemption request.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Matula".

Michelle Matula

President, McKinley Heights Neighborhood Association