# Zoning Board of Appeals <br> June 22, 2016 Regular Meeting 

## STAFF REPORT

## Subject: ZBA16-011; 1016 Daniel Street

## Summary:

Jimmy Bevilacqua is requesting a variance from Chapter 55 Section 5:57, Averaging an Existing Setback. The current average front setback is 25 feet 3 inches and the applicant is proposing a 23 foot 7 inch setback for an overall variance of 1 foot 8 inches.

## Description:

The subject parcel is zoned R2A (Two-family) and is 7,230 square feet in area, code requires a minimum of 8,500 square feet for the district. The property is at the corner of Daniel Street and Brookridge Road, which requires the property to have two front setback requirements. The home was built in 1952 and is 1,170 square feet in size.

## Discussion:

The petitioner would like to construct an approximately 252 square foot covered porch addition to the front of the house. There is an existing 4 foot 6 inch by 8 foot 4 inch front porch that will be reconstructed and increased in length along the entire front of the house ( $31^{\prime} 6$ ") and increased in depth to 8 feet. After construction the entire front porch will be 31feet 6 inches long by 8 feet deep and 252 square feet. The proposed porch will be unenclosed and will match the architectural design of the house.

## Standards for Approval- Variance

The Zoning Board of Appeals has all the power granted by State law and by Section 5:99, Application of the Variance Power from the City of Ann Arbor Zoning Ordinance. The following criteria shall apply:
(a). That the alleged hardships or practical difficulties, or both, are exceptional and peculiar to the property of the person requesting the variance, and result from conditions which do not exist generally throughout the City.

Applicant states that due to a corner lot and the zoning ordinance applying two front setbacks and the average front setback increasing the setback to 25 feet 3 inches; it reduces the size of an allowable front porch to 6 feet 8 inches.
(b). That the alleged hardships or practical difficulties, or both, which will result from a failure to grant the variance, include substantially more than mere inconvenience, inability to attain a higher financial return, or both.

Applicant states that most of the remaining area on the lot that remains buildable is where the driveway accesses the detached garage at the back of the lot. However, a smaller front porch could be constructed at this location without the need for a variance.
(c). That allowing the variance will result in substantial justice being done, considering the public benefits intended to be secured by this Chapter, the individual hardships that will be suffered by a failure of the Board to grant a variance, and the rights of others whose property would be affected by the allowance of the variance.

The applicant states that the variance will have no negative effect on neighboring properties. The front porch is consistent with many structures in the surrounding neighborhood.
(d). That the conditions and circumstances on which the variance request is based shall not be a self imposed hardship or practical difficulty.

The front setback area has a sloped topography and the property has two front setbacks which limit the areas for expanding or improving the home. The existing house was constructed before zoning regulations were in place.
(e). A variance approved shall be the minimum variance that will make possible a reasonable use of the land or structure.

The variance, if approved, will permit construction of a 31 ' 6 " $x 8$ ' ( 252 square foot) front porch at the front yard of the property. Although the variance requested is small, only 1 foot 8 inches, by reducing the size of the deck the code requirements can still be met.

Respectfully submitted,


Jon Barrett
Zoning Coordinator



1016 Daniel St


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

## LEGAL INFORMATION

PARCEL NUMBER: 09-09-20-405-001 PROPERTY CLASS: 401-RESIDENTIAL
OCCUPANCY: SINGLE FAMILY
FLOOD PLAIN: N/A
HISTORIC DISTRICT: N/A
YEAR BUILT: 1952
SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS

## CODEDATA

JURISDICTION: CITY OF ANN ARBOR
ZONING: R2A (2-FAMILY DWELLING)
CODES: MICH. RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2015

REGULATIONS
8500 SQFT
60'
25'-3"
25'
5
$30^{\prime}$
$30^{\prime}$

EXISTING
7405 SQFT
771
25'-3

## 15'-8 3/4

$5^{1}$
20'-8'
$16^{\prime}-6^{\prime \prime}$

FRONTPORC

## N/A

N/A
23'-7"
21'-73/4'
NO CHANGE
NO CHANGE
NO CHANGE

VARIANCE/PERMINSSION TO ALTER REQ'D PRE-EXST NON-CONF.

VARIANCE REQ'D
PERMISSION TO ALTERPRE-EXST NON-CONFORMING REQ'D
PRE-EXST NON-CONF.



EXISTING FIRST FLOOR PLAN









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

