# Zoning Board of Appeals May 25, 2016 Regular Meeting 

## STAFF REPORT

## Subject: ZBA16-011; 1016 Daniel Street

## Summary:

Jimmy Bevilacqua is requesting permission to alter a non-conforming structure in order to expand the non-conforming structure by constructing a front porch addition 20 feet 9.5 inches from the front property line; existing structure is 8 feet 7 inches from front property line, required setback is 10 feet (averaged front setback minimum).

## Background:

The subject parcel is zoned R1D (Single-Family Residential District) and located on Gott Street, north of Miller Road. The parcel is non-conforming for required lot size: subject parcel is 4,486 square feet; minimum lot size is 5,000 square feet. The structure was built in 1901 and is 1,842 square feet.

## Description:

The petitioner would like to construct an approximately 55 square foot covered porch addition to the front (west side) of the house. There is an existing 4 foot 11 inch by 12 foot 1 inch front porch that will be reconstructed and increased in length along the front of the house by 11feet 3 inches. After construction the entire front porch will be 23 feet 4 inches long by 4 feet 11 inches deep and 110 square feet. The proposed porch will be unenclosed and will match the architectural design of the house. The new porch will not be any closer to the front property line than the existing porch. The existing house is non-conforming for the front setback at 8 feet 7 inches to the existing covered front porch.

The required front setback which is based on averaging of existing neighboring properties is less than 10 feet. However, Chapter 55(Zoning), Section 5:57(Averaging an existing front setback) allows the averaged setback to be reduced only to a minimum of 10 feet. A variance is not required because the new porch addition will not encroach any further into the front setback than the existing porch.

## Standards for Approval- Permission to Alter a Non-Conforming Structure

The Zoning Board of Appeals has all the power granted by State law and by Section 5:98, from the City of Ann Arbor Zoning Ordinance. The following criteria shall apply:

The alteration complies as nearly as practicable with the requirements of the Zoning Chapter and will not have a detrimental effect on neighboring property.

The home was constructed before current zoning standards were in effect. The proposed porch addition will be constructed to match the depth of the porch that was originally constructed on the house. The porch will be setback 8 feet 7 inches from the front property line consistent with the existing front porch.

The subject parcel is non-conforming for lot size required and the placement of the house near the front property line limits the area available for an addition to the rear of the house. The expansion of the porch will allow the petitioner to improve their property while respecting the intent of the Zoning Ordinance and remaining consistent with other houses on the neighborhood. Staff does not feel that the requested permission would negatively affect any surrounding property. The subject house is located in an area of houses with similar density and scale.

Respectfully submitted,


Matthew J. Kowalski, AICP
City Planner



1016 Daniel St


## APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE OR NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

| Section 1: Applicant Information |
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| Name of Applicant: Jimmi Fevilacqua $\qquad$ <br> Address of Applicant: 3250 W. LBERTY RD. <br> Daytime Phone: 917-822-0108 <br> Fax: 734-332-1515 <br> Email: JIMMY@ HOMEWITHMEADOWLARK.COM <br> Applicant's Relationship to Property: DESIGNER / CONTPACTOR |
| Section 2: Property Information |
| Address of Property: 1016 DANIEL ST. $\qquad$ <br> Zoning Classification: RZA <br> Tax ID\# (if known): $09-09-20-405-001$ $\qquad$ <br> *Name of Property Owner: DANIEL + MELISSA ADAMS <br> *If different than applicant, a letter of authorization from the property owner must be provided. |
| Section 3: Request Information |
| 歪 Variance <br> PERMISSioM TO ALTER. <br> Chapter(s) and Section(s) from which a variance is requested: <br> Chapter 55, Article III, Section 5:30 $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> Example: Chapter 55, Section 5:26 <br> Required dimension: <br> PROPOSED dimension: <br> $25^{\prime}$ Frowl SETBACK $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> Example: 40' front setback $\qquad$ $20^{1} 9^{1 / 211}$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> Example: 32' <br> Give a detailed description of the work you are proposing and why it will require a variance (attach additional sheets if necessary) |
| Section 4: VARIANCE REQUEST (If not applying for a variance, skip to section 5) |
| The City of Ann Arbor Zoning Board of Appeals has the powers granted by State law and City Code Chapter 55, Section 5:98. A variance may be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals only in cases involving practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships when ALL of the following is found TRUE. Please provide a complete response to each item below. These responses, together with the required materials in Section 5 of this application, will form the basis for evaluation of the request by staff and the Zoning Board of Appeals. (continued ) |

1. Are there hardships or practical difficulties to complying with the ordinance? Are these hardships or practical difficulties an exception or unique to the property compared to other properties in the City?

2. Are the hardships or practical difficulties more than mere inconvenience, inability to obtain a higher financial return? (explain) $\qquad$
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obtain a higher financial return? (explain)
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3. What effect will granting the variance have on the neighboring properties? $\qquad$
None.
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4. What physical characteristics of your property in terms of size, shape, location or topography prevent you from using it in a way that is consistent with the ordinance? The property is sloped in a way that
the driveway aceess takes up a large. portion of buildalole area.
5. Is the condition which prevents you from complying with the ordinance selfimposed? How did the condition come about?

## Section 5: ALTERATION TO A NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE

Current use of the property LIO1- RESIDENTIAC
The proposed change is allowed in accordance with Structure Non-Conformance, Section 5:87 (1) (a) \& (b), which reads as follows:
(1) A non-conforming structure may be maintained or restored, but no alteration shall be made to a non-conforming structure unless one of the following conditions is met:
a. The alteration is approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals upon finding that it complies as nearly as practicable with the requirements of this Chapter and that it will not have a detrimental effect on neighboring property.
b. The alteration conforms to all the requirements of this Chapter and is made to a building which will be a single-family dwelling on completion of the alteration and is located in an R1,R2, R3, or R4 district.
c. The structure is considered non-conforming due to the following reasons (continued . . .. )

Lot area $\qquad$ 8500 SQ. FT.
Lot width $\qquad$ 60 FT
Floor area ratio N/A
N/A
Open space ratio $N / A$ $N / A$

Setbacks $29^{\circ}-2^{\prime \prime}$ SIDE, $26^{\prime}-60^{\prime \prime}$ REAR $S^{\prime} \operatorname{SIDE,~30^{\circ }\text {REAR}}$
Parking $\qquad$ N/A

Landscaping $\qquad$ N/A $N / A$

Other

Describe the proposed alterations and state why you are requesting this approval:
THE CHANGES PROPOSED ARE TO REMOVE THE EXISTING FRONT PORCH AND ADD A WIDER + DEEAER for ch.

The alteration complies as nearly as is practicable with the requirements of the Chapter and will not have a detrimental effect on neighboring property for the following reasons:

THE FRONT PORCH COMPLES WTH THE FRONT SETBACK DICTATED BY DANE STREET. IT ALSO DOES NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE HOUSE, CAUSING NO FURTHER INDEED MEAT INTO THE FRONT SETBACK DICTATED BY BROOKSIDE RIDER. BOTH IMPACTED SIDES DO NOT HAVE NEIGHBORING LOTS.

Wherefore, Petitioner requests that permission be granted from the above named Chapter and Section of the Ann Arbor City Code in order to permit $\qquad$

## Section 6: Required Materials

The following materials are required for all variance requests. Failure to provide these materials will result in an incomplete application and will delay staff review and Zoning Board of Appeals consideration of the request. The materials listed below must accompany the application and constitute an inseparable part of the application.
All materials must be provided on $81 / 2$ " by 11 " sheets. (Continued )

- Survey of the property including all existing and proposed structures, dimensions of property, and area of property.
- Building floor plans showing interior rooms, including dimensions.
- Photographs of the property and any existing buildings involved in the request.
- Any other graphic or written materials that support the request.


## Section 7: Acknowledgement

SIGNATURES MUST BE SIGNED IN PRESENCE OF NOTARY PUBLIC
I, the applicant, request a variance from the above named Chapters) and Sections) of the Ann Arbor City Code for the stated reasons, in accordance with the materials attached hereto.

व17-822-8108
Phone Number
JIMMY O-HOMENITHMEADONLARLCOM Email Address


I, the applicant, hereby depose and say that all of the aforementioned statements, and the statements contained in the materials submitted herewith are true and correct.


Further, I hereby give City of Ann Arbor Planning) \& Development Services unit staff and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals permission to access the subject property for the purpose of reviewing my variance request.


I have received a copy of the informational cover sheet with the deadlines and meeting dates and acknowledge that staff does not remind the petitioner of the meeting date and times.

On this $\qquad$ day of
 and made oath that he/she has read the foregoing application by himher subscribed and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true as to his/her own knowledge except as to those matters therein stated to be upon his information and belief as to those matters, he/she believes them to be true.


## Staff Use Only

Date Submitted: $\qquad$
File No.: $\qquad$
Pre-filing Staff Reviewer \& Date $\qquad$ Date of Public Hearing ZBA Action: $\qquad$ Pre-Filing Review: $\qquad$
Staff Reviewer \& Date:

## 4/25/2016

## Re: Authorization of Designated Agent

## To Whom It May Concern:

I have designated James Bevilacqua of Meadowlark Builders as my agent for all matters relating to obtaining/securing permits, zoning variances, and inspections, as required, for the new home construction project at:

1016 Daniel Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Thank you,


Daniel Adams



Date
$\frac{4 / 26 / 16}{\text { Date }}$

# ADAMS RESIDENCE FRONT PORCH ADDITION/EXTERIOR REMODEL ZBA SUBMITTAL 1016 DANIEL STREET ANN ARBOR, MI 48103 





EXISTING FIRST FLOOR PLAN


PROP. FIRST FLOOR PLAN
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EXST PHOTO: WEST ELEVATION



From: Tricia Martin
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 6:07 PM
To: Gale, Mia
Subject: ZBA16-011; 1016 Daniel Street
Hello Mia,
My husband and I live at 289 Sunset Rd., Ann Arbor, 48103. We would like to let the board know that we hope that our neighbors at 1016 Daniel will be allowed the variance to build their front porch.
Thanks,
Tricia and Nate Foerg

