

CITY OF AUSTIN
Board of Adjustment
Decision Sheet
C-1

DATE: July 12, 2021

CASE NUMBER: C16-2021-0010

Y Thomas Ates
 Y Brooke Bailey
 Y Jessica Cohen
 - Melissa Hawthorne (ABSTAINED)
 Y Barbara Mcarthur
 - Rahm McDaniel (OUT)
 - Darryl Pruett (ABSTAINED)
 Y Agustina Rodriguez
 - Richard Smith (OUT)
 Y Michael Von Ohlen
 Y Nicholl Wade
 Y Kelly Blume (Alternate)
 Y Carrie Waller (Alternate)
 - Vacant (Alternate)

APPLICANT: Leah Bojo

OWNER: AISD

ADDRESS: 2309 PANTHER TRL

VARIANCE REQUESTED: The applicant is requesting a sign variance(s) from the 1993 Land Development Code, Sign Regulations, Section 13-2-862 (G) (Signs Authorized in all Districts) from

- a) sign area 32 square feet (maximum allowed) to 260 square feet (requested)
- b) 6 feet height above grade (maximum allowed) to 33 feet (requested) in a “SF-3”, Single-Family zoning district.

Note: The Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District, as amended, states that the City of Austin’s ordinance and rules as they existed on January 1, 1994 shall apply throughout the term of the Interlocal Agreement.

Section 13-2-862 (Signs Authorized in all Districts) (G) Information signs. These include bulletin boards, changeable copy directories, or signs relating solely to public, religious, or charitable institutions, intended for use by the institution on which the sign is located. A maximum of one information sign shall be allowed per institution. Maximum sign area of an information sign is 32 square feet; and maximum height is six feet above grade.

BOARD’S DECISION: BOA JULY 12, 2021 The public hearing was closed by Chair Jessica Cohen, Board Member Michael Von Ohlen motions to Grant; Board Member Carrie Waller seconds on a 9-0-2 vote (Board members Melissa Hawthorne and Darryl Pruett abstains); GRANTED.

FINDING:

1. The variance is necessary because strict enforcement of the Article prohibits and reasonable opportunity to provide adequate signs on the site, considering the unique features of a site such as its dimensions, landscape, or topography, because: the façade of the new building is raised and on a hill that a 32 SF sign is not readable at any reasonable distance from the building

OR,

2. The granting of this variance will not have a substantially adverse impact upon neighboring properties, because: the public educational facility use at the Property demands adequate signage for the frequent visitors it will receive.

OR,

3. The granting of this variance will not substantially conflict with the stated purposes of this sign ordinance, because: the first purpose of the sign ordinance is “to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the City and its residents, and it is meant to ensure that the design and location of signs does not interfere with traffic safety, strictly enforcing the sign ordinance as to the school is as hazard that would conflict with the above provisions.

AND,

4. Granting a variance would not provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated, because: schools throughout Austin are typically permitted to have adequate signage so that students and parents can find their school front entry, the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leader’s placement in a low density residential sign district sign district should not bar its students from receiving these normal privileges.


Elaine Ramirez
Executive Liaison

Diana Ramirez for

Jessica Cohen
Chair