



**Minutes**  
**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
January 5, 2016  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Fredericksburg, Virginia

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Helen P. Ross, Chair  
Beatrice Paolucci  
Matthew Muggeridge  
Richard Conway, Alternate

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jay Jarrell III, Vice-Chair  
Brian Raska

**STAFF**

Mike Craig, Zoning  
Administrator  
Kathleen Dooley, City  
Attorney  
Phaun Moore, Secretary

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Ms. Ross called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**OPENING REMARKS**

Ms. Ross determined that a quorum was present and public notice requirements had been met.

**DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Ross asked if any Board member had engaged in *ex parte* communications on any item before the Board. No one indicated they had participated in any *ex parte* communications.

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Ms. Ross asked if any Board member had any conflicts of interest on any item before the Board. No one indicated that they had any conflicts of interest.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Ms. Paolucci made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Muggeridge seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

1. **V15-01:** Mr. and Mrs. Strentz-McLaughlin – (owner) requests a Variance to allow a six foot high fence (including two feet of lattice work at the top) within the front yard along Littlepage Street at 814 Cornell Street (GPIN 7779-84-5870) in the R-4 Residential Zoning District. The Unified Development Ordinance limits fence height to a maximum of four feet in a

front yard. 814 Cornell Street is a corner lot with front yards along both Cornell and Littlepage Streets.

The applicants were not present.

Ms. Ross stated that the applicants had filed an appeal with the Circuit Court regarding the BZA's decision on September 21, 2015 and the City Attorney recommended that the Board table the variance application until the court case had been resolved.

Mr. Conway made a motion to table the variance application until the Circuit Court had ruled on the disposition.

Ms. Paolucci asked for clarification of whether to defer or table the variance application.

Ms. Dooley explained that due to the court case there would be no definite time frame if the variance application was deferred, and said that tabling it would be more appropriate. Ms. Dooley said that Ms. Dahnk, the applicants' attorney, concurred with that decision.

Ms. Paolucci seconded the motion to table the variance application. Motion carried unanimously.

### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Ms. Paolucci made a motion to approve the corrected minutes from September 21, 2015. Mr. Conway seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Paolucci made a motion to postpone review of the minutes from November 16, 2015, since Mr. Jarrell was not present. Mr. Conway seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **STAFF / BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Craig informed the Board that there would be a public hearing for a new variance application on January 25, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

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Helen P. Ross, Chair