



# City of Ann Arbor

## Formal Minutes - Draft

### Zoning Board of Appeals

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Wednesday, September 28, 2022

6:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second  
floor, City Council Chambers

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**A      CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Briere called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.**

**B      ROLL CALL**

*Chair Briere called the roll.*

**Others present:**

**Matt Kowalski, City Planner**

**Courtney Manor, City Staff**

**Present:** 8 - Candice Briere, David DeVarti, Michael B. Daniel, Todd Grant, Elizabeth Nelson, Julia Goode, Christopher Madigan, and Kristina A. Glusac

**C      APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Dave DeVarti, seconded by Julia Goode, to approve agenda. Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.**

**D      APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**D-1**      [22-1496](#)

August 24,2022 ZBA Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:**    August 24 2022 ZBA Meeting Minutes.pdf

**Moved by Kristina Glusac, seconded by DeVarti to Approve the August 24, 2022 ZBA meeting minutes.**

**Minutes were unanimously approved and forwarded to City Council.**

**E**      **PUBLIC HEARINGS****E-1**      [22-1497](#)    **ZBA22-2016; 700 Barton Drive; [Postponed from August ZBA Meeting]**

Rodger Bowser, property owner, is requesting relief from Section 5.32.2 Alteration to a Nonconforming Structure and a variance of 14 feet 9 inches from Section 5.18.5 (Averaging an existing front setback) to construct a detached single-car garage along Chandler Road. The required averaged setback is 35 feet. The property is zoned R1C, Single-Family Dwelling District.

**Attachments:**    Staff Report ZBA22-2016; 700 Barton Dr.pdf, 700 Barton Dr Zoning Map.pdf, 700 Barton Dr Aerial Map.pdf, 700 Barton Dr Aerial Map Zoom.pdf, Email in support of 700 Barton Drive 9-7-2022.pdf

*APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE:*

*Rodger Bowser, owner, presented the proposed request.*

*PUBLIC HEARING:*

*Seeing no speakers, Chair Briere closed the Public Hearing.*

**Moved by DeVarti, seconded by Chris Madigan in Petition of ZBA22-2016; 700 Barton Drive.**

**Based on the following findings and in accordance with the established standards for approval, the Zoning Board of Appeals hereby GRANTS a variance of 14 feet 9 inches from Section 5.18.5 (Averaging an existing front setback) to construct a detached single-car garage along Chandler Road. The required averaged setback is 35 feet. The addition is to be built per the submitted plans.**

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**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

*Board members Glusac, Grant and Madigan expressed support of proposed request and stated they would be voting yes. Board member Daniel expressed he would be voting yes.*

*Board member DeVarti expressed he was torn on voting yes.*

**On a roll call vote the vote was as follows with Chair Briere declaring the request GRANTED. 8-0.**

**Yeas:** 8 - Chair Briere, DeVarti, Daniel, Grant, Councilmember Nelson, Goode, Madigan, and Glusac

**Nays:** 0

**E-2**      **22-1498**      **ZBA22-2018; 2394 Winewood Avenue**

Eric Parkhurst, Parkhurst Services, LLC., is requesting a variance from Section 5.16.3.G.7 Use Specific Standards. A requested variance of 6% from the requirement that 10% of a grow facilities energy use must come from Solar Panels on the site. Petitioner can only provide 4% of total energy use via solar panels on site. The property is zoned M1, Industrial District.

**Attachments:** Staff Report ZBA22-2018; 2394 Winewood.pdf, 2394 Winewood Ave Zoning Map.pdf, 2394 Winewood Ave Aerial Map.pdf, 2394 Winewood Ave Aerial Map Zoom.pdf, Solar consultant report.pdf

**APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE:**

*Eric Parkhurst, business owner, presented the proposed request.*

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

*Seeing no speakers, Chair Briere closed the Public Hearing.*

**Moved by DeVarti, seconded by Elizabeth Nelson in Petition of ZBA22-2018, 2394 Winewood Avenue.**

**Based on the following findings and in accordance with the established standards for approval, the Zoning Board of Appeals hereby GRANTS a variance from Section 5.16.3.G.7 Use Specific Standards of 6% from the requirement that 10% of a grow facilities energy use must come from Solar Panels on the site. Petitioner can only provide 4% of total energy use via solar panels on site.**

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

*Board member Madigan states request doesn't meet required standards and that he will vote no.*

*Board member DeVarti and Goode discussed the proposed request.*

**On a roll call vote the vote was as follows with Chair Briere declaring the request GRANTED. Vote 6-2.**

**Yeas:** 6 - Chair Briere, DeVarti, Daniel, Grant, Councilmember Nelson, and Glusac

**Nays:** 2 - Goode, and Madigan

**E-3**      **22-1499**      **ZBA22-2020; 300 Montgomery Avenue**

Ryan Beekman, property owner, is requesting relief from Section 5.32.2 Alteration to a Nonconforming Structure in order to add a second story to the existing garage. The garage encroaches three inches into the side yard setback and two inches into the rear yard setback. The required setback is 3 feet for accessory buildings. The property is zoned R2A, Two-Family Dwelling District.

**Attachments:** Staff Report ZBA22-2020; 300 Montgomery Ave.pdf, 300 Montgomery Ave Zoning Map.pdf, 300 Montgomery Ave Aerial Map.pdf, 300 Montgomery Ave Aerial Map Zoom.pdf, Email in support 300 Montgomery 9-7-2022.pdf

**APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE:**

*Ryan Beekman, property owner, presented the proposed request.*

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

*Seeing no speakers, Chair Briere closed the Public Hearing.*

**Moved by DeVarti, seconded by Madigan in Petition of ZBA22-2020; 300 Montgomery Avenue.**

**The Zoning Board of Appeals hereby GRANTS relief from Section 5.32.2 Alteration to a Nonconforming -Structure to add a second story to the existing garage. The garage encroaches three inches into the side yard setback and two inches into the rear yard setback. The construction must comply with the submitted plans.**

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

*Board member Madigan expressed his support for the proposed request.*

**On a roll call vote the vote was as follows with Chair Briere declaring the request GRANTED. Vote 8-0.**

**Yeas:** 8 - Chair Briere, DeVarti, Daniel, Grant, Councilmember Nelson, Goode, Madigan, and Glusac

**Nays:** 0

**E-4**      **22-1500**      **ZBA22-2022; 912 Mary Street**

Satch Chada, property owner, is requesting relief from Section 5.32.2 Alteration to a Nonconforming Structure to allow for additions to the existing nonconforming structure. The building is currently a certified five-unit rental that is nonconforming for lot area and side setbacks. The owners seek to renovate the entire structure with complete interior alterations and several small additions that will decrease the number of existing units by one unit for a total of four units. The additions will not encroach further into the side setbacks. All setbacks will remain unchanged. The property is zoned R4C, Multiple- Family.

**Attachments:** Staff Report ZBA22-2022; 912 Mary.pdf, 912 Mary St Zoning Map.pdf, 912 Mary St Aerial Map.pdf, 912 Mary St Aerial Map Zoom.pdf, Email of support 912 Mary St 9-7-2022.pdf

***APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE:***

*Satch Chada, property owner, presented the proposed request.*

***PUBLIC HEARING:***

*Seeing no callers, Chair Briere closed the Public Hearing.*

**Moved by DeVarti, seconded by Glusac in Petition of ZBA22-2022; 912 Mary Street.**

**The Zoning Board of Appeals hereby GRANTS relief from Section 5.32.2 Alteration to a Nonconforming -Structure to allow for additions to the existing nonconforming structure. The building is currently a certified five-unit rental which will be reduced to four units and is nonconforming for lot area and side setbacks. The construction must comply with the submitted plans.**

***BOARD DISCUSSION:***

*Board member Nelson expressed concern of housing competition between owners of rental housing in City. Board member Goode expressed support for Nelson's concern.*

*Board members Daniel, DeVarti, Grant, Madigan and Goode expressed support for the proposed request.*

**On a roll call vote the vote was as follows with Chair Briere declaring**

the request **GRANTED. Vote 8-0.**

**Yeas:** 8 - Chair Briere, DeVarti, Daniel, Grant, Councilmember Nelson, Goode, Madigan, and Glusac

**Nays:** 0

**F UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*None.*

**G NEW BUSINESS**

*None.*

**H COMMUNICATIONS**

**H-1**     [22-1501](#)     Various communication to the ZBA

**Received and Filed**

**I PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

*No Speakers.*

**J ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by DeVarti Seconded by Goode to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM.**

Candice Briere, Chairperson

Matt Kowalski, City Planner  
/courtney manor

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