## NOTICE FOR POSTING

## MEETING OF

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, PANEL C

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021


#### Abstract

BRIEFING: 11:00 a.m. via Videoconference and in 6ES, Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street


HEARING: 1:00 p.m. via Videoconference and in 6ES, Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street

* The Board of Adjustment hearing will be held by videoconference and in 6ES at City Hall. Individuals who wish to speak in accordance with the Board of Adjustment Rules of Procedure by joining the meeting virtually, should register online at https://form.jotform.com/210907944450153 or contact the Planning and Urban Design Department at 214-670-4209 by the close of business Friday, November 12, 2021. All virtual speakers will be required to show their video in order to address the board. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting virtually, however, City Hall is available for those wishing to attend the meeting in person following all current pandemic-related public health protocols. Public Affairs and Outreach will also stream the public hearing on Spectrum Cable Channel 96 or 99; and bit.ly/cityofdallastv or YouTube.com/CityofDallasCityHall, and the WebEx link: https://bit.ly/BDA111521

Purpose: To take action on the attached agenda, which contains the following:

1. Board of Adjustment appeals of cases the Building Official has denied.
2. And any other business which may come before this body and is listed on the agenda.

## Handgun Prohibition Notice for Meetings of Governmental Entities

"Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun."
"De acuerdo con la sección 30.06 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola oculta), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola oculta."
"Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly."
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> Andreea Udrea, PhD, AICP, Assistant Director (Interim)
> Jennifer Muñoz, Chief Planner/Board Administrator

Pamela Daniel, Senior Planner
LaTonia Jackson, Board Secretary

| PUBLIC TESTIMONY |  |
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| Minutes | M1 |
| Approval of the October 18, 2021 Board of Adjustment <br> Panel C Public Hearing Minutes <br> Approval of the 2022 Board of Adjustment Calendar <br> Approval of the 2022 Board of Adjustment Schedule | M2 |



6401 Richmond Ave.
REQUEST: Application of Jeff Baron for a waiver of the two-year waiting period to submit a board application on the same or related request

## UNCONTESTED CASE(S)

| BDA201-100(PD) |
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| BDA201-105(PD) |
| BDA201-107(PD) |

1609 Houghton Rd.
REQUEST: Application of Frank P. Moscrey for a special exception to the fence standards regulations.

5532 Park Lane
REQUEST: Application of Karl Crawley of Masterplan Texas for a special exception to the fence height regulations.

8656 Forest Hills Blvd.
REQUEST: Application of Larry Nickell for a special exception to the single-family use regulations and variances to the side yard setback regulations and to the building height regulations.

5005 Denton Drive
REQUEST: Application of Raymond Bronner for a variance to the front yard setback regulations.

## REGULAR CASES

None.

## HOLDOVERS

BDA201-092(PD)
10645 Lennox Lane
REQUEST: Application of Danielle Mathews of Masterplan
Texas for a special exception to the fence height regulations.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]
2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]
3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]
4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]
5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]
6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex Govt. Code §551.087]
7. deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.089]

## FILE NUMBER: BDA201-W01

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Application of Jeff Baron for a waiver of the twoyear waiting period to submit a board application on the same or related request per Section 51A-4.703(e) regarding variances to the side yard setback regulations at 6401 Richmond Avenue. This property is more fully described as Part of Lot 15, Block B/2788 and is zoned Tract III within Conservation District No. 2. On Monday, June 21, 2021, Panel B approved variances to the side and cornerside yard setback regulations to permit construction of a proposed single-family dwelling unit.

LOCATION: 6401 Richmond Avenue
APPLICANT: Jeff Baron

## REQUESTS:

The applicant requests a waiver of the two-year waiting period due to the discovey of additional right-of-way dedication needed for Abrams Road. Section 51A-4.402(2) states that the setback will be taken from the greater of either the property line or right-of-way line. This discovery further restricts the area and imposes upon the granted onefoot variance along the west side of the property. The applicant would like to reapply for a larger cornerside yard setback variance to cover the increased right-of-way circumstance and allow for the development of the site as previously requested.

## STANDARD FOR A WAIVER:

(e) Two year limitation.
(1) Except as provided below, after a final decision is reached by the board, no further request on the same or related issues may be considered for that property for two years from the date of the final decision.
(2) If the board renders a final decision of denial without prejudice, the two year limitation is waived.
(3) The applicant may apply for a waiver of the two year limitation in the following manner:
(A) The applicant shall submit his request in writing to the director. The director shall inform the applicant of the date on which the board will consider the request and shall advise the applicant of his right to appear before the board.



## To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request a time waiver for board case BDA 201-052 which was approved June 24, 2021.
We requested a variance to the side yard setback to meet the required building width as outlined in the Lakewood Conservation District for Tract III. Our lot is 50 ' wide and the required building width in tract III is $40^{\prime}$. We were granted a $10^{\prime}$ variance to the $15^{\prime}$ side yard setback. Upon Zoning review as part of the permit process ordinance 4791 filed February $4^{\text {th }}, 1929$ in commissioner court record identified a 3' right of way along Abrams road. According to Section 51A-4.402, setbacks are taken from the greater of the property line or a right of way line established by ordinance. To Satisfy the conservation districts requirements to have a $40^{\prime}$ minimum width, we would need to request a $13^{\prime}$ Variance to the west Side yard setback. We are not proposing to move the house in any way, the verbiage of the request was in correct since the provision listed in Section 51A-4.402 was not taken into consideration at the time of our previous request.

I appreciate your consideration in the matter and available to answer any questions.
Thank you,


Jeff Baron

SEC. 51A-4.402. MINIMUM SIDE YARD.
(1) Required side yards must be open and unobstructed except for fences and light poles 20 feet or less in height. Except as otherwise provided in this section, ordinary projections of window sills, belt courses, cornices, and other architectural features may not project more than 12 inches into the required side yard. A fireplace chimney may project up to two feet into the required side yard if its area of projection does not exceed 12 square feet. Roof eaves may project up to three feet into the required side yard. Balconies may not project into the required side yard.
(2) The side yard setback is measured from the side lot line of the building site, except when a front yard is treated as a side yard, the setback is measured from the lot line or the required right-of-way as determined by the thoroughfare plan for all thoroughfares, whichever creates the greater setback. On minor streets, the setback is measured from the lot line or the existing right-of-way, whichever creates the greater setback.
(A) When city council by ordinance establishes a specific right-of-way line for a street, the required setback is measured from that right-of-way line.

## FILE NUMBER: BDA201-100 (PD)

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Application of Frank Moscrey for a special exception to the fence standards regulations at 1609 Houghton Road. This property is more fully described as Lot 6, Block 29/6237, and is zoned an R-7.5(A) Single Family District, which prohibits the use of certain materials. The applicant proposes to construct and maintain a six-foot-high fence in a required side and rear yard utilizing prohibited materials which will require a special exception to the fence standards regulations regarding materials.

## LOCATION: 1609 Houghton Road

## APPLICANT: Frank Moscrey

## REQUEST:

The applicant is seeking to install a six-foot-high fence using prohibited steel metal sheet material (corrugated metal) on the fence and sliding gate on a property currently developed with an approximately 1,246-square-foot single-family dwelling constructed in 1954.

## STANDARD FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO FENCE STANDARDS:

Section 51A-4.602 of the Dallas Development Code states that the board may grant a special exception to the fence standards when, in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

No staff recommendation is made on this or any request for a special exception to the fence standards since the basis for this type of appeal is when in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

## Zoning:

Site: $\quad$ R-7.5(A) (Single Family District)
North: $\quad$ R-7.5(A) (Single Family District)
East: $\quad$ R-7.5(A) (Single Family District)
South: $\quad$ R-7.5(A) (Single Family District)
West: $\quad$ R-7.5(A) (Single Family District)

## Land Use:

The subject site is currently developed with a single-family dwelling. Surrounding properties to the north, east, south, and west are developed with single-family dwellings as well.

Zoning/BDA History: There have been two related board cases in the vicinity within the last five years.

1. BDA201-FW3: On August 16, 2021, Board of Adjustment Panel C granted a fee waiver request for a special exception to the prohibited fence materials regulations at 1609 Houghton Road. **subject site**
2. BDA167-089: On August 16, 2017, Board of Adjustment Panel B granted a special exception to the side yard setback regulations for a carport at 7323 Barney Street.

## GENERAL FACTS/STAFF ANALYSIS:

The property is currently developed with an approximately 1,246-square-foot, one-story single-family dwelling. The applicant proposes to construct and maintain a six-foot-high fence made of steel metal sheet material (corrugated metal) with one steel sliding gate along the side yard and rear yard of the property.

Section 51A-4.602(9)(B) states that except as provided in this subsection, the following fence materials are prohibited:
(A) Sheet metal;
(B) Corrugated metal;
(C) Fiberglass panels;
(D) Plywood;
(E) Plastic materials other than preformed fence pickets and fence panels with a minimum thickness of seven-eights of an inch;
(F) Barbed wire and razor ribbon (concertina wire) in residential districts other than an A(A) Agricultural District; and,
(G)Barbed wire and razor ribbon (concertina wire) in nonresidential districts unless the barbed wire or razor ribbon (concertina wire) is six feet or more above grade and does not project beyond the property line.

The following information is shown on the submitted survey plat/site plan:

- The proposed fence consisting of a sliding steel metal gate is located along the side yard and rear yard setbacks.
- The proposed six-foot-high fence extends 87 linear feet along the side yard setback then 62.5 linear feet along the rear yard which fronts along an unimproved alley.
- The fence is proposed to be constructed of steel sheet metal more commonly known as corrugated metal.

As of November 5, 2021, four letters have been submitted in support if the request and no letters have been submitted in opposition of the request.

The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing that the special exceptions to the fence standards related to materials located on Houghton Road will not adversely affect neighboring properties.

Granting the special exception to the fence standards related to materials would require the proposal to be maintained in the locations, heights and materials as shown on the survey plat/site plan and elevation plan.

Staff conducted a site visit of the subject site and surround area and noted several other fences constructed of prohibited materials along Houghton Road and adjacent streets such as Fresno Street, Amy Street, and Barney Street, many of which do not have recorded BDA history (Attachment A).

Additionally, the representative provided evidence (Attachment A) to staff which contains more than 40 photographs of properties containing prohibited fence materials within the vicinity of the subject property that have not been granted special exceptions to the fence standard regulations.

## Timeline:

August 24, 2021: The applicant submitted an "Application/Appeal to the Board of Adjustment" and related documents that have been included as part of this case report.

Aug. 24, 2021: The representative submitted evidence to staff (Attachment A).
October 12, 2021: The Board of Adjustment Administrator assigned this case to Board of Adjustment Panel C.

October 14, 2021: The Board Senior Planner emailed the applicant the following information:

- a copy of the application materials including the Building Official's report on the application.
- an attachment that provided the public hearing date and panel that will consider the application; the October 26, 2021 deadline to submit additional evidence for staff to factor into their analysis; and the November 5, 2021 deadline to submit additional evidence to be incorporated into the Board's docket materials;
- the criteria/standard that the board will use in their decision to approve or deny the request; and
- the Board of Adjustment Working Rules of Procedure pertaining to documentary evidence.
Oct. 29, 2021: The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for the November public hearing. The review team members in attendance included: the Planning and Urban Design Interim Assistant Director, the Board of Adjustment Chief Planner/Board Administrator, the Chief Arborist, the Development Code Specialist, the Senior Sign Inspector, the Transportation Senior Engineer, the Board of Adjustment Senior Planner, and the Assistant City Attorney to the Board.

No staff review comment sheets were submitted with this request.




# Notification List of Property Owners 

BDA201-100
24 Property Owners Notified

| Label \# | Address |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 1 | 1609 | HOUGHTON RD |
| 2 | 1610 | FRESNO ST |
| 3 | 1602 | FRESNO ST |
| 4 | 1550 | HOUGHTON RD |
| 5 | 1546 | HOUGHTON RD |
| 6 | 1620 | HOUGHTON RD |
| 7 | 1614 | HOUGHTON RD |
| 8 | 1610 | HOUGHTON RD |
| 9 | 7323 | BARNEY ST |
| 10 | 7329 | BARNEY ST |
| 11 | 7335 | BARNEY ST |
| 12 | 7311 | BURNETT CT |
| 13 | 7315 | BURNETT CT |
| 14 | 7321 | BURNETT CT |
| 15 | 1603 | HOUGHTON RD |
| 16 | 1615 | HOUGHTON RD |
| 17 | 1619 | HOUGHTON RD |
| 18 | 7322 | BARNEY ST |
| 19 | 7318 | BARNEY ST |
| 20 | 7314 | BARNEY ST |
| 21 | 1547 | HOUGHTON RD |
| 22 | 7326 | BURNETT CT |
| 23 | 7322 | BURNETT CT |
| 24 | 7316 | BURNETT CT |
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Owner
MOSCREY FRANK P JR ETAL
CERDA JOSE MIGUEL
HUBBARD THOMAS ALBERT
GALVAN ELISEO
SAUCEDO AQUSTIN \&
HERNANDEZ ARMANDO \&
CASTRO ESPERANZA
AGUAYO MARIO
GIL JUAN
PORTILLO VICENTE
VENEGAS MARCELO
HERNANDEZ SALVADOR A \&
LIMONES JUAN
LIMONES JUAN F \&
MARTINEZ ERAQUIO GARCIA
VELA MARICELA \&
AGUILAR CLAUDIA BERENICE HERNANDEZ \&
MARTINEZ CRUZ \&
CORTEZ FABIOLA
GOMEZ MATILDE \&
RAMIREZ ROBISEL
VERGARA MARIA
HERNANDEZ RAMIRO \& ERICA
YBARRA TONY S TR \& MARIA S TR

## City of Dallas

## APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

## Data Relative to Subject Property:

Location address: 1609 Houghton Rd.
Lot No.: 6 Block No.: $29 / 6237$ Acreage: 179 3) $\qquad$ 4) $\qquad$ 5)

Street Frontage (in Feet): 1) $62.5^{2}$ 2) $\qquad$
Date: $8-24-21$

To the Honorable Board of Adjustment :
Owner of property (per Warranty Deed): Frank P. moscrey Jr + Shirley Al moscrey applicant Frank P. Moscrey Jr. $\qquad$ Telephone:214-232-5592 Mailing Address: 1609 Houghton Rd. $\quad$ Code: 75217 E-mail Address: Smoscreli7 @VAhooscom
Represented by: $\qquad$ Telephone: $\qquad$
Mailing Address: $\qquad$ Zip Code: $\qquad$
E-mail Address: $\qquad$
Affirm that an appeal has been made for a Variance __ , or Special Exception $K$, of Prohibited R-panel Fence material. $\qquad$

Application is made to the Board of Adjustment, in accordance with the provisions of the Dallas Development Code, to grant the described appeal for the following reason;

Note to Applicant: If the appeal requested in this application is granted by the Board of Adjustment, a permit must be applied for within 180 days of the date of the final action of the Board, unless the Board specifically grants a longer period.

## Affidavit

Before me the undersigned on this day personally appeared Frank rooserey
(Affiant/Applicant's name printed) who on (his/her) oath certifies that the above statements are true and correct to his/her best knowledge and that he/she is the owner/or principal/or authorized representative of the subject property.
Respectfully submitted:

before me this $\qquad$ day of September


## Building Official's Report

## I hereby certify that Frank Moscrey

did submit a request for a special exception to the fence standards regulations
at 1609 Houghton Road

BDA201-100. Application of Frank Moscrey for a special exception to the fence standards regulations at 1609 HOUGHTON RD. This property is more fully described as Lot 6, Block 29/6237, and is zoned R-7.5(A), which prohibits the use of certain materials for a fence. The applicant proposes to construct a fence using a prohibited material, which will require a special exception to the fence regulations.

Sincerely,
Suinlurimints David Session, Building Official

AFFIDAVIT

Appeal number: BDA 201-100
1, Shirley Moscrey . Owner of the subject property
at: 1609 Houghtow $R d$.
(Address of property as stated on application)
Authorize: FrAnk P. MOSCren
To pursue an appeal to the City of Dallas Zoning Board of Adjustment for the following requests)
_ Variance (specify below)
$X$
Special Exception (specify below)
$\qquad$ Other Appeal (specify below)
Specify: prohibited R-Panel Fence material.

Shirley Moserey
Print name of property owner of registered agent
Date $\qquad$ $09 / 09 / 21$

Before me, the undersigned, on this day personally appeared


Who on his/her oath certifies that the above statements are true and correct to his/her best knowledge.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\qquad$ 09 day of $\qquad$


Notary Public for Dallas County, Texas
Commission expires on $5 / 2 / / 2023$


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Approximately between the dates of March 21-28, 2021 but before I got a price to build a fence in my backyard, I called 311 to verify code compliance and spoke with Mita user id\#94 who would only give her id\# not her last name, stated my fence could not be over 9ft tall, no barbwire. No stipulations about the material used. I made sure with the City of Dallas it was alright to build a 6 ft fence made of metal. I would NEVER of signed a contract to build such fence if it was not up to code. My neighbor had an issue with his fence with code enforcement so he called them to complain about my fence (let's just call him Mario). On April 23, 2021 Patricia Morrison Insp.ll parked in front of my neighbor's house with the emergency lights on. When she got out of the vehicle and walked towards my house I met her in the yard where she told me my fence was in violation of city code. I immediately contacted Mita (id\#94) at 311. She again stated I was not in violation. Mita (id\#94) talked to Insp. Morrison with my cell phone. Miss Morrison told Mita that her office had not been updated on the code information. When Miss Morrison attempted to pull the said information up on her laptop, it stated the SAME information Mita (id\#94) had about the restrictions not be over 9ft tall, no barbwire. At that point Miss Morrison said I will emailed my supervisor about the information NOT being updated. I tried to contact my city councilman but was directed back to code enforcement. They told me I was in violation and had to tear down my fence.

My wife and I are both on Social Security. On June 25,2020 I received a liver transplant. Lots of medical expenses. This took a large chunk of our savings to build this fence.


Yo, $\qquad$ (nombre) vivo a $\qquad$ (direcion) y no tengo quejas or asuntos con la tela de metal de mis vecinos que viven a 1609 Houghton Rd.

La Signatura $\qquad$ Comentarios
 , _(name) live at $\qquad$ (address) have no complaints/issues with my neighbor's metal fence at 1609 Houghton Rd.


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Comentarios

I, $\qquad$ (name) live at $\qquad$ (address) have no complaints/issues with my neighbor's metal fence at 1609 Houghton Rd.

Signature $\qquad$
Any comments:

Yo, Abdon Espincuef(tnombre) vivo a 7322 Barney St. (direcion) y no tengo quejas or asuntos con la tela de metal de mis vecinos que viven a 1609 Houghton Rd.

La Signatura


Comentarios
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## SURVEY PLAT




The plat hereon is a true, correct and accurate reprosentation of the property as determined by survey, subject to any as indicated by the plat; the size, location and that may be of record, the lines and dimensions of said property being being within the boundaries of the property, set back of buildings and improvements are as shown, all improveraments from the nearest intersecting street or road is as shown on ssid plat. There are no encrosichments, and that the distance sions, except as shown.




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FILE NUMBER: BDA201-105(PD)
BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Application of Karl Crawley of Masterplan Texas for a special exception to the fence height regulations at 5532 Park Lane. This property is more fully described as Part of Lot 2 and 3, Block 7/5597, and is zoned an R-1ac(A) Single Family District, which limits the height of a fence in the front yard to four feet. The applicant proposes to construct and maintain an eight-foot-high fence which will require a four-foot special exception to the fence height regulations.

## LOCATION: 5532 Park Lane

APPLICANT: Karl Crawley of Masterplan Texas

## REQUEST:

The applicant proposes a fence eight-feet-in-height, constructed of wrought iron (fence and gate) and brick (columns) materials located along Park Lane at a width of 177 feet and a length of 40 feet from the front property line. The site is currently developed with an approximately 16,159 -square-foot, two-story single-family dwelling unit.

## STANDARD FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO FENCE STANDARDS:

Section 51A-4.602 of the Dallas Development Code states that the board may grant a special exception to the fence standards when, in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

No staff recommendation is made on this or any request for a special exception to the fence standards since the basis for this type of appeal is when in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

## Zoning:

Site: $\quad \mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ (Single Family District)
North: $\quad \mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ (Single Family District)
East: $\quad \mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ (Single Family District)
South: $\quad \mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ (Single Family District)
West: $\quad \mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ (Single Family District)

## Land Use:

The subject site is currently developed with a single family use. Surrounding properties to the north, east, south, and west are developed with single-family uses as well.

## Zoning/BDA History:

There have been 12 related board cases in the vicinity within the last five years.

1. BDA201-042: On May 19, 2021, the Board of Adjustment Panel B granted a request for a special exception to the fence height regulations to construct an eight-foot seven-inch-high fence in a required front yard, which provided a fourfoot seven-inch special exception at 5535 Park Lane.
2. BDA167-003: On June 23, 2020, the Board of Adjustment Panel B granted a special exception to the fence regulations to construct and maintain a 10-foothigh fence in a required front yard with a fence panel having less than 50 percent open surface area located less than five feet from the front lot line, which required a six-foot special exception to the fence height regulations and a special exception to the fence standards at 9520 Hathaway Street.
3. BDA189-109: On January 21, 2020, the Board of Adjustment Panel A granted special exceptions to the single-family regulations to construct and/or maintain an accessory dwelling unit (for rent) with an additional electrical utility service or electrical meter on a lot with a single-family use at 5952 Joyce Way.
4. BDA189-118: On October 23, 2019, the Board of Adjustment Panel B granted a special exception to the fence standards regulations and visual obstructions regulations to construct and maintain five-foot six-inch-high fence, which provided a one-foot six-inch special exception to the fence height regulations and special exception to the visual obstruction regulations at 5807 Park Lane.
5. BDA189-100: On September 17, 2019 the Board of Adjustment Panel A granted a request for special exceptions to the fence standards regulations construct and/or maintain an 11-foot 10-inch-high fence in a required front yard with a fence panel having less than 50 percent open surface area located less than five feet from the front lot line, which required a seven-foot 10 -inch special exception to the fence height and a special exception to the fence standards regulations, at 5518 Winston Court.
6. BDA178-135: On December 10, 2018, the Board of Adjustment Panel C granted special exceptions to the fence standards regulations to construct and/or maintain a seven-foot six-inch-high fence in a required front yard with a fence panel having less than 50 percent open surface area located less than 5 feet from the front lot line, which required a three-foot six-inch special exception to the fence height and a special exception to the fence standards regulations, at 9424 Meadowbrook Drive.
7. BDA178-073: On August 21, 2018, the Board of Adjustment Panel A granted a variance to the front yard setback regulations, and special exceptions to the fence standards and visual obstruction regulations to construct/maintain a structure and provide a seven-foot front yard setback and a six-foot six-inchhigh fence with portions of the fence located within required visibility triangles at driveway approaches and at a street intersection, which required a 33-foot variance to the front yard setback regulations, two-foot six-inch special exception to the fence standards regulations, and to special exceptions to the visual obstruction regulations at 5333 Deloache Avenue.
8. BDA178-041: On May 21, 2018, the Board of Adjustment Panel C granted a special exception to the fence standards regulations to construct and/or maintain a 12-foot four-inch-high fence in a required front yard at 9422 Alva Court.
9. BDA178-017: On February 20, 2018, the Board of Adjustment Panel A granted special exceptions to the fence standards and visual obstruction regulations to construct and maintain a six-foot six-inch-high fence in a required front yard with portions located within required visibility triangles, which required a twofoot six-inch special exception to the fence height regulations and a special exception to the visual obstruction regulations at 5530 Falls Road.
10. BDA178-006: On January 16, 2018, the Board of Adjustment Panel A granted a variance to the front yard setback regulations to construct and maintain a structure and provide a 34 -foot front yard setback at 5243 Park Lane.
11.BDA178-003: On January 16, 2018, the Board of Adjustment Panel A granted special exceptions to the fence standards and visual obstruction regulations to construct and maintain a fence in a required front yard with a fence panel having less than 50 percent open surface area located less than five feet from the front lot line with portions located within required visibility triangles, which required a special exceptions to the fence standards and visual obstruction regulations at 9025 Douglas Avenue.
11. BDA167-051: On May 16, 2017, the Board of Adjustment Panel A granted special exceptions to the fence standards to construct and maintain an eightfoot two-inch-high fence in a required front yard with a fence panel having less than 50 percent open surface area located less than five feet from the front lot line, which required a four-foot two-inch special exception to the fence height regulations and special exception to the fence standards regulations at 5814 Watson Avenue.

## GENERAL FACTS/STAFF ANALYSIS:

The request for a special exception to the fence height regulations of four feet is made to construct and maintain an eight-foot-high fence which will require a four-foot special exception.
The property is zoned an $\mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ Single Family District with requires a minimum lot area of one acre or 43,560 square feet. The subject site is currently developed with an approximately 16,159 square foot, two-story single family dwelling unit and is situated along the south line of Park Lane between Hollow Way Road and Kemper Court. The applicant proposes to construct a fence containing wrought iron (fence and two gates) with 12 brick columns.

The Dallas Development Code states that in all residential districts except multifamily districts, a fence may not exceed four feet above grade when located in the required front yard.

The following information is shown on the submitted site plan:

- The proposed fence with 12 brick columns, two electric gates, and a wrought iron fence is proposed to be located along Park Lane approximately 40 feet from the property line and approximately 60 feet from the back of curb/pavement line.
- Along Park Lane the fence is proposed at a width of 177 feet and has a depth of 240 feet and proposed along the entire boundary of the property.

As of November 5, 2021, no letters have been submitted in opposition or in support of the request.

The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing that the special exception to the fence standards related to the height of four feet located on Park Lane will not adversely affect neighboring properties.

Granting the special exception to the fence standards related to the height would require the proposal exceeding four feet-in-height in the front yard setback located along Park Lane to be maintained in the locations, heights and materials as shown on the site plan and elevation plan.

## Timeline:

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# Notification List of Property Owners BDA201-105 

13 Property Owners Notified

| Label \# | Address |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 1 | 5532 | PARK LN |
| 2 | 5511 | PARK LN |
| 3 | 5523 | PARK LN |
| 4 | 5535 | PARK LN |
| 5 | 5545 | PARK LN |
| 6 | 5520 | PARK LN |
| 7 | 5510 | PARK LN |
| 8 | 5544 | PARK LN |
| 9 | 5503 | KEMPER CT |
| 10 | 5535 | KEMPER CT |
| 11 | 9446 | HATHAWAY ST |
| 12 | 5600 | PARK LN |
| 13 | 9520 | HATHAWAY ST |

Owner
PEINADO GEORGE \& JULIE
SULENTIC ROBERT E \&
MCDONALD JANET
BONNER DARCY R \& MARTA R
LEAR LAURA \& FREDERICK
GRIMES JOHN E \&
HINSHAW FAMILY TRUST THE
PERRY MALCOLM O III \& VICTORIA L
GAME MUST LLC
DOCKERY HARVA R
HEINSCH ROBERT RHYS \& ZOE LAROSE
KUTCH CLAYTON \& WHITNEY
ASCHAFFENBURG DARREN \&

## City of Dallas

## APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Data Relative to Subject Property:
Location address:
5532 Park Lane

Case No : bo $2001-105$
Date:


Zoning District:
R-1ac(A)
Zoning District $\qquad$
E142' Lot2; W32'
Lot No.: Lot 3 $\qquad$ Acreage: 0.9580 ac Census Tract: 206.00

Street Frontage (in Feet): 1) $\qquad$ 2) $\qquad$ 3) $\qquad$ 4) $\qquad$ 5) $\qquad$
To the Honorable Board of Adjustment :
Owner of Property (per Warranty Deed): $\qquad$
George Peinado and Julie Peinado
Applicant: $\qquad$ Telephone: 2143892274

Mailing Address: 2201 Main St, Ste 1280 Dallas TX karl@masterplantexas.com
Email Address: $\qquad$
Represented by:
Karl A Crawley, MASTERPLAN AN
$\qquad$ Telephone: $\qquad$ 2143892274

Mailing Address:
Zip Code: 75201
E-mail Address: $\qquad$ karl@masterplantexas.com

Affirm that an appeal has been made for a Variance $\qquad$ , or Special Exception X, of $\qquad$ four(4) feet to the maximum height of a fence in the required front yard of four (4) feet to allow a gate and columns with a maximum height of eight (8) feet and a fence and columns with a maximum height of six feet six inches.

Application is made to the Board of Adjustment, in accordance with the provisions of the Dallas Development Code, to grant the described appeal for the following reason:
the proposed fence will not adversely affect neighboring property.

Note to Applicant: If the appeal requested in this application is granted by the Board of Adjustment, a permit must be applied for within 180 days of the date of the final action of the Board, unless the Board specifically grants a longer period.

## Before me the undersigned on this day personally appeared <br> 

 who on (his/her) oath certifies that the above statements are/true and correct to his/her best knowledge and that he/she is the owner/or principal/or authgrized/representative, of the subject property.Respectfully submitted:


Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\qquad$ _day of
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## Building Official's Report

did submit a request for a special exception to the fence height regulations
at 5532 Park Lane

BDA201-105. Application of MASTERPLAN for a special exception to the fence height regulations at 5532 PARK LN. This property is more fully described as Part of Lot 2 and 3 7/5597, and is zoned $R-1 a c(A)$, which limits the height of a fence in the front yard to 4 feet The applicant proposes to construct an 8 foot high fence in a required front yard, which wi require a 4 foot special exception to the fence regulations.

Sincerely,


AFFIDAVIT
Appeal number: BDA $201-105$
I,
1, George Peinado $\qquad$ , Owner of the subject property (Owner or "Grantee" of property as it appears on the Warranty Deed) at: $\qquad$ (Address of property as stated on application)

Authorize:
Karl A Crawley, MASTERPLAN
(Applicnul's name as slated on application)
To pursue an appeal to the City of Dallas Zoning Board of Adjustment for the following requests)
$\qquad$ Variance (specify below)
$\qquad$ Special Exception (specify below)
$\qquad$ Other Appeal (specify below)
Allow a fence in the required front yard with a height greater than four feet



Signature of property owner/àgent $\frac{9 / 20 / 21}{\text { Date }}$ George Pisano $\qquad$ -
Before me, the undersigned, on this day personally appeared $\qquad$ his/he Subscribed and sworn to before me this $20^{\text {th }}$
 day of $\qquad$ , 2026


Notary Public for Dallas County, Texas
Commission expires on OS -20-2024

## AFFIDAVIT

Appeal number: BDA $201-105$
$I, \frac{\text { Julie Peinado }}{\text { (Owner or "Grantee" of property as it appears on the Warranty Deed) }}$, Owner of the subject property
at: 5532 Park Lane, Dallas, TX 75220
(Address of property as stated on application)
Authorize:
Karl A Crawly, MASTERPLAN
(Applicant's name as slated on application)
To pursue an appeal to the City of Dallas Zoning Board of Adjustment for the following requests)
$\qquad$ Variance (specify below)
X Special Exception (specify below)
$\qquad$ Other Appeal (specify below)
Allow a fence in the required with a height greater than four feet.

## Julie Peinádo

Print name of property owner/agent


Before me, the undersigned, on this day personally appeared $\qquad$ Peinado

Who on his/her oath certifies that the above statements are true and correct to his/her best knowledge.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this $20^{\text {th }}$ day of September
$\qquad$ , 2021

Notary Public for Dallas County, Texas
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## Legend

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This data is to be used for graphical representation only. The accuracy is not to be taken/used as data produced by a Registered Professional Land Surveyor (RPLS) for the State of Texas. 'This product is for informational purposes and may not have been prepared for or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. It does not represent an on-the-ground survey and represents only the approximate relative location of property boundaries.' (Texas Government Code § 2051.102)




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SCALE: $12^{\prime \prime}=1-1-00^{\prime \prime}$ ELEVATION


FRONT ENTRY GATE \& WALL ELEVATION



November 5, 2021
Land Use Consultants

Pamela Daniel
Senior Planner
1500 Marilla, 5BN
Dallas, TX 75201

RE: BDA201-105; 5532 Park Lane
Ms. Daniel:
The subject site, measuring approximately 0.9580 acres, fronts Park Lane on the north and is located approximately mid-block between Hollow Way Road and Hathaway Street. Although the site is zoned $R-1(A)$ with a minimum lot size of 1 acre, the site is a legal building site and the house located on the property was constructed in the 2007. See the following table for zoning districts and uses of the subject site and surrounding properties:

| Location | Zoning District | Use |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Subject Site | $\mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ | Single-Family Dwelling Unit |
| North (Across Park Lane) | $\mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ | Single-Family Dwelling Unit |
| South | $\mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ | Single-Family Dwelling Unit |
| East | $\mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ | Single-Family Dwelling Unit |
| West | $\mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ | Single-Family Dwelling Unit |

In accordance with SEC. 51A-4.602, the subject site must comply with the following fence standard: "In all residential districts except multifamily districts, a fence may not exceed four feet above grade when located in the required front yard."

The owner of the subject site referenced above proposes to construct an approximately 166 -foot long, six-foot tall with open metal fence with brick veneer columns, to include two vehicular gates with a maximum height of eight feet, in the required 40 -foot front yard setback along Park Lane. Therefore, a special exception of four feet is requested. The proposed fence location complies with visibility triangle and drive gate requirements, as well as openness requirements for materials. Please see the picture below for a rendering of the desired fence. The gate portion (maximum of 8 feet in height) will only constitute approximate 45 feet of the frontage between the two gates and adjacent columns. This is approximately $25 \%$ of the total frontage. The vast majority of the fence along the frontage will be six feet in height in brick columns with a height of 6 feet 6 inches.


The house located across Park Lane, 5535 Park Lane, received a Special Exception for a fence in the front yard in May of this year. The approved fence for that house is very similar to that proposed in this request. The approved fence across Park Lane has a maximum height of 8 feet 7 inches at the entrance gate with an open fence of approximately 6 feet for the majority of the front yard. Our request is for a fence with a maximum height of 8 feet at the gate with the majority being six feet in height. The proposed fence will have a short ( $18^{\prime \prime}$ ) brick wall with an open metal fence above.

SEC. 51A-4.602 allows the Board of Adjustment to grant a special exception to the fence standards when, in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property. Multiple surrounding properties have front yard fences, all with vehicular gates. Most are over four feet in height. Given the history in the vicinity, the requested fence height special exception is generally compatible with and will not affect the current fence patterns in the established neighborhood.

The homes on this side of Park Lane have an alley to the rear of each lot that is not improved. Pushing the fence forward allows additional parking area in front of the house where the garage is located. This allows the cars to be located behind a secure fence. Pushing the fence back to the setback line would force the additional parking to the front of the lot where several large trees would be affected by the addition of pavement.

In closing, the client is asking for a special exception of two feet to the maximum permitted fence height of four feet in the required front yard setback. All other aspects of the development comply with the zoning ordinance's fence standards.


## FILE NUMBER: BDA201-107(PD)

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Application of Larry Nickell for a special exception to the single-family use regulations and variances to the side yard setback regulations and to the building height regulations at 8656 Forest Hills Boulevard. This property is more fully described as Lot 15 , Block 4/5225, and is zoned an R-7.5(A) Single Family District, which limits the number of dwelling units to one, requires a five-foot side yard setback, and requires that the height of an accessory structure may not exceed the height of the main building. The applicant proposes to construct and maintain an additional dwelling unit ADU (not for rent), and to provide a two-foot side yard setback, with a building height of 20 feet three inches. As proposed, the project will require a special exception to the single-family use regulations, a three-foot variance to the side yard setback regulations, and a one-foot eight-inch variance to the maximum building height regulations for accessory structures.

LOCATION: $\quad 8656$ Forest Hills Blvd
APPLICANT: Larry Nickell

## REQUESTS:

The applicant proposes to construct and maintain an additional dwelling unit with approximately 396 square feet of floor area on a site developed with a single-family dwelling and an existing detached garage.

## STANDARD FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO THE SINGLE-FAMILY USE REGULATIONS TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNIT:

The board may grant a special exception to the single-family use regulations of the Dallas Development Code to authorize an additional dwelling unit on a lot when, in the opinion of the board, the additional dwelling unit will not: 1) be used as rental accommodations; or 2) adversely affect neighboring properties.

In granting this type of special exception, the board shall require the applicant to deed restrict the subject property to prevent the use of the additional dwelling unit as rental accommodations.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

No staff recommendation is made on this or any request for a special exception to authorize an additional dwelling unit since the basis for this type of appeal is when in the
opinion of the board, the additional dwelling unit will not adversely affect neighboring properties.

## STANDARD FOR A VARIANCE:

Section 51(A)-3.102(d)(10) of the Dallas Development Code specifies that the board has the power to grant variances from the front yard, side yard, rear yard, lot width, lot depth, lot coverage, floor area for structures accessory to single-family uses, height, minimum sidewalks, off-street parking or off-street loading, or landscape regulations provided that the variance is:
(A) not contrary to the public interest when owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of this chapter would result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and substantial justice done;
(B) necessary to permit development of a specific parcel of land that differs from other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope, that it cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land with the same zoning; and
(C) not granted to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor for financial reasons only, nor to permit any person a privilege in developing a parcel of land not permitted by this chapter to other parcels of land with the same zoning.

## State Law/HB 1475 effective 9-1-21

> the board may consider the following as grounds to determine whether compliance with the ordinance as applied to a structure that is the subject of the appeal would result in unnecessary hardship:
(a) the financial cost of compliance is greater than 50 percent of the appraised value of the structure as shown on the most recent appraisal roll certified to the assessor for the municipality under Section 26.01 (Submission of Rolls to Taxing Units), Tax Code;
(b) compliance would result in a loss to the lot on which the structure is located of at least 25 percent of the area on which development is authorized to physically occur;
(c) compliance would result in the structure not being in compliance with a requirement of a municipal ordinance, building code, or other requirement;
(d) compliance would result in the unreasonable encroachment on an adjacent property or easement; or
(e) the municipality consider the structure to be a nonconforming structure.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION (both variances):

Approval, subject to the following condition:

- Compliance with the submitted site plan is required.

Rationale:
Staff concluded that the subject site is unique and different from most lots in the R7.5(A) Single Family District considering its restrictive lot area of 7,475 square feet so that the site cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with development upon other parcels of land with the same zoning. The applicant submitted documents (Attachments $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ ) indicating the average lot in the area is 10,051 square feet with an average of 553 square feet for improvements (i.e. garages). The existing 2,418-square-foot dwelling unit and approximately 396 -square-foot detached garage with the proposed 396-square-foot additional dwelling unit on the site for a total of 3,210-squarefeet of floor area is commensurate to six other lots in the same zoning district.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

## Zoning:

## Site: $\quad$ R-7.5(A) Single Family District

North: $\quad$ R-7.5(A) Single Family District
South: R-7.5(A) Single Family District
East: $\quad$ R-7.5(A) Single Family District
West: $\quad$ R-7.5(A) Single Family District

## Land Use:

The subject site and all surrounding properties are developed with single-family uses.

## Zoning/BDA History:

There has been one related board case in the vicinity within the last five years.

1. BDA190-030: On March 18, 2020, the Board of Adjustment Panel B granted a special exception to the single-family use regulations to construct and maintain an ADU (non-rent) at 8719 Diceman Drive.

## GENERAL FACTS/STAFF ANALYSIS:

The requests for variances to the side yard setback and maximum floor area ratio regulations and a special exception to the single-family use regulations focus on constructing and maintaining a 396 -square-foot additional dwelling unit (non-rent) to be
constructed three-feet into a required five-foot side yard setback. The property is zoned an R-7.5(A) Single Family District. In this district, one dwelling unit is allowed per lot. Additionally, a minimum side yard setback of five feet is required and an additional dwelling unit (ADU) cannot exceed the maximum height of the main building.

DCAD records indicate the following improvements for the property located at 8656 Forest Hills Blvd: "main improvement: a structure with 2,418 square feet of living area built-in 1939" and "additional improvements: a 162-square-foot detached garage. However, internal City records reflect a permit for the construction of a 320-square-foot detached garage on April 20, 1992. The proposed ADU with 396 square feet of floor area represents 14.4 percent of the 2,738 square-foot floor area of the main structure. Additionally, the main one-story structure contains a saltbox roof which has a median height of 18 -feet-seven-inches while the ADU proposed atop of an existing one-story garage proposes a maximum height of 20 -feet-three-inches and contains a flat roof which does not provide a median distance between the highest point and lowest point of the roof line utilized to calculate the median height.

While the proposed ADU has been constructed, City records reflect permits for the construction of the proposed two-story accessory dwelling unit was submitted for review on June 22, 2021 with the encroachment of three feet into the required five-foot side yard setback.
The site plan and elevation plan denote the proposed addition of a floor area to the garage of approximately 396 square feet for a total floor area of 792 square feet and maximum height of 20 -feet-three-inches. Further, the site plan confirms the height and location of the structures, including the ADU located three feet into the five-foot required side yard setback.

The property is rectangular in shape, flat, and according to the application, contains 0.182 acres, or approximately 7,927 square feet in area. In an R-7.5(A) Single Family District the minimum lot size is 7,500 square feet. However, according to the evidence submitted by the applicant (Attachments A and B) 12 properties within the vicinity are one-third larger than the minimum lot size requirement.

The applicant has submitted documents comparing the lot sizes and improvement of the subject site with 16 existing homes and 12 new builds for a total comparative analysis of 28 homes in the vicinity with the same zoning. The average lot size is 10,051 square feet with an average floor area of 3,293 square feet for improvements including garages which provide a delta of 2,576 square feet for the lot size and a delta of 83 square feet for improvements including the garage. Thus, the proposed 396 -square-foot additional dwelling unit atop the existing garage on the site is commensurate to six other lots in the same zoning district.

The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing the following:

- That granting the variances will not be contrary to the public interest when owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of this chapter would result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed, and substantial justice done.
- The variances are necessary to permit development of the subject site that differs from other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope, that the subject site cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land in districts with the same zoning classification.
- The variances would not be granted to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor for financial reasons only, nor to permit any person a privilege in developing this parcel of land (the subject site) not permitted by this chapter to other parcels of land in districts with the same zoning classification.

As of November 5, 2021, no letters have been submitted in support of or in opposition to the request.

Ultimately, the three requests are independent, and the board must consider the standards and evidence presented for each request.

If the board were to grant the variances to the side yard setback regulations and maximum height regulations for structures accessory to single-family uses and impose the submitted site plan as a condition, the building footprint of the structure on the site would be limited to what is shown on this document. Furthermore, if the board were to grant the special exception to allow the ADU, the Dallas Development Code states that in granting this type of special exception, the board shall require the applicant to deed restrict the subject property to prevent the use of the additional dwelling unit as rental accommodations.

However, granting these requests will not provide any relief to the Dallas Development Code regulations other than allowing an additional dwelling unit on the site (i.e. development on the site must meet all other code requirements), as depicted on the site plan, including the increase in floor area ratio and encroachment into the side yard setback if each is approved by the board.

## Timeline:

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No review comment sheets were submitted in conjunction with this application.




# Notification List of Property Owners 

## BDA201-107

## 26 Property Owners Notified

| Label \# | Address |  | Owner |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 8656 | FOREST HILLS BLVD | NICKELL LARRY \& MARY |
| 2 | 8659 | FOREST HILLS BLVD | ARONSON DANA L |
| 3 | 8655 | FOREST HILLS BLVD |  |
| 4 | 8651 | FOREST HILLS BLVD | CAMPAGNA FRANK L |
| 5 | 8647 | FOREST HILLS BLVD | MORGAN BENJAMIN P \& MEGAN M |
| 6 | 8643 | FOREST HILLS BLVD | SMILEY CYNTHIA LYNN COFFMAN |
| 7 | 8640 | FOREST HILLS BLVD | HALL DEBRA J |
| 8 | 8648 | FOREST HILLS BLVD | BROWN ANN MARIE |
| 9 | 8652 | FOREST HILLS BLVD | DIVIRGILIO JOHN |
| 10 | 8657 | REDONDO DR | JAMES JOHN R |
| 11 | 8653 | REDONDO DR | MCCLURG LAURIE M |
| 12 | 8649 | REDONDO DR | MCCLURG LAURIE |
| 13 | 8645 | REDONDO DR | DUKE CHARLES W |
| 14 | 8641 | REDONDO DR |  |
| 15 | 8715 | FOREST HILLS BLVD |  |
| 16 | 8711 | FOREST HILLS BLVD | LAMINACK SHARON |
| 17 | 8707 | FOREST HILLS BLVD | ARRIAGA IRENE R |
| 18 | 8703 | FOREST HILLS BLVD | NICOL THOMAS A |
| 19 | 8702 | FOREST HILLS BLVD |  |
| 20 | 8706 | FOREST HILLS BLVD | PIPPIN OWEN B |
| 21 | 8710 | FOREST HILLS BLVD | SIMS COLLEEN A |
| 22 | 8714 | FOREST HILLS BLVD | LIPSCHITZ DANIEL |
| 23 | 8715 | REDONDO DR | SELLNER NATALIE F |
| 24 | 8711 | REDONDO DR | SINCLAIR GARY |
| 25 | 8707 | REDONDO DR | WAFFORD GRENDA |
| 26 | 8703 | REDONDO DR | KOONCE COLLIN \& AMANDA S |
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## APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

## Data Relative to Subject Property:

Location address: 8656 Forest Hills Blood.

Lot No.: 15 Block No. $4 / 5225$ Acreage: 182

Zoning District: $R 7.5(A)$
Zoning District: $R 7.5(A)$ Census Tract: 81.00 Street Frontage (in Feet): 1) $\mathbf{S O}^{\prime}$ 2) $\qquad$ 3) $\qquad$ 4) $\qquad$ 5)

To the Honorable Board of Adjustment :
Owner of Property (oe Warranty Dead): Larry Nickell + Mary Nickell
Applicant: Lenrry Nickell
Case No.: BDA $201-10 \%$
Date:

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9-23-21
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- 865 F Forest Telephone: 903.819 .9075

Mailing Address: $\qquad$ Zip Code: $\qquad$
Email Adders. $4 T$ NLCKELLSRB gmail.com
Represented by: $\qquad$ Telephone: $\qquad$
Mailing Address: $\qquad$ Zip Code: $\qquad$
E-mail Address: $\qquad$
Affirm that an appeal has been made for a Variance $\mathcal{I}$, or Special Exception $\mathcal{L}$, of Side Yard Settoach, Height for Accessory Structure, ADU Not for Rent

Application is made to the Board of Adjustment, in accordance with the provisions of the Dallas Development Code, to grant the described appeal for the following reason:
See a Bached

Note to Applicant: If the appeal requested in this application is granted by the Board of Adjustment, a permit must be applied for within 180 days of the date of the final action of the Board, unless the Board specifically grants a longer period.

## Affidavit

Before me the undersigned on this day personally appeared

## LArry Nickell

(Affiant/Applicant's name printed)
who on (his/her) oath certifies that the above statements are true and correct to his/her best knowledge and that he/she is the owner/or principal/or authorized representative of the subject property.

Respectfully submitted:


Notary Public in and for Dallas County, Texas

Building Official's Report
I hereby certify that Larry Nickell
did submit a request for a special exception to the single family regulations, and for a variance tc the side yard setback regulations, and for a variance to the building height regulations
at 8656 Forest Hills Blvd.

BDA201-107. Application of Larry Nickell for a special exception to the single family regulations, and for a variance to the side yard setback regulations, and for a variance to the building height regulations at 8656 FOREST HILLS BLVD. This property is more fully described as Lot 15 , Block 4/5225, and is zoned R-7.5(A), which the height of an accessory structure may not exceed the height of the main building and limits the number of dwelling units to one and requires a 5 foot side yard setback. The applicant proposes to construct an additional dwelling unit (not for rent), which will require a special exception to the single family zoning use regulations, and to construct and maintain single family residential accessory structure and provide a 2 foot side yard setback, which will require a 3 foot variance to the side yard setback regulations, and to construct a single family residential accessory structure with a building height of 20 feet 3 inches, which will require a 1 foot 8 inch variance to the maximum building height regulations.

Sincerely,

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Appeal number: BDA $\qquad$
1, $\frac{\text { Mary Nickell }}{\text { (Owner or "Grantee" of property as it appears on the Warranty Deed) }}$, Owner of the subject property
at: 8656 Forest Hills Blud.
Authorize:

## Larry Nicllell

 (Applicant's name as stated on application)To pursue an appeal to the City of Dallas Zoning Board of Adjustment for the following requests)
$\checkmark$ Variance (specify below)
$\qquad$ Special Exception (specify below)
$\qquad$ Other Appeal (specify below)
Specify: Side Yard, Height for Accessory Structure, ADU -
Now Rental.

Mary Nickell
Print name of property owner or registered agent
Date $\qquad$


Signature of property owner or registered agent

Before me, the undersigned, on this day personally appeared Mary Nickell
Who on his/her oath certifies that the above statements are true and correct to his/her best knowledge.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\qquad$ 13 day of Seplemtur , 2021
 Commission expires on $10 / 23 / 2024$

Background: We have lived in Dallas for 7 years, love the east Dallas neighborhood we live in and would like to stay where we are as we enter our retirement years. To do that, we wanted to have a garage and a space for our kids and grandkids when they come in for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, etc. Our primary concern was to maintain the character, history, and functionality of the neighborhood which included saving big, beautiful trees.

The challenge of doing that is:

- Our lot is small in comparison to many of the lots around. Taking a sample of 8 lots on our street/block, plus 4 lots from the 2 streets adjacent, the average of those lots came to $10,051 \mathrm{sf}$ and our lot is $7,475 \mathrm{sf}$. That left us less area to work with to develop commensurately with properties around us.
- There have been 11 new houses built on our block in the last 2-3 years. The sizes of those houses range from 2,445 sf to $4,141 \mathrm{sf}$ with an average of $3,293 \mathrm{sf}$. Additionally, the garages for those homes average 553 sf. These are large, nice homes but didn't respect or take into consideration the history and character of the neighborhood.

To accomplish our goals, we designed a building that:

- Would esthetically enhance not only our home but the entire neighborhood.
- Be on the smallest footprint possible - 396 sf, which compares with the 553 sf garages built elsewhere on our street.
- Maintain a big, beautiful Walnut tree that is $9^{\prime}$ from the foundation of the building. Arborists advised ideally to stay 10 away but that wasn't possible.
- Included a bathroom and small kitchen for our kids \& grandkids when they come to visit.

| Address |  | House | Garage sf | Apt | Total sf |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 8603 Forest Hills Blvd | 2,352 | 440 |  | Lot sf |  |
| 8607 Forest Hills Blvd | 2,271 | 673 | 2,792 | 6,186 |  |
| 8611 Forest Hills Blvd | 2,337 | 576 | 2,944 | 6,185 |  |
| 8615 Forest Hills Blvd | 3,419 | 780 | 2,913 | 7,500 |  |
| 8647 Forest Hills Blvd | 2,864 | 440 | 4,199 | 7,892 |  |
| 8655 Forest Hills Blvd | 2,542 | 504 |  | 3,304 | 7,791 |
| 8600 Forest Hills Blvd | 1,792 | 581 | 625 | 2,996 | 7,692 |
| 8616 Forest Hills Blvd | 4,141 |  |  | 4,141 | 7,170 |
| 8652 Forest Hills Blvd | 1,946 | 499 | 2,445 | 7,636 |  |
| 8715 Forest Hills Blvd | 2,854 | 460 | 3,314 | 8,145 |  |
| 8815 Forest Hills Blvd | 3,548 | 576 | 4,124 | 8,407 |  |
| 8807 Forest Hills Blvd | 3,323 | 576 | 3,899 | 8,008 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Size | 2,782 | 553 | 625 | 3,293 | 7,428 |

In the last 3-5 years there have been 12 new homes built on my block. Details of those homes are shown above.




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## Panel C

 11-15-21 BDA201-107 8656 Forest Hills Blvd. (Support Reference)
## From:

To:
Subject:
Lackson, Latonia

Date:

## External Email!

Hi,

I am the resident at 8652 Forest Hills Blvd. My name is John DiVirgilio. I can be reached at
for further information if required.

I have received the "Board of Adjustment of the City of Dallas (Panel C)" letter today. I am in support of the variance. The structure is well designed and lit well. I consider it an asset considering the other eye-sores in the neighborhood. Also, in my opinion the structure matches the main home and is an asset to the property.

If you need any further information please contact me by phone. I do not plan on attending the hearing on this matter but please forward my comments to the committee.

Thanks again,
John DiVirgilio

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| From: |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| To: | Lackson, Latonia |
| Subject: | Variance Request, 8656 Forest Hills Boulevard, Larry \& Mary Nickell |
| Date: | Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:59:59 AM |
| Attachments: | $\underline{\text { Outlook-zOnqpwbo.jpg }}$ |

## External Email!

Ms. Jackson,

I understand that Larry and Mary Nickell have requested a variance for their property located at 8656 Forest Hills Boulevard.

I wholeheartedly support their request and would appreciate it being approved.

The building is attractive, well built, and an asset to the neighborhood. It was constructed well and maintains the character of the existing residence, as well as the character and history of the neighborhood.

Please grant the variance requested.

You may call me at the number below if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.


8703 Forest Hills Boulevard


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| From: | Brad Pippin |
| :--- | :--- |
| To: | Lackson, Latonia |
| Subject: | Case \#-107BDA201 |
| Date: | Sunday, November 7, 2021 10:47:04 AM |

External Email!

Hello,

I'm writing about the

Variance Request
8656 Forest Hills Blvd
Larry \& Mary Nickell

I'm a neighbor that lives 2 houses from them and I fully support the request for the variance. Their building is an asset to the neighborhood and fits in nicely. The building was completed in a way that maintains the character, history and functionality of the main home.

Thanks for your time,
Brad Pippin
8706 Forest Hills Blvd
Dallas, TX 75218
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| From: | Tammara Shaw |
| :--- | :--- |
| To: | Lackson, Latonia |
| Subject: | Case \# BDA201-107 |
| Date: | Sunday, November 7, 2021 5:16:49 PM |

External Email!

Good evening,

I am writing in regards to case \#BDA201-107. I would like to let you know that I support the request for the variance. This particular property is well built and brings attraction to the neighborhood. This building was done such that it maintains the character, history and functionality of the main home.

If you need any additional information from me, please let me know.

Best,
Tammara Shaw
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| From: | Colleen Sims |
| :--- | :--- |
| To: | lackson, Latonia |
| Subject: | Case \#BDA201-107 |
| Date: | Saturday, November 6, 2021 7:12:09 PM |

## External Email!

I support the variance at 8656 Forest Hills Blvd. The building is attractive and well built.
Colleen SIms
8710 Forest Hills Blvd, Dallas, TX 75218
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| From: | Taylor Burns |
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| To: | Lackson, Latonia |
| Subject: | Variance request - Case \#BDA201-107 |
| Date: | Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:31:43 PM |

## External Email!

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of the request for variance for 8656 forest hills blvd by Mary and Larry Nickell. We live at 8608 forest hills blvd and they are not only an asset to our neighborhood but the building is attractive and well built and does not detract from our neighborhood aesthetic. Please let me know if you need anything else from me.

Respectfully,
Taylor Burns

Sent from my iPhone
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FILE NUMBER: BDA201-111(JM)
BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Application of Raymond Bronner for a variance to the front yard setback regulations at 5005 Denton Drive. This property is more fully described as Lot 1, Block J/2325, and is zoned an R-7.5 Single Family Subdistrict within Planned Development District No.193, which requires a front yard setback of 25 feet. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family residential structure with pool and provide a three-foot six-inch front yard setback, which will require a 21 -foot six-inch variance to the front yard setback regulations.

LOCATION: 5005 Denton Drive
APPLICANT: Raymond Bronner

## REQUEST:

The request for a variance to the front yard setback on Maple Springs Boulevard is made to construct and maintain a 2,325 square-foot single-family dwelling and swimming pool on a site that is currently undeveloped. The Denton Drive front yard of 25 feet will be provided.

## STANDARD FOR A VARIANCE:

Section 51(A)-3.102(d)(10) of the Dallas Development Code specifies that the board has the power to grant variances from the front yard, side yard, rear yard, lot width, lot depth, lot coverage, floor area for structures accessory to single family uses, height, minimum sidewalks, off-street parking or off-street loading, or landscape regulations provided that the variance is:
(A) not contrary to the public interest when owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of this chapter would result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and substantial justice done;
(B) necessary to permit development of a specific parcel of land that differs from other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope, that it cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land with the same zoning; and
(C) not granted to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor for financial reasons only, nor to permit any person a privilege in developing a parcel of land not permitted by this chapter to other parcels of land with the same zoning.

## State Law/HB 1475 effective 9-1-21

> the board may consider the following as grounds to determine whether compliance with the ordinance as applied to a structure that is the subject of the appeal would result in unnecessary hardship:
(a) the financial cost of compliance is greater than 50 percent of the appraised value of the structure as shown on the most recent appraisal roll certified to the assessor for the municipality under Section 26.01 (Submission of Rolls to Taxing Units), Tax Code;
(b) compliance would result in a loss to the lot on which the structure is located of at least 25 percent of the area on which development is authorized to physically occur;
(c) compliance would result in the structure not being in compliance with a requirement of a municipal ordinance, building code, or other requirement;
(d) compliance would result in the unreasonable encroachment on an adjacent property or easement; or
(e) the municipality consider the structure to be a nonconforming structure.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval, subject to the following condition:

- Compliance with the submitted site plan is required.

Rationale:

- Staff concluded that the subject site is unique and different from most lots zoned an R-7.5 Single Family District within PD No. 193 in that it is flat, irregular in shape (ranging from about $20-81$ feet-in-width), narrow, and, according to the application, contains 0.181 acres (or approximately 7,884 square feet) in area. Lots in this subdistrict are a minimum of 7,500 square feet in area. However, evidence submitted by the applicant (Attachments $\mathbf{A}$ and B) identified five lots in the immediate vicinity with an average of 17,309 square feet of lot area.
- The evidence also showed the average house size is about 2,515 square feet. The proposed development is for a commensurate 2,325 square feet.
- Finally, the subject site is encumbered with the unnecessary hardship of two front yards. Between the odd shape and additional front yard setback, the evidence presented notes the site in its current condition maintains about 27 percent of developable area, where adjacent lots have up to 75 percent. The applicant is seeking relief from the additional front yard setback along Maple Springs Boulevard and plans to provide a minimum of 25 feet along Denton Drive, as required.


## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

## Zoning:

Site: $\quad$ PD 193 (R-7.5) (Single family subdistrict)
North: PD 193 (R-7.5) (Single family subdistrict)
South: PD 193 (R-7.5) (Single family subdistrict)
East: PD 193 (R-7.5) (Single family subdistrict)
West: $\quad$ PD 193 (R-7.5) (Single family subdistrict)

## Land Use:

The subject site is undeveloped. All surrounding properties are developed with single family uses.

## GENERAL FACTS /STAFF ANALYSIS:

This request for a variance to the front yard setback regulations is made to construct and maintain a single-family dwelling unit and swimming pool structure. The site is undeveloped and located in an R-7.5 Single Family District within PD No. 193 which requires a minimum front yard setback of 25 feet. However, this property is encumbered with two front yards due to a provision in the Dallas Development Code meant to maintain block continuity when lots face upon a street and provide a front yard setback. This second front yard setback is required to maintain block continuity established by a lot to the south fronting onto Maple Springs Boulevard.

The applicant is seeking relief from the additional front yard setback along Maple Springs Boulevard and plans to provide a minimum of 25 feet along Denton Drive, as required. The submitted site plan indicates that the proposed structures are located as close as three-feet six-inches from the front property line along Maple Springs Boulevard or as much as 21-feet six-inches into the 25 -foot front yard setback.

Lots in this district are typically 7,500 square feet in area. flat, irregular in shape (ranging from about $20-81$ feet-in-width), narrow, and, according to the application, contains 0.181 acres (or approximately 7,884 square feet) in area. The applicant submitted evidence (Attachments $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ ) which identified five lots in the immediate vicinity with an average of 17,309 square feet of lot area. The evidence also showed the average house size is about 2,515 square feet. The proposed development is for a commensurate 2,325 square feet. Finally, the evidence presented notes the site in its current condition maintains about 27 percent of developable area, where adjacent lots have up to 75 percent.

According to DCAD records, there are no improvements listed for the property addressed at 5005 Denton Drive.

The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing the following:

- That granting the variance to the front yard setback regulations will not be contrary to the public interest when owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of this chapter would result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and substantial justice done.
- The variance is necessary to permit development of the subject site that differs from other parcels of land by being of such a restrictive area, shape, or slope, that the subject site cannot be developed in a manner commensurate with the development upon other parcels of land in districts with the same PD No. 193 (R7.5) zoning classification.
- The variance would not be granted to relieve a self-created or personal hardship, nor for financial reasons only, nor to permit any person a privilege in developing this parcel of land (the subject site) not permitted by this chapter to other parcels of land in districts with the same PD No. 193 (R-7.5) zoning classification.

As of November 5, 2021, no letters had been received regarding the request.
If the board were to grant the variance request and impose the submitted site plan as a condition, the proposed single-family dwelling and swimming pool structure located within the front yard setback along Maple Springs Boulevard would be limited to what is shown on this document. No additional relief is provided with this request.

## Timeline:

September 27, 2021: The applicant submitted an "Application/Appeal to the Board of Adjustment" and related documents which have been included as part of this case report.

October 12, 2021: The Board of Adjustment Chief Planner randomly assigned this case to Board of Adjustment Panel C.

October 19, 2021: The Board of Adjustment Chief Planner/Board Administrator emailed the applicant the following information:

- a copy of the application materials including the Building Official's report on the application.
- an attachment that provided the public hearing date and panel that will consider the application; the October 26, 2021 deadline to submit additional evidence for staff to factor into their analysis; and the November 5, 2021 deadline to submit additional evidence to be incorporated into the Board's docket materials;
- the criteria/standard that the board will use in their decision to approve or deny the request; and
- the Board of Adjustment Working Rules of Procedure pertaining to documentary evidence.

October 29, 2021: The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for the November public hearing. The review team members in attendance included: the Planning and Urban Design Interim Assistant Director, the Board of Adjustment Chief Planner/Board Administrator, the Chief Arborist, the Development Code Specialist, the Senior Sign Inspector, the Transportation Senior Engineer, the Board of Adjustment Senior Planner, and the Assistant City Attorney to the Board. No staff review comment sheets were submitted in conjunction with this application.

November 2, 2021: The applicant submitted additional evidence for consideration (Attachments A and B).




# Notification List of Property Owners 

## BDA201-111

## 21 Property Owners Notified

| Label \# | Address |  | Owner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 5005 | DENTON DR |  |
| 2 | 2628 | MAPLE SPRINGS BLVD | CRABTREE ROBERT NORWOOD |
| 3 | 2706 | MAPLE SPRINGS BLVD |  |
| 4 | 5009 | DENTON DR | TERRACINA JOHN J |
| 5 | 5013 | DENTON DR | RUBIO DELIA |
| 6 | 5017 | DENTON DR | CLEAVENGER BLAKE D |
| 7 | 5019 | DENTON DR | GRANT STUART T |
| 8 | 5012 | PARKLAND AVE | DIAZ JULIO |
| 9 | 5014 | PARKLAND AVE | RAY JAMES P |
| 10 | 2808 | MAPLE SPRINGS BLVD | ZITOUN JORDAN \& ERIN |
| 11 | 5016 | DENTON DR | GAUNTT ANTHONY A |
| 12 | 5012 | DENTON DR | JEROUDI OMAR \& MYRTLE |
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| 15 | 5024 | DENTON DR | Taxpayer at |
| 16 | 2803 | MAPLE SPRINGS BLVD | GRANBERRY ERIN |
| 17 | 2718 | MAPLE SPRINGS BLVD | WILLIAMS PARKER |
| 18 | 2724 | MAPLE SPRINGS BLVD | DIX CHARLES T |
| 19 | 2705 | MAPLE SPRINGS BLVD | VECELLIO CONSTANCE M |
| 20 | 2709 | MAPLE SPRINGS BLVD | LILLINGTON DAVID |
| 21 | 5008 | PARKLAND AVE | BABB MARK |

## APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Case No.: BDA 201-111

Data Relative to Subject Property:
Location address:

Date: $\qquad$ Zoning District: PD $193(E 7.5)$

Lot No.: $\qquad$ Block No.: J/2325 Acreage: $\square$ Census Tract: 4.04

Street Frontage (in Feet): 1) $83^{\prime}$ $\qquad$ 3) $\qquad$ 4) $\qquad$ 5) $\qquad$
To the Honorable Board of Adjustment :
Owner of Property (per Warranty Deed): RAymons m Bronner + Dénwis DOREML
Applicant: Raymono Bronner Telephone: 817, 657, 8349
Mailing Address: 5202 DENT ON DR Zip Code: 75235
E-mail Address: RMBDDO © YAHOO.Com
Represented by: $\qquad$ Telephone: $\qquad$
Mailing Address: $\qquad$ Zip Code: $\qquad$
E-mail Address: $\qquad$
Affirm that an appeal has been made for a Variance 1 , or Special Exception_, of $F Y / S B$ of 20' Ans Drovioe A º' $^{\prime \prime \prime}$ FYSB. THE zoning ReQuirement is $25^{\prime}$

[^2]Note to Applicant: If the appeal requested in this application is granted by the Board of Adjustment, a permit must be applied for within 180 days of the date of the final action of the Board, unless the Board specifically grants a longer period.

## Affidavit

Before me the undersigned on this day personally appeared $\qquad$
(Affiant/Applicant's name printed) who on (his/her) oath certifies that the above statements are true and correct to his/her best knowledge and that he/she is the owner/or principal/or authorized representative of the subject property.

Respectfully submitted:


Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of


112Remarks

Date of Hearing
 ACTION TAKEN BY TH MEMORANDUM OF

## Building Official's Report

I hereby certify that Raymond Bronner
did submit a request for a variance to the front yard setback regulations
at 5005 Denton Drive

BDA201-111. Application of Raymond Bronner for a variance to the front yard setback regulations at 5005 DENTON DR. This property is more fully described as Lot 1, Block $\mathrm{J} / 2325$, and is zoned PD-193 (R-7.5), which requires a front yard setback of 25 feet. The applicant proposes to construct a single family residential structure with pool and provide : 3 foot 6 inch front yard setback, which will require a 21 foot 6 inch variance to the front yard setback regulations.

Sincerely,
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## AFFIDAVIT

Appeal number: BDA $\qquad$ 201-111

I, Dennis D. O' Reilly , Owner of the subject property
at: $\qquad$ (Address of property as stated on application)
Authorize: RAymond Beonner
(Applicant's name as stated on application)
To pursue an appeal to the City of Dallas Zoning Board of Adjustment for the following requests) $\checkmark$ Variance (specify below)
$\qquad$
Special Exception (specify below)
$\qquad$ Other Appeal (specify below)
Specify: $\qquad$


Print name of property owner or registered agent


Signature of property owner or registered agent

Date $\qquad$
Before me, the undersigned, on this day personally appeared


Who on his/her oath certifies that the above statements are true and correct to his/her best knowledge.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\square$ 7 day of $\qquad$ .2021


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| UPPER FLOOR |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Level | Name | Area |
| Upper Floor | LIVING | 578 SF |
| 578 SF |  |  |


| TOTAL LIVING |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Main Floor | LIVING | 1979 SF |
| Upper Floor | LIVING | 578 SF |
| 2557 SF |  |  |

## BDA201-111_ATTACHMENT_A

Current Dallas Zoning requirements for this property requires 2, 25' front set-backs.

## This lot differs in 2 profound ways from adjacent properties:

1. 2-25' front yard set-backs apply
2. Irregular size with wide curve, reducing developable area

Compare 5005 Denton to 5 adjacent properties
Example 1 - Both set-backs enforced.

|  | House | Land Area in <br> Square Feet | Developable <br> Area, Minus of <br> 2 setbacks | Developable <br> Area |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| With 2-25' Set Back | SF | 2325 | 7912 | 2167 |

Set-backs: Maple Springs 113x25, Denton Drive 89x25, Side 5x138
Total set-back 5745. Total land 7912. Developable $=2167$
Example 2 - Maple Springs set-back relief is granted and only the Denton Drive set-back is enforced.

|  | House | Land Area <br> in Square <br> Feet | Developable <br> Area, Minus 1 <br> setback | \% of <br> Developable <br> Area |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5005 Denton | 2325 | 7912 | 4501 | $57 \%$ |
| 5009 Denton | 2436 | 7020 | 4360 | $62 \%$ |
| 2709 Maple <br> Springs | 1909 | 8897 | 4804 | $54 \%$ |
| 2706 Maple <br> Springs | 1873 | 22490 | 16938 | $75 \%$ |
| 2724 Maple <br> Springs | 3242 | 16000 | 10643 | $67 \%$ |
| 2718 Maple <br> Springs | 3115 | 14760 | 7636 | $52 \%$ |
| Average | 2515 | 17309.6 | 11695 |  |

Notable Points:

- 5005 Denton has far less land area that comparable properties
- Back side is 21.4, less than the Maple Springs setback.
- Coupled $w /$ the radius of the curve the actual developable land is significantly diminished
- 2 Set-back requirements will reduce the developable area to $27 \%$ of the total land area; not commiserate to other homes
- 1 Set-back requirement increases the developable land area to 57\%,
- 5005 Denton has far less developable area than the 5 adjacent properties, even with the set-back relief, if granted
- 5005 Denton square footage of the house is comparable.


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# BDA201-111_ATTACHMENT_B 

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FILE NUMBER: BDA201-092(PD)
BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Application of Danielle Mathews of Masterplan Texas for a special exception to the fence height regulations at 10645 Lennox Lane. This property is more fully described as Lot 2, Block C/5534, and is zoned an R-1ac(A) Single Family District, which limits the height of a fence in the front yard to four feet. The applicant proposes to construct and maintain a nine-foot-high fence in a required front yard, which will require a five-foot special exception to the fence regulations.

LOCATION: 10645 Lennox Lane
APPLICANT: Danielle Mathews of Masterplan Texas

## REQUEST:

The request for a special exception to the fence standards regulations relating to height of five feet is made to construct and maintain a nine-foot-high fence. The property is currently undeveloped, fenced, and moderately wooded.

## STANDARD FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO FENCE STANDARDS:

Section 51A-4.602 of the Dallas Development Code states that the board may grant a special exception to the fence standards when, in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

No staff recommendation is made on this or any request for a special exception to the fence standards since the basis for this type of appeal is when in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

## Zoning:

Site: $\quad \mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}$ (Single Family District)
North: $\quad R-1 a c$ (Single Family District)
East: $\quad R-1 a c$ (Single Family District)
South: $\quad R-1 a c$ (Single Family District)
West: $\quad \mathrm{R}$-1ac (Single Family District)

## Land Use:

The subject site is currently undeveloped and moderately wooded. Surrounding properties to the north, east, south, and west are developed with single-family uses.

Zoning/BDA History: There have been nine related board cases in the vicinity within the last five years.

1. BDA167-047: On April 17, 2017, the Panel C, Board of Adjustments granted a special exception to the fence height regulations at 10545 Lennox Lane.
2. BDA167-140: On December 11, 2017, the Panel C, Board of Adjustments granted a special exception to the fence standards at 10564 Lennox Lane.
3. BDA178-038: On May 21, 2018, the Panel C, Board of Adjustments granted a special exception to the fence height regulations at 10515 Lennox Lane.
4. BDA178-111: On October 18, 2018, the Panel B, Board of Adjustments granted a special exception to the fence height regulations at 10650 Strait Lane.
5. BDA178-127: On November 14, 2018, the Panel B, Board of Adjustments granted a special exception to the fence height regulations at 10747 Lennox Lane.
6. BDA189-099: On October 21, 2019, the Panel C, Board of Adjustments granted a special exception to the fence height regulations at 4554 Harrys Lane.
7. BDA189-141: On December 16, 2019, the Panel C, Board of Adjustments granted a special exception to the fence height regulations at 4610 Catina Lane.
8. BDA190-079: On October 19, 2020, the Panel C, Board of Adjustments granted a special exception to the fence height regulations, and for a special exception to the visibility obstruction regulations at 4651 Cantina Lane.
9. BDA190-050: On June 22, 2021, the Panel C, Board of Adjustments granted a special exception to the fence height regulations at 4610 Cantina Lane.

## GENERAL FACTS/STAFF ANALYSIS:

The applicant requests a special exception to the fence height standards of five feet to construct and maintain a nine-foot tall stone veneer wall, an eight-foot tall screening wall that while it encroaches into the setback is set back five feet from the front property lot line, a five-foot tall blackened finish steel picket fence, an eight-foot tall limestone veneer
wall with an integrated eight-foot-tall, twenty-two-foot long solid steel plate vehicular gate with an approximate length of 294 feet along Lennox Lane and along Catina Lane, an eight-foot-tall security fence with landscape, an eight-foot-tall, two-foot wide stone veneer column with an eight-foot-tall, six-foot-wide pedestrian gate, and a five-foot-tall, blackened finish steel picket fence with an approximate length of 330 feet.

Currently, the property is undeveloped, however, internal records reflect a building permit issued in 2018 for a single-family dwelling unit with approximately 9,379 square feet of floor area.

Section 51A-4.602(A)(2) of the Dallas Development Code states that in all residential districts except multifamily districts, a fence may not exceed four feet above grade when located in the required front yard. The subject site is zoned an R-1ac Single Family District and requires a minimum front yard setback of 40 feet. However, the property is situated along the northwest line of Catina Lane and Lennox Lane and thereby must maintain the 40 -foot front yard setback in compliance with the front yard provisions for residential districts.

Staff conducted a site visit of the subject site and surround area and noted several other fences along Catina Lane, and Lennox Lane located in the front yard setbacks which appeared to be above four feet-in-height and located in the front yard setback, many of which have recorded BDA history (see the Zoning/BDA History section of this case report for details).

Additionally, the representative provided evidence (Attachment A) to staff which contains eight board cases related to height within the vicinity of the subject property that have been granted special exceptions to the fence height regulations and fence standard regulations.

As of October 8, 2021, two emails have been submitted in opposition of the request and no letters in support of the request.

The applicant has the burden of proof in establishing that the special exceptions to the fence standards related to the height of nine feet located on Lennox Lane will not adversely affect neighboring properties.

Granting the special exception to the fence height regulations would require the proposal exceeding four feet-in-height in the front yard setback located along Catina Lane and Lennox Lane to be maintained in the locations, heights and materials as shown on the site plan and elevation plan.

## Timeline:

August 9, 2021: The applicant submitted an "Application/Appeal to the Board of Adjustment" and related documents that have been included as part of this case report.

Sept. 16, 2021: The Board of Adjustment Administrator assigned this case to Board of Adjustment Panel C.

Sept. 17, 2021: The Board Senior Planner emailed the applicant the following information:

- a copy of the application materials including the Building Official's report on the application.
- an attachment that provided the public hearing date and panel that will consider the application; the September 28, 2021 deadline to submit additional evidence for staff to factor into their analysis; and the October 8, 2021 deadline to submit additional evidence to be incorporated into the Board's docket materials;
- the criteria/standard that the board will use in their decision to approve or deny the request; and
- the Board of Adjustment Working Rules of Procedure pertaining to documentary evidence.

Sept. 24, 2021: $\quad$ The representative submitted evidence to staff (Attachment A).
Sept. 30, 2021: The Board of Adjustment staff review team meeting was held regarding this request and the others scheduled for the October public hearing. The review team members in attendance included: the Planning and Urban Design Interim Assistant Director, the Board of Adjustment Chief Planner/Board Administrator, the Chief Arborist, the Development Code Specialist, the Senior Sign Inspector, the Transportation Senior Engineer, the Board of Adjustment Senior Planner, and the Assistant City Attorney to the Board.

No staff review comment sheets were submitted with this request.
October 8, 2021: The applicant provided duplicate evidence as was provided on September $24^{\text {th }}$ (Attachment A).

October 18, 2021: The Board held the request under advisement until the November 15, 2021, Panel C hearing. To date, no updates have been provided.

APPEARING IN FAVOR:

APPEARING IN OPPOSITION:

Danielle Mathews 2201 Main St, \#1280 Dallas, TX Dallas Cothrum 2201 Main St. \#1280 Dallas, TX

None

MOTION: Agnich
I move that the Board of Adjustment in Appeal No. BDA 201-092 hold this matter under advisement until November 15, 2021.

## SECONDED: Ramsour

AYES: 4 - Brooks, Ramsour, Agnich, Sashington
NAYS: 0 -
MOTION PASSED (unanimously): 4-0




# Notification List of Property Owners BDA201-092 

11 Property Owners Notified

| Label \# | Address |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 1 | 10645 | LENNOX LN |
| 2 | 10640 | LENNOX LN |
| 3 | 10742 | LENNOX LN |
| 4 | 4609 | CATINA LN |
| 5 | 4610 | CATINA LN |
| 6 | 10625 | LENNOX LN |
| 7 | 4609 | HARRYS LN |
| 8 | 10626 | LENNOX LN |
| 9 | 10714 | LENNOX LN |
| 10 | 4651 | CATINA LN |
| 11 | 10747 | LENNOX LN |

Owner
MMM FAMILY TRUST
SILVERTHORNE MARY ROSE
BOURDON CHRISTOPHER
LAM SAMUEL M
KREUNEN 2012 REVOCABLE TRUST
DAY ROBERT C \&
GOLDSTEIN ROBERT \&
JUTRAS ROBERT N \& DORIS L
HERSH KENNETH A
THOMSON NEIL HAMILTON \&
SAXTON KELLY \& VICKY


## APPLICATION/APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT



Development Code, to grant the described appeal for the following reason:

Note to Applicant: If the appeal requested in this application is granted by the Board of Adjustment, a permit must be applied for within 180 days of the date of the final action of the Board, unless the Board specifically grants a longer period.

## Affidavit

Before me the undersigned on this day personally appeared
 who on (his/her) oath certifies that the above statements are true and correct to his/her best knowledge and that he/she is the owner/or principal/or authorized representative of the subject property.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
Respectfully submitted:

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Building Official's Report
I hereby certify that Masterplan-Danielle Mathews
did submit a request for a special exception to the fence height regulations
at 10645 Lennox Lane

BDA201-092. Application of Masterplan-Danielle Mathews for a special exception to the fence height regulations at 10645 LENNOX LN. This property is more fully described as Lot 2, Block C/5534, and is zoned R-1ac(A), which limits the height of a fence in the front yard to 4 feet. The applicant proposes to construct an 9 foot high fence in a required front yard, which will require a 5 foot special exception to the fence regulations.

Sincerely,

## AFFIDAVIT

Appeal number: BDA $201-092$
I,

## MMM Family Trust

(Owner or "Grantee" of property as it appears on the Warranty Deed)
at: $\qquad$ 10645 Lennox Lane Dallas, TX 75229
(Address of property as stated on application)
Authorize:
Danielle R. Mathews
(Applicant's name as stated on application)
To pursue an appeal to the City of Dallas Zoning Board of Adjustment for the following requests)
$\qquad$ Variance (specify below)
$\qquad$ Special Exception (specify below)
$\qquad$ Other Appeal (specify below)
Specify: $\qquad$

## Lisa Tyner

Print name of property owner or registered agent


Date $\qquad$ 07/16/2021

Before me, the undersigned, on this day personally appeared $\qquad$
Who on his/her oath certifies that the above statements are true and correct to his/her best knowledge.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ .2021


Notary Public for Dallas County, Texas
Commission expires on $8 / 15 / 24$


## Legend

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This data is to be used for graphical representation only. The accuracy is not to be taken/used as data produced by a Registered Professional Land Surveyor (RPLS) for the State of Texas. 'This product is for informational purposes and may not have been prepared for or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. It does not represent an on-the-ground survey and represents only the approximate relative location of property boundaries.' (Texas Government Code § 2051.102)



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8 October 2021

Panel C, Board of Adjustment
City of Dallas
Current Planning
Planning and Urban Design
1500 Marilla, 5BN
Dallas, TX 75201

RE: BDA201-092; 10645 Lennox Lane
Dear Board Member:
The subject site, measuring approximately 2.089 acres, has approximately 290.9 feet of frontage on Lennox Lane (includes the corner clip to the south), and approximately 357 feet of frontage on Catina Lane. See the following table for zoning districts and uses:

| Location | Zoning District | Use |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Subject Site | $\mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ | Single-Family Dwelling Unit |
| North (Across Catina Lane) | $\mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ | Single-Family Dwelling Unit |
| South | $\mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ | Single-Family Dwelling Unit |
| East (Across Lennox Lane) | $\mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ | Single-Family Dwelling Unit |
| West | $\mathrm{R}-1 \mathrm{ac}(\mathrm{A})$ | Single-Family Dwelling Unit |

In accordance with SEC. 51A-4.602, the subject site must comply with the following fence standard: "In all residential districts except multifamily districts, a fence may not exceed four feet above grade when located in the required front yard." Furthermore, because the site is at the southwest corner of Lennox Lane and Catina Lane, and because of block face continuity, the site has two front yards.


Please refer to the attached exhibits for specific locations of the fence and its corresponding materials.
Regarding the Lennox Lane front yard setback, the following is proposed:

- approx. 16.5 feet of the nine-foot-tall stone veneer wall (see the pink line);
- a five-foot-tall black finish steel picket fence (see the light blue line); and
- an eight-foot-tall limestone veneer wall with an integrated eight-foot-tall, 22 -foot-long solid steel plate vehicular gate (see the brown line).

[^4]Along Catina Lane, the following is proposed:

- approx. 39.4 feet of the nine-foot-tall stone veneer wall, located perpendicular to the street (see the pink line on the attached site plan);
- an eight-foot-tall security fence screened with needlepoint hollies and teddy bear magnolias (see the neon green line);
- eight-foot-tall screening walls that encroach into the setback but will not be visible from the street (see the neon green line);
- an eight-foot-tall, two-foot-wide stone veneer column with an eight-foot-tall, six-foot-wide pedestrian gate; and
- a five-foot-tall black finish steel picket fence (see the light blue line).

Therefore, while most of the fence ranges between five to eight feet in height, a special exception of five feet is requested for approximately 56 feet of the proposed nine-foot-tall stone wall, a majority of which is set behind the 40 -foot front yard setbacks. The proposed fence location complies with visibility triangle and drive gate requirements, as well as openness requirements for materials. Additionally, please see the following pictures for examples of needlepoint hollies and teddy bear magnolias.


Several properties surrounding the subject site have received Board of Adjustment approval for fence height special exceptions in required front yards within the past five years:

| Case Number | Address | Action |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BDA167-047 | 10545 Lennox Lane | Panel C approved an eight-foot high fence on April 17, <br> 2017. |
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| BDA178-127 | 10747 Lennox Lane | Panel B approved a six-foot high fence on November 14, <br> 2018. |
| BDA189-099 | 4554 Harrys Lane | Panel C approved a six-foot, six-inch high fence on October <br> $21,2019$. |
| BDA190-050 | 4610 Catina Lane | Panel C approved an eight-foot, six-inch high fence on June <br> $22,2020$. |
| BDA190-079 | 4651 Catina Lane | Panel C approved a six-foot, six-inch high fence on October <br> $19,2020$. |

SEC. 51A-4.602 allows the Board of Adjustment to grant a special exception to the fence standards when, in the opinion of the board, the special exception will not adversely affect neighboring property. Multiple surrounding properties have front yard fences, all with vehicular gates. Most are over four feet in height (some have Board of Adjustment approval per the table above). Given this history in the vicinity, the requested fence height special exception is generally compatible with the fence patterns in the established neighborhood.

Letters were sent to neighboring property owners within a 200 -foot radius to advise them of the request.
In summary, while most of the proposed fence is between five to eight feet tall, the client requests a special exception of five feet to the maximum permitted fence height of four feet in the required front yard setback to accommodate a small section of their proposed nine-foot-tall stone veneer wall. All other aspects of the proposal comply with the zoning ordinance's fence standards.

Regards,
DamileeP. Materns
Danielle R. Mathews, AICP
Consultant
Masterplan Texas






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# Panel C 11-15-21 BDA201-092 <br> 10645 Lennox Lane <br> (Opposition; inclusive of previous 10-18-21) 

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From: Anne Stodghill
To: \ackson, Latonia; Daniel, Pamela
Subject: Variance Request BDA201-092 for 10645 Lennox Lane, Dallas, TX 75229
Date:
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 12:44:40 PM
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## External Email!

Dear Ms. Jackson and Ms. Daniel -
I reside at 10401 Lennox Lane in Dallas. I am writing to ask that variance request BDA201-092 for 10645 Lennox Lane be denied. This is the latest of several requests in recent years seeking a variance from the fence codes in our neighborhood. All of the other requests were denied. If request BDA201-092 is granted, it will fundamentally change the appearance of our neighborhood and what makes it such a charming and welcoming place to live where neighbors know and interact with each other.

There are 31 houses on Lennox Lane from Royal to Dorset. Only 1 has a solid fence taller than allowed by code. This walled compound sticks out like a sore thumb, is poorly maintained and is an eyesore. All of the rest of the houses on the street either have open iron fences with landscaping to provide privacy, if desired, or no fences at all.
Our neighborhood is experiencing a turnover of older homes due to the 2019 tornado, which severely impacted our street, and older residents selling or downsizing. There are numerous properties on the street that are either under construction, for sale or will be for sale in the coming few years. We cannot set a precedent allowing ugly fortress walls. This decision is not just about 10645 Lennox Lane, but numerous properties in the area
Please deny variance request BDA201-092 for 10645 Lennox Lane. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Anne Stodghill


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| From: | 年black@att.net |
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| To: | Lackson, Latonia |
| Cc: | Daniel, Pamela |
| Subject: | BDA 201-092 |
| Date: | Saturday, October 2, 2021 11:00:40 AM |

## External Email!

Dear Ms. Jackson,
I am writing to oppose the proposed fence height of 9 " at 10645 Lennox. It is completely out of character with our neighborhood and I hope the City will not approve it. This City has consistently refused to allow fences of this height in our area, and it is my sincere hope you will continue to do so.
Thank you so very much.
Jan Black
4563 Isabella Lane
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Anne Stodghill
10401 Lennox Lane
Dallas, Texas 75229


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I am writing to ask that the request BDA201-092 for 10645 Lennox be denied. Our neighborhood is having a turnover of older homes and new homes being built. This is the $3^{\text {rd }}$ request for a fence height variance within several hundred feet of my property. The houses at 4554 Harrys Lane and 4610 Catina both requested large solid walls in the front of their houses.
Mr. Cothrum of Masterplan represented the owners of 4554 Harrys Lane and after meeting with the neighborhood a redesign of the fence was done which was 2 feet of solid and 3 feet of open metal fence and fit in with the openness of our neighborhood. The home at 4610 Catina was denied approval by this Board and they then adjusted their fence to what was approved for 4554 Harrys Lane.
We have reached out to Masterplan who represents the owner of 10645 Lennox to meet to discuss the neighborhood concerns prior to the hearing regarding the request for a solid wall. They have not responded as of this email.
The house at 10645 Lennox whose back yard backs up to the side yard of 4610 Catina (the request for a similar wall was denied for 4610 Catina) is requesting a solid wall. I hope the Board maintains a standard and denies the request for 10645 Lennox for a solid wall which exceeds city code and is out of line with our neighborhood.
One of the arguments that was made for both houses during their request was that there are already homes in the neighborhood with fences that exceed the city standard. This is true but many of the yards meet the city requirement or have no front yard fences. The older homes with fences that exceed the 4 foot standard are open metal fences rather than solid walls. These were built years ago and I suspect some were built without approval.
The idea of a 9 foot solid wall in the front yard does not fit the neighborhood. The yards around this property do not have massive walls. Also, there are 3 lots getting ready to build and a $4^{\text {th }} \mathrm{j}$ ust went on the market. If this variance is approved then within several hundred feet of my house could be 5 walled compounds. That is a depressing thought.
I plead with the Board to not approve the request. The city put in place a standard for new construction for a reason. Please save our neighborhood from becoming walled compounds.
I have included pictures and a plot showing the make up of the surrounding yards to show the openness of the neighborhood which we feel should be preserved.

This represents the yards surrounding the purposed variance. As you can see there is a very openness to the area. 2 of the lots with open yards and 2 of the lots with open fences are going to be new construction. If the variance is approved then all 4 of the new construction could also ask for variance and the neighborhood becomes walled in.





Pictures driving down Lennox Notice the openness


Pictures driving down Lennox
Notice the openness


10___ Lennox, The house which is beside the house asking for the adjustment Open front yard on Lennox



4651 Catina
The front yard faces the house asking for an adjustment Notice the open front yard

4610 Catina, The house was denied a similar request. The side yard is next to the back yard asking for the adjustment.
They changed their fence to fit the neighborhood

2 houses with open yards
1 with Catina address
1 with Lennox address



4554 Harrys Lane
Adjusted fence for neighborhood


10625 Lennox, the house beside 10645 asking for the fence adjustment Open yard


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[^2]:    Application is made to the Board of Adjustment, in accordance with the provisions of the Dallas
    Development Code, to grant the described appeal for the following reason:

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