

November 23, 2020

Proceedings of the Board of Adjustment of University Heights, Iowa, held by electronic means pursuant to Iowa code section 21.8 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Board of Adjustment MEETING

Chair Clayton Hargrave called the November 23, 2020 council meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:10.

Board Members Present: Randall Aitchison, David Deyak, Stepheney Gahn, Clayton Hargrave.

Board Members Absent: Doris Ecekey

Staff present: Attorney Steve Ballard, City Inspector Terry Goerd, Temporary City Clerk Mike Haverkamp.

Also present were: Ab Gratama, 220 Sunset St, Louise From, Pat Yeggy.

Motion by Gahn, second by Deyak to approve minutes of September 14, 2020. Motion carried 4-0.

Chair Clayton Hargrave asked Ab Gratama to present his request for a variance the board to enclose a vestibule in front of his front door. Mr. Gratama explained that this small 5 X 5 area would prevent leaves and snow blowing into the house and would make it more energy efficient. Due to a second-floor stairway, there is no way to recess the front door into the existing building.

Chair Hargave asked building inspector Terry Goerd to comment on the application and he reviewed what he had sent to the Board, affirming what Mr. Gratama had said.

Board members asked questions regarding the vestibule, the setbacks along the street, and drainage. All of these questions were answered to the satisfaction of of board members, by either inspector Goerd or Mr. Gratama.

City Attorney Ballard mentioned that Board member Doris Ecekey was unable to participate in the Zoom meeting and wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of that.

Chair Clayton Hargrave asked if any member of the public wished to comment on the proposal. No one wished to comment.

Motion by Gahn, second by Atchison, to approve the variance. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 7:28 p.m.**

Christine Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor

Attest: Michael Haverkamp, Temporary City Clerk

