

CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING - UPDATED

Held in City Hall Chambers 1600 Nela Ave Belle Isle FL Held the 4th Tuesday of Every Month Tuesday, October 25, 2022 * 6:30 PM

AGENDA

Planning and Zoning Board Members

District 5 member – Rainey Lane, Chairman
District 1 – David Woods, VChair

District 2 member – Christopher Shenefelt | District 3 member – Michael Statham
District 4 member – Vinton Squires | District 6 member – Andrew Thompson
District 7 member – Dr. Leonard Hobbs

Welcome to the City of Belle Isle Planning & Zoning meeting. Agendas and all backup material supporting each agenda item are available in the City Clerk's office or on the city's website at <u>cityofbelleislefl.orq</u>. Any person desiring to appeal a recommended action of the Board should observe the notice regarding appeals below. CAUTION: Untimely filing by any appellant shall result in an automatic denial of the appeal.

- 1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum
- 2. Invocation and Pledge to Flag Board Member Hobbs
- 3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of July 26, 2022 meeting minutes
 - b. Approval of August 30, 2022 meeting minutes
 - c. September 27 meeting canceled
- 4. Public Hearings
 - a. 2022-09-003 PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 50-74 (C) (3) AND SEC. 42-64, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUESTED VARIANCE TO ALLOW AN R-1-AA PROPERTY TO EXCEED THE 35% IMPERVIOUS SURFACE RATIO WITHOUT CREATING ONSITE RETENTION FOR STORM RUNOFF, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT KELLY RUMMLER, LOCATED AT 1705 WIND HARBOR ROAD, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL #30-23-30-9330-00-110.
 - b. 2022-10-011 PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 50-102 (B) (5) (A) AND SEC. 42-64, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUESTED VARIANCE TO ALLOW A LANDSCAPE WALL OF 32 INCHES IN HEIGHT IN THE FRONT YARD, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT STEVE KNEIPP, LOCATED AT 6814 SEMINOLE DRIVE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32812, ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL #29-23-30-4389-02-031.
- 5. Other Business
 - a. Discussion on low front yard walls by septic tank on a residential property
- 6. Adjournment



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, * 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Planning and Zoning Board Members

District 5 member – Rainey Lane-Conduff, Chairman
District 1 – David Woods, VChair
District 2 member – Christopher Shenefelt | District 3 member – Michael Statham
District 4 member – Vinton Squires | District 6 member – Andrew Thompson
District 7 member – Dr. Leonard Hobbs

The Belle Isle Planning & Zoning Board met on July 26, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the City Hall Chambers at 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FI 32809.

Present was:

Absent was:

Board member Lane -Conduff Board member Statham Board member Squires Board member Woods Board member Thompson

Board member Shenefelt

Board member Hobbs

Also present were City Manager Bob Francis, Attorney Dan Langley, City Planner Raquel Lozano, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Chairman Lane-Conduff opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. The City Clerk confirmed the quorum.

2. **Invocation and Pledge to Flag –** Board member Hobbs, District 7

Board Member Hobbs gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Lane-Conduff moved to approve the absence of Board members Woods, Dr. Hobbs, and Thompson.

Board member Statham moved to excuse the absence.

Board member Shenefelt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 4:0.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of the June 26, 2022, meeting minutes

Board member Statham moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Squires seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 4:0.

4. Public Hearings

a. PUBLIC HEARING 2022-06-029: PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 42-64 and SEC. 48-32 (A) (1), THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUESTED VARIANCE TO HAVE A PRIVATE BOAT DOCK PERMITTED WITHIN THE FIVE FEET SIDE SETBACK OF THE NEIGHBORING DOCK, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT BRENDAN SWEENEY, LOCATED AT 5842 COVE DRIVE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32812 ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL # 20-23-30-1660-00-090.

Board member Squires read Public Hearing 2022-06-029 by title.

Raquel Lozano, City Planner, gave an overview of the request and said the applicant seeks a variance from the Code regarding the minimum side setback requirement for boat docks on the property line. The proposed building plan would be within five feet of the neighboring dock. The dock at 5834 Cove Drive has a grandfathered, nonconforming dock already located within the five-foot setback of the property line. The applicant has provided documentation of the proposed boat dock building design. In the Narrative Letter, the applicant states they would meet all other Code considerations listed under the Design Criteria of Docks.

Considering the variance request criteria, the Staff does not recommend approval for the requested variance. The applicant does not satisfy the hardship test required for variance requests. If the Board does accept the variance request, I recommend that a minimum setback distance should be identified and implemented for safety considerations with the design of this structure. Another condition for this request should ensure the applicant has no open environmental complaints with the Orange County Environmental Protection Division. Any use of heavy equipment needs approval from Orange County EPD, and notice must be provided to Belle Isle City Hall.

Attorney Brendan Sweeney, representing the applicant Jeffrey Giles, said he had appeared in a prior hearing on the non-conforming dock. He advised his client that the boat dock should be removed and is seeking a variance for installing a new dock consistent with the adjacent homeowner. He stated concern about swimming within five feet of the shoreline. The Board asked if the pylons were removed, and Chairman Lane noted that the pylons were still there during her visit before this hearing.

The Board asked if the applicant had submitted supplemental renderings of a conforming boat dock. Attorney Sweeney said no, the applicant has not. However, he stated that the new plans are similar to what was there. The Board stated if possible, they would like to see the applicant show a reasonable effort that complies with the Land Development Code.

City Planner Lozano stated that the neighboring dock also has a 5-foot setback, which is grandfathered-in; however, if that homeowner decides to make any changes that affect the pylons or the dock's roof, he must conform to the current Code.

To clarify the current project, City Manager Francis said the packet shows a picture of the old dock, which the applicant removed without a permit. The applicant then built a new dock, which was enlarged and installed without a permit, and added electrical and plumbing. The City required that it be removed due to non-compliance and working without a permit from the City and Environmental Protection Department. The 5-foot setback is a minimum, and the applicant can accommodate the new plans to conform to the current Code. The applicant is looking for approval of a zero variance setback regardless of a small size dock.

Chairman Lane-Conduff opened for public comment.

Lorraine Williams, the homeowner, and Dale Robinson's daughter residing at 5834 Cove Drive said those two boat houses were always close despite the historical fact. It was still not touching, but it benefited both property owners. She is opposed to the variance for several reasons.

- Mr. Giles expanded the dock without a permit, made egregious incursions on her property, and had the boat docks touch each other.
- Mr. Giles never spoke to her or her father about the buildout and that the docks now are touching.
- It doesn't show any personal responsibility, trust, or integrity
- Minor damage was done to their existing boat dock without a remedy or communication
- This has created legal issues for current and future owners regarding access to, repair, and maintenance of either boat dock.

There is a history of unpermitted work, and Mr. Giles has a track record of invasion. He has not been a good steward of the environment and requests that the variance be denied.

After discussion, Board member Statham moved Sec. 42-64, the justifying criteria of the Belle Isle Land Development Code, and SEC. SEC. 48-32 (A) (1), having not been met, to deny a private boat dock permitted within the five-foot side setback of the neighboring dock submitted by applicant Brendan Sweeney located at 5842 Cove Drive, Belle Isle, FL 32812, also known as Parcel # 20-23-30-1660-00-090. Board member Shenefelt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 4:0.

b. PUBLIC HEARING 2022-06-030: PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 42-64, SEC. 50-102 (B) (5) (A), THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUESTED VARIANCE TO ALLOW A FRONT YARD FENCE INSTALLATION OF 5 FEET IN HEIGHT WITH COLUMNS OF 6.8 FEET IN HEIGHT, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT KENNETH GRANGER, LOCATED AT 7208 SEMINOLE DRIVE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32812 ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL #29-23-30-4389-04-040.

Attorney Langley read Public Hearing 2022-06-030 by title.

City Planner Raquel Lozano said the applicant seeks a variance from Sec. 50-102 (B) (5) (A) to install a front yard fence with two concrete columns at 6.8 feet in height. The applicant has cited concerns for safety and privacy in their Narrative Letter as they are located adjacent to a public park. The proposed fence installation meets the standard height requirement per City Code, except for the two columns supporting the entrance gate. This request does not conflict with the characteristics of the neighborhood and upholds an established pattern by surrounding properties to have a front yard fence. The applicant would maintain conformance with the community aesthetic with the front yard fence installation. The Board, in granting an application for the variance, may consider as justifying the criteria the following:

- 1. A difference in grade between the property upon which the fence will be installed and the immediately adjacent property;
- 2. The height or construction material of already existing abutting walls or fences; and
- 3. Conditions existing upon or occupational use of adjacent property create the applicant's security need.

Based on the applicant's identification that privacy and security are primary considerations for installing the front yard fence, coupled with the existing abutting fence along the side of the property, Staff recommends approval of the requested variance.

Chairman Lane-Conduff opened for public comment.

Kenneth Grainger, the homeowner of 7208 Seminole Drive, said their request is for their family's and home's safety. They are the only home on Seminole without a fence, and this has caused privacy concerns. He doesn't see the neighbors having any challenges concerning the requested height. The 6.8-foot columns will be concrete with stone matching the home, 5-foot aluminum around the column, and an approximate 6-foot gate consistent with the other houses.

After discussion, Board member Vinton Squires moved pursuant to Belle Isle Sec. 42-64 of the Belle Isle Land Development Code, SEC. 50-102 (B) (5) (A), having been met to approve a front yard fence installation of 5 feet in height with columns of 6.8 feet in height, submitted by applicant Kenneth Granger, located at 7208 Seminole Drive, Belle Isle, FL 32812 also known as Parcel #29-23-30-4389-04-040.

Ms. Lozano said the applicant should wait for 15 days before any construction to allow for any appeals.

c. PUBLIC HEARING 2022-07-031: PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 42-64, SEC. 50-102 (B) (5) (A), THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUESTED VARIANCE TO ALLOW A FRONT YARD FENCE INSTALLATION OF 24 INCHES IN HEIGHT, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT URBAN PERCH, LOCATED AT 2520 HOMEWOOD DRIVE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL #19-23-30-5888-06-122.

Attorney Langley read Public Hearing 2022-07-031 by title.

City Planner Raquel Lozano said given the property's extensive work in remodeling and adding to the original building plan, the variance request satisfies the criteria as a special condition. The property initially had the drain field area and septic tank located in the rear but was relocated years ago to the front yard to meet building plans for an addition in the backyard. The unique circumstance of this variance request is self-created, as the property owner approved the relocated drain field and septic tank in recent years. The applicant has examined other options but faced hurdles to keeping the drain field and septic tank in the backyard, especially for maintaining the new cottage structure in the back and expanding the ongoing home renovations at the original site. The proposed low wall separates the designated driveway area from the relocated drain field and septic tank on site. This variance request primarily aims to protect the drain field and septic tank from vehicles.

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Staff recommends approving the requested variance. The applicant proposed that the retaining wall be 16 to 24 inches tall. The Board may set the maximum height allowed to satisfy the applicant's request to contain the drain field area. By establishing a height requirement, the Board can ensure the front wall barrier does not exceed its intended use, nor would it drastically alter or deviate from the overall character of the neighborhood.

Chairman Lane-Conduff opened for public comment.

The homeowner, Mark Jones, spoke on behalf of his provided variance and said he is trying to keep a functional design and use the same home aesthetics. Pedro Rodriguez from Urban Perch clarified that the retaining wall is 24" and slopping down to 8" inches to allow for the raised dirt to the driveway.

After discussion, Board member Shenefelt moved Sec. 42-64 of the Belle Isle Land Development Code, SEC. 50-102 (B) (5) (A), having been met to approve a front yard fence installation of 24 inches in height, submitted by applicant Urban Perch, located at 2520 Homewood Drive, Belle Isle, FL 32809, also known as Parcel #19-23-30-5888-06-122.

Ms. Lozano said the applicant should wait for 15 days before any construction to allow for any appeals.

5. Other Business – n/a

6. Adjournment

There was no further business, so the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:20 pm.



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 30, 2022, * 6:30 pm MINUTES

Planning and Zoning Board Members

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District 2 member – Christopher Shenefelt | District 3 member – Michael Statham District 4 member – Vinton Squires | District 6 member – Andrew Thompson District 7 member – Dr. Leonard Hobbs

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Absent was:

Board member Statham

Present was:

Board member Lane -Conduff

Board member Woods

Board member Hobbs

Board member Squires

Board member Thompson

Board member Shenefelt

Also present were City Manager Bob Francis, Attorney Dan Langley, City Planner Raquel Lozano, and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Chairman Lane-Conduff opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. The City Clerk confirmed the quorum.

2. **Invocation and Pledge to Flag** – Board member Hobbs, District 7 Board Member Hobbs gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

3. Discussion on Artificial Turf

Raquel Lozano, City Planner, presented incorporating the standards for using Artificial Turf in the City of Belle Isle. She stated that the city code does not currently outline requirements for residential landscaping standards. The City's landscape code intends to enhance the City's appearance, provide habitats for urban wildlife, improve air and water quality, mitigate heat and glare, and increase land values by providing landscaping as a capital asset; some of these objectives can be met with artificial turf. Recently, the Planning & Zoning Commission requested that the Belle Isle City Council place a six-month moratorium on artificial turf until a decision could be made regarding whether artificial turf should be allowed and included in the Land Development Code.

While artificial turf is not specifically prohibited in the Code, residents are installing synthetic grass because they believe if it is not stated in the Code, then it is acceptable. In the past, residents sought a lush, sub-tropical landscaping scheme for their property. However, the resources, time, and labor devoted toward maintaining lawns have given headway to alternative forms of residential landscaping. For example, non-living materials (such as rocks and mulch) are not explicitly mentioned in the Code and are thus limited in their placement and implementation on residential lots.

In providing this report, staff presented the following regulatory considerations and practices for allowing synthetic turf within residential districts of the City,

- Pros and Cons of artificial turf,
- Proposed establishing regulatory guidelines to determine design and material criteria.
- Address installation standards,
- Assess the permitting process for the inorganic product, and
- Set limitations on its usage to fit within the context of a sub-tropical environment.

Ms. Lozano noted should the Board not recommend artificial turf and that the Board should expressly prohibit the product use on residential lots in the Code. Residents with existing artificial turf must maintain it in good standing but cannot replace and expand upon its current use.

The Board discussed the following,

- Environmental impact (artificial turf is not a natural material and may create minimal toxic run-off)
- Residents/Homeowners have the freedom of choice to use the product
- Upkeep and maintenance
- Establish additional staff duties to review product and inspection process
- Prohibit in the Code and allow on a case-by-case basis by variance

After discussion, Comm Shenefelt moved to recommend to Council a 6-month moratorium to allow for staff to speak to other municipalities and find how they manage enforcement and presentation of a survey to residents to allow for public input.

Chairman Lane-Conduff seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:38 pm.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning and Zoning Board

DATE: October 25, 2022

RE: Variance Application – 1705 Wind Harbor Road

2022-09-003

Applicant Request: PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 50-74 (C) (3) AND SEC. 42-64, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUESTED VARIANCE TO ALLOW AN R-1-AA PROPERTY TO EXCEED THE 35% IMPERVIOUS SURFACE RATIO WITHOUT CREATING ONSITE RETENTION FOR STORM RUNOFF, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT KELLY RUMMLER, LOCATED AT 1705 WIND HARBOR ROAD, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL #30-23-30-9330-00-110.

Background:

- 1. On September 1, 2022, the applicant, Kelly Rummler, submitted a request, application, and required paperwork.
- A Notice of Public Hearing legal advertisement was placed on Saturday, October 15, 2022, in Orlando Sentinel.
- 3. Letters to the abutting property owners were mailed within 300 feet of the subject property on October 14, 2022.

The Board may adopt all, some, or none of these determinations as part of their findings-of-fact. The Board may also add any additional findings of fact that are presented at the public hearing. The Board will need to determine if the criteria outlined in Chapter 42, Article III, Section 42-64(1) of the Land Development Code have been met and approve, approve with conditions, or deny this request.

SAMPLE MOTION TO APPROVE:

"I move, pursuant to Belle Isle SEC. 50-74 (C) (3) AND SEC. 42-64 of the Belle Isle Land Development Code, having been met TO APPROVE A R-1-AA property to exceed the 35% impervious surface ratio without creating onsite retention for storm runoff, submitted by applicant Kelly Rummler, located at 1705 Wind Harbor Road, Belle Isle, FL 32809 also known as Parcel #30-23-30-9330-00-110.

SAMPLE MOTION TO DENY:

"I move, pursuant to Belle Isle Code SEC. 50-74 (C) (3) AND SEC. 42-64, the justifying criteria of the Belle Isle Land Development Code, having NOT been met; [use only if NONE of the justifying criteria have been met] the requirements of, Subsections: [state only the subsections below that are not satisfied] having NOT been met; [may be used in addition to above or alone] TO DENY A R-1-AA property to exceed the 35% impervious surface ratio without creating onsite retention for storm runoff, submitted by applicant Kelly Rummler, located at 1705 Wind Harbor Road, Belle Isle, FL 32809 also known as Parcel #30-23-30-9330-00-110.

SUBSECTION (D), a literal enforcement of the provisions of the zoning ordinances would result in unnecessary hardship and that said hardship is created by special conditions and circumstances peculiar to the land, structure or building involved, including but not limited to dimensions, topography or soil conditions.

SUBSECTION (E), personal hardship is not being considered as grounds for a variance since the variance will continue to affect the character of the neighborhood after title to the property has passed and that the special conditions and circumstances were not created in order to circumvent the Code or for the purpose of obtaining a variance.

SUBSECTION (F), the variance is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure.

SUBSECTION (G), the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Code, will not be injurious to the neighborhood, will not be detrimental to the public welfare, and will not be contrary to the public interest.

City of Belle Isle

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APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE / SPECIAL EXCEPTION				
DATE: 09.01.22 P&Z	CASE #:	2022-09-003		
☑ VARIANCE □ SPECIAL EXCEPTION □ OTHER DATE OF HEA	RING:			
Applicant Kelly F. Rummler	Owner Kelly	y F. Rummler		
ADDRESS 1705 Wind Harbor Road Belle Isle, FL 32809				
PHONE: 863-514-5371				
PARCEL TAX ID #: 30-23-30-9330-00110				
LAND USE CLASSIFICATION: 0100-Single Family ZON	ING DISTRICT	R-1-AA		
DETAILED VARIANCE REQUEST: Eliminate on site retention	requireme	ent or allow to be placed on		
front property swale due to driveway expansion. Pleas	e see appli	cation supplement.		
		1'		
SECTION OF CODE VARIANCE REQUESTED ON: Section 50-74 Imp	ervious Su	rface Ratio of the City Code		

- The applicant hereby states that the property for which this hearing is requested has not been the subject of a hearing before the Planning and Zoning Board of the kind and type requested in the application within a period of nine (9) months prior to the filing of the application. Further that the requested use does not violate any deed restriction of the property.
- By submitting the application, I authorize City of Belle Isle employees and members of the P&Z Board to enter my property, during reasonable hours, to inspect the area of my property to which the application applies.
- Applicant shall provide a minimum of ten (10) sets of three (3) photographs in support of this application as follows: at least one (1)
 photograph of the front of the property and at least two photographs (from different angles) of the specific area of the property to which the
 application applies.
- Sec. 42-64. Variances. The board shall have the power to approve, conditionally approve or deny applications for variance from the terms of the Land Development Code.
 - o Criteria. The board shall not approve an application for a variance from terms of the Land Development Code unless and until:
 - a. A written application for a variance is submitted to the city manager or the city manager's designee on a form provided by the city clerk setting forth all of the special conditions and circumstances that exist in favor of the granting of the variance and <u>addressing the requirements of subsections (1)d—g of this section of the criteria set forth in this section</u>. Upon submission of the properly completed application and the appropriate fee, the city manager or the city manager's designee shall refer the application to the board.
 - b. Notice of public hearing for the variance shall be given as required by the article for hearing before the board.
 - c. The public hearing on the application for the variance shall be held. The applicant, the applicant's agent as evidenced by a signed writing, or the applicant's attorney shall appear before the board.
 - d. It is determined that literal enforcement of the provisions of the zoning ordinances would result in unnecessary hardship and that said hardship is created by special conditions and circumstances peculiar to the land, structure or building involved, including but not limited to dimensions, topography or soil conditions.
 - e. It has been determined that personal hardship is not being considered as grounds for a variance since the variance will continue to affect the character of the neighborhood after title to the property has passed and that the special conditions and circumstances were not created in order to circumvent the Land Development Code or for the purpose of obtaining a variance.
 - f. It is determined that the variance is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure
 - g. It is determined that the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Land Development Code, will not be injurious to the neighborhood, will not be detrimental to the public welfare, and will not be contrary to the public interest.

Kelly F. Rummler 1705 Wind Harbor Rd. Belle Isle, FL 32809

Variance Request – Application Supplement

Special Conditions and /or Circumstances

Section 42-64 (1) d

What are the special conditions and circumstances unique to your property? What would be the unnecessary hardship?

Eliminate on site retention requirement or allow to be placed on front property swale. Due to slope of land, placement would need to be downhill for retention. No place on property with the exception of the swale due to drain field.

Not Self-Created

Section 42-64 (1) e

How were the special conditions noted above created?

We are widening driveway to accommodate more cars. Due to the large street planter and the new addition of a 1'23" pole offset, there is no on street parking in front of our property. This makes an undue burden on neighbors due to us having to park in street, in front of their property.

Minimum Possible Variance

Section 42-64 (1) f

Can you accomplish your objective in another way? List alternatives you have considered and evidence as to why they are not feasible.

Considering property slope and drain field our alternative to asking for the elimination of the retention requirement is permission for use of swale.

Purpose and Intent

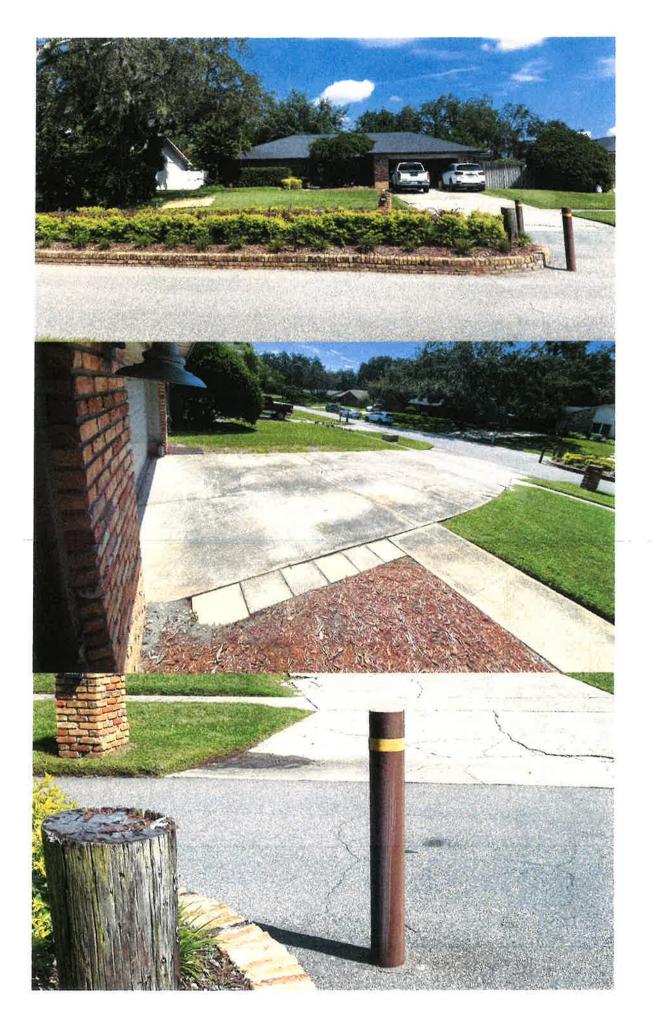
Section 42-64 (1) g

What effects will approval of the variance have on adjacent properties or the surrounding neighborhood? Allowing the elimination of retention requirement or the use of swale will allow more cars to park in driveway eliminating street parking which is more dangerous and not as beautiful for the neighborhood.

a.

- (2) Violations of conditions.
 - a. In granting any variance, the board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to ensure compliance with the Land Development Code. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the variance is granted, shall be deemed a violation of this Land Development Code and punishable in accordance with this article. At the discretion of the board, such variance may be revoked for violation of the condition and/or safeguards.
 - b. The board may prescribe a reasonable time limit within which the action for which the variance is required shall be begun or completed or both. Under no circumstances, except as permitted above, shall the board grant a variance to permit a use not generally or by special exception permitted in the zoning district involved, or any use expressly or by implication prohibited by the terms of the Land Development Code in the zoning district. No nonconforming use of neighboring lands, structures or buildings in the same zoning district, and no permitted use of land, structures or buildings in other zoning districts, shall be considered grounds for the authorization of a variance.

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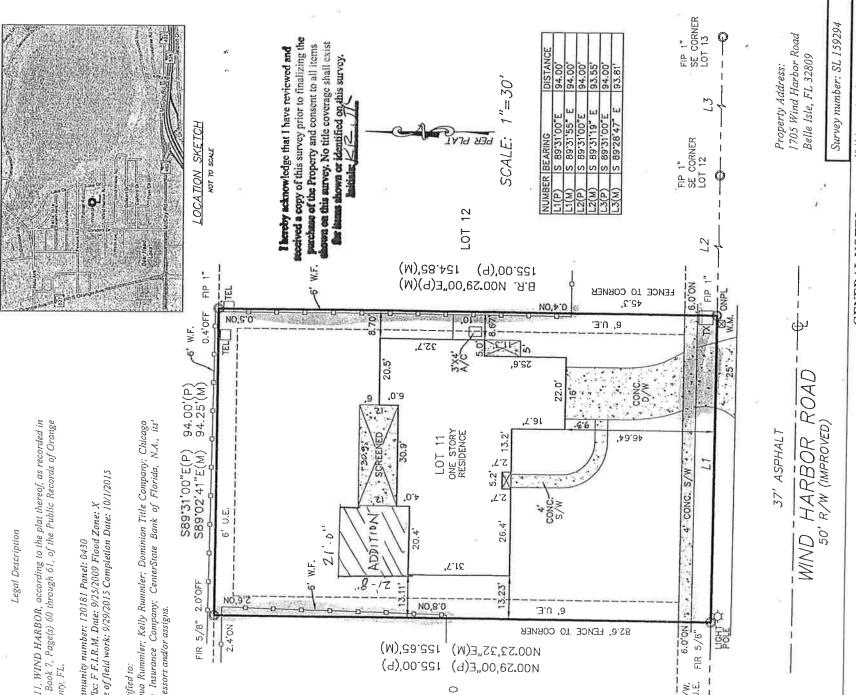
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DRIVEWAY/PAVERS REVIEW APPLICATION

Dat	e: 33332 Permit #			
I, the undersigned, hereby request permission for the construction of a Driveway(s) on City of Belle Isle right-of-way at the following location: Parcel #				
Inspection must be completed prior to the concrete pour.				
Property Owners Name Property Address Contractor Name Joseph Auer Phone 407-521-2823	License No. CBC 059 858			
The Driveway/Sidewalk is to be constructed in the following manner:	Impervious Surface Ratio Worksheet Development Zoned A-1. A-2, R-1-AAA, R-1-AA, R-1-A, R-1 per Section 50-74 Impervious Surface Ratio of the City Code			
The Driveway(s) will be constructed in accordance with the above requirements and those on the reverse side. The Applicant is responsible for construction and will also maintain the above described Driveway in a safe and	 Total Lot Area (sqft) X 0.35 = Allowable Impervious Area (BASE). Total Lot Area			
adequate condition. The Applicant will save and keep the City of Belle Isle harmless from any and all damages, claims, or Injuries that may occur by reason of this construction of said facility. The Applicant binds and obliges himself to confirm to the above description and the attached survey/sketch. See Reverse side for specifications.	that do not allow direct percolation of rainwater. Examples include house, pool, deck, driveway, accessory building, etc House			
JJ's Waste & Recycling is by legal contract the sole authorized provider of garbage, recycling, yard waste, and commercial garbage and construction debris collection and disposal services with the city limits of the City. Contractors, homeowners and commercial businesses may contact JJ's Waste & Recycling at 407-298-3932 to setup accounts for Commercial, Construction Roll Off, or other services needed. Rates are fixed by contract and are available at City Hall or	Walkway			
from JJ's Waste & Recycling. The City enforces the contract through its code enforcement office. Failure to comply will result in a stop work order. Signature Owner Agent	Actual Impervious Area (AIA)			
FOR BELLE ISLE USE ONLY FEE \$30.00 Cash or Chk# Recd	Assuming 7.5 inches of rainfall based on a 24hr 10 year Rain Event (TP40), the formula is: (7.5 inches rainfall/12 inches p/foot) X (result from line 4) = cubic feet of storage			
ZONING APPROVAL STAMP:	Storage to Br 30x10 x12" Deep			
	Storage to Br 30×10'×12" DOEP VAMANCE REQUESTED			

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Certified to: Joshua Rum Title Insuran

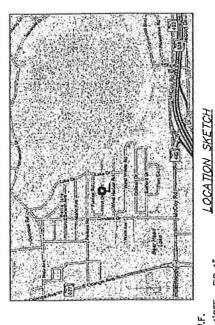


LEGEND

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FIP 1" SE CORNER LOT 13 EXPAND DRINGLAN X "=30 LOCATION SKETC! NOT TO SCUE FIP 1 SE CORNER LOT 12 SCALE: B.R. NOO*29'00"E(P)(M) 155.00'(P) 154.85'(M) 6.0'ON FENCE TO CORNER NO. 7.0 NO,5'0 ,9°57 94.00'(P) 94.25'(M) LOT 11 ONE STORY RESIDENCE S89'31'00"E(P) S89'02'41"E(M) 21.7 2.0'0FF 6.0'ON FIR 5/8" 85'e, LENCE 10 CORNER 155.65'(M) NO0.52,25,E(M) NO0.53,00,E(b) 122.00(P) 10' S/W. D. &U.E.

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CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL

Planning and Zoning: Staff Report

October 25, 2022

Variance Application: 1705 WIND HARBOR ROAD

Applicant Request: PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 50-74 (C) (3) AND SEC. 42-64, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUESTED VARIANCE TO ALLOW AN R-1-AA PROPERTY TO EXCEED THE 35% IMPERVIOUS SURFACE RATIO WITHOUT CREATING ONSITE RETENTION FOR STORM RUNOFF, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT KELLY RUMMLER, LOCATED AT 1705 WIND HARBOR ROAD, BELLE ISLE, FL 32809 ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL #30-23-30-9330-00-110.

Existing Zoning/Use: R-1-AA / Single-Family Residence

Staff Recommendations

Sec. 50-74 of the Code cites the assigned impervious surface ratio for all residential properties within Belle Isle. Further, Sec. 50-74 (c) (3) stipulates that the property owner is held responsible for providing water retention facilities for the runoff volume of rain created by the additional impervious area, which exceeds the base impervious ratio. The applicant seeks to expand their driveway area in the front yard, exceeding the base impervious area, without creating onsite retention.

Staff provides an evaluation based on the variance criteria for the application below:

- Special Conditions and/or Circumstances (Sec. 42-64 (1) d):
 At the end of their driveway, the property is located adjacent to a plant landscape, which has existed for over ten years. The elevation of this property is like the surrounding neighbors. As such, no special conditions and/or circumstances have been determined.
- Not Self-Created (Sec. 42-64 (1) e):
 The variance request is self-created as the application is seeking to exceed with base impervious ratio, which is allowed by code if onsite retention is created onto the lot to

account for the rainfall that cannot percolate into the proposed impervious area.

3. Minimum Possible Variance (Sec. 42-64 (1) f):

The applicant does not explore other options to meet their objective, which is to accommodate additional cars in their driveway. While the front yard may not be a viable option to place a swale as a measure for onsite retention, the applicant can seek to install other forms of onsite retention in the backyard.

4. Purpose and Intent (Sec. 42-64 (1) g):

The requested variance could be injurious to the neighborhood as the additional storm runoff cannot percolate naturally through the permeable areas of the property. The general purpose and intent of the land development code of Sec. 54-70 are applied to all properties within the City regarding the impervious surface ratio.

Based on the applicant's preference to expand their existing driveway to accommodate additional cars into their property, this objective does not meet the hardship test of a variance request. Considering these review criteria, the staff does not recommend approval of the requested variance.

Additional Notes

Please note that the Board may approve the proposed variance application as it is presented to them, approve with specific conditions, and continue the application if additional information is being requested for consideration, or deny the application, citing which criteria are not met.

A decision by the Board may be appealed by any aggrieved person to the City Council according to Code Sec. 42-64.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning and Zoning Board

DATE: October 25, 2022

RE: Variance Application – 6814 Seminole Drive

2022-10-011

Applicant Request: PURSUANT TO BELLE ISLE CODE SEC. 50-102 (B) (5) (A) AND SEC. 42-64, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUESTED VARIANCE TO ALLOW A LANDSCAPE WALL OF 32 INCHES IN HEIGHT IN THE FRONT YARD, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT STEVE KNEIPP, LOCATED AT 6814 SEMINOLE DRIVE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32812, ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL #29-23-30-4389-02-031.

Background:

- On October 6, 2022, the applicant, Steve Kneipp, submitted a request, application, and required paperwork.
- 2. A Notice of Public Hearing legal advertisement was placed on Saturday, October 15, 2022, in Orlando Sentinel.
- 3. Letters to the abutting property owners were mailed within 300 feet of the subject property on October 14, 2022.

The Board may adopt all, some, or none of these determinations as part of their findings-of-fact. The Board may also add any additional findings of fact that are presented at the public hearing. The Board will need to determine if the criteria outlined in Chapter 42, Article III, Section 42-64(1) of the Land Development Code have been met and approve, approve with conditions, or deny this request.

SAMPLE MOTION TO APPROVE:

"I move, pursuant to Belle Isle SEC. 50-102 (B) (5) (A) AND SEC. 42-64of the Belle Isle Land Development Code, having been met TO APPROVE A LANDSCAPE WALL OF 32 INCHES IN HEIGHT IN THE FRONT YARD, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT STEVE KNEIPP, LOCATED AT 6814 SEMINOLE DRIVE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32812, ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL #29-23-30-4389-02-031.

SAMPLE MOTION TO DENY:

"I move, pursuant to Belle Isle Code Isle SEC. 50-102 (B) (5) (A) AND SEC. 42-64, the justifying criteria of the Belle Isle Land Development Code, having NOT been met; [use only if NONE of the justifying criteria have been met] the requirements of, Subsections: [state only the subsections below that are not satisfied] having NOT been met; [may be used in addition to above or alone] TO DENY A LANDSCAPE WALL OF 32 INCHES IN HEIGHT IN THE FRONT YARD, SUBMITTED BY APPLICANT STEVE KNEIPP, LOCATED AT 6814 SEMINOLE DRIVE, BELLE ISLE, FL 32812, ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL #29-23-30-4389-02-031...

SUBSECTION (D), a literal enforcement of the provisions of the zoning ordinances would result in unnecessary hardship and that said hardship is created by special conditions and circumstances peculiar to the land, structure or building involved, including but not limited to dimensions, topography or soil conditions.

SUBSECTION (E), personal hardship is not being considered as grounds for a variance since the variance will continue to affect the character of the neighborhood after title to the property has passed and that the special conditions and circumstances were not created in order to circumvent the Code or for the purpose of obtaining a variance.

SUBSECTION (F), the variance is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure.

SUBSECTION (G), the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Code, will not be injurious to the neighborhood, will not be detrimental to the public welfare, and will not be contrary to the public interest.



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Variance and Special	Exception Application				
City Code Chapter 42, Art. II, Sec. 41-61 thru 4	1-72 AND Sec 42-64 Land Development Code 2072-10-011				
AFFLICANT Steve Kneipp	OWNER Christopher George				
ADDRESS 2745 Citrus Tower Blvd Unit B Clermont FL 34711	PROJECT ADDRESS 6814 Seminole Dr Belle Isle, FL 32812				
CONTACT NUMBER 407-402 1145	OWNER'S CONTACT NUMBER 407 227-7806				
EMAIL steve@southeastshell.com	OWNER'S EMAIL christopher george@ushadvisors.com				
PARCEL IDN 29-23-30-4389-02-031					
LAND USE CLASSIFICATION Residential	ZONING DISTRICT R-1-AA				
SECTION OF THE CODE VARIANCE REQUESTED ON 50-102(b)(5)(a)					
To allow a 4 tiered 18"x8" CMU low landscape wall in Landscape wall is needed due to the elevated grade of drain field mound. The applicant hereby states that the property for which this before the Planning and Zoning Board of the kind and type regressed user does not violate any deed restriction of the property.	the right side of the property created from the searing is requested has not been the subject of a hearing special on the application within nine (9) months. Further, the				
 By applying, I authorize City of Belle Isle employees and members of the P&Z Board to enter my property during reasonable hours to inspect the area to which the application applies. The applicant shall provide a minimum of ten (10) sets of three (3) photographs in support of this application as follows: at least one (3) picture of the front of the property and at least two photos (from different angles) of the appendic area of the property to which the application applies. 					
APPLICATE SIGNATURE	OWNER'S SIGNATURE				
VARIANCE SPECIAL OTHER	P&Z CASE NUMBER DATE OF HEARING				

Sec. 42-64. - Variances. The Board shall have the power to approve, conditionally approve or deny applications for a variance from the terms of the Land Development Code.

Criteria The Board shall not approve an application for a variance from terms of the Land Development Code unless and until:

- a. A written application for a variance is submitted to the city manager or the city manager's designee on a form provided by the city clerk setting forth all of the special conditions and circumstances that exist in favor of the granting of the variance and addressing the requirements of subsections (1)d—g of this section of the criteria set forth in this section. Upon submission of the properly completed application and the appropriate fee, the city manager or the city manager's designee shall refer the application to the board.
- b Notice of public hearing for the variance shall be given as required by the article for hearing before the board.
- c. The public hearing on the application for the variance shall be held. The applicant, the applicant's agent as evidenced by a signed writing or the applicant's attorney shall appear before the board.
- d. It is determined that literal enforcement of the provisions of the zoning ordinances would result in unnecessary hardship and that said hardship is created by special conditions and circumstances peculiar to the land, structure or building involved, including but not limited to dimensions, topography or soil conditions.
- e. It has been determined that personal hardship is not being considered as grounds for a variance since the variance will continue to affect the character of the neighborhood after title to the property has passed and that the special conditions and circumstances were not created in order to circumvent the Land



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Development Code or for the purpose of obtaining a variance.

- f. It is determined that the variance is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure.
- g. It is determined that the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Land Development Code, will not be injurious to the neighborhood, will not be detrimental to the public welfare, and will not be contrary to the public interest.
- h. The board shall find that the preceding requirements have been met by the applicant for a variance.

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(2) Violations of conditions.

 In granting any variance, the Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to comply with the Land Development Code. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which

- the variance is granted, shall be deemed a violation of this Land Development Code and punishable in accordance with this article. At the Board's discretion, such variance may be revoked for violation of the condition and safeguards.
- The Board may prescribe a reasonable time limit within which the action for which the variance is required shall be begun or completed. Under no circumstances, except as permitted above, shall the Board grant a variance to allow a use not generally or by special exception allowed in the zoning district involved, or any use expressly or by implication prohibited by the terms of the Land Development Code in the zoning district. No nonconforming use of neighboring lands, structures, or buildings in the same zoning district, and no permitted use of land, structures, or buildings in other zoning districts, shall be considered grounds for the authorization of a variance.

Applications submitted must meet all of the above criteria before the Board can grant a variance. The burden of proof is on the applicant to comply with the criteria.

A special exception addresses the compatibility of uses, differing slightly from a variance. The approval of a special exception depends on how the request affects the surrounding area. All uses allowed as special exceptions are listed within the individual zoning districts. Before the Board can approve a special exception, the request must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1. A written application for a special exception must be submitted to City Hall no later than 4:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the previous month. (See Above)
- 2. The Board shall find that it is empowered under the section of the zoning ordinance described in the application to grant the special exception and that granting the special exception will not adversely affect the public interest.
- 3. It is determined that public health, safety, comfort, order, convenience, prosperity, morals, or general welfare is promoted, protected, or improved.

General Information

- 1. Certain conditions may be prescribed on the special exception or variance approved by the Board.
- 2. The applicant must be present at all hearings.
- 3. Decisions rendered by the Board do not become final until fifteen (15) days after the hearing. The fifteen-day waiting period allows all aggrieved parties to appeal the decision. Any person filing an appeal will submit, within fifteen (15) days of the decision, a notice stating where they feel the Planning and Zoning Board erred in their decision. Belle Isle's City Council will then hold an appeal hearing.
- 4. Sec 42-61 thru 41-72 Variances and special exceptions granted by the Board will become void if a permit necessary for utilization of the variance or special exception is not issued within six (6) months of the date approved by the Planning and Zoning Board.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

FEE: \$300

10-6-22

Check/Cash

Rec'd By

Property Record - 29-23-30-4389-02-031

Orange County Property Appraiser • http://www.ocpafl.org

Property Summary as of 10/17/2022

Property Name

6814 Seminole Dr

Names

George Christopher James

Municipality

BI - Belle Isle

Property Use

0030 - Vacant Water

Mailing Address

437 Harbour Oaks Pointe Dr Orlando, FL 32809-3013

Physical Address

6814 Seminole Dr Orlando, FL 32812



QR Code For Mobile Phone



6814 SEMINOLE DR, BELLE ISLE, FL 32812 1/7/2022 10:16 AM

Property Features

Property Description

LAKE CONWAY PARK G/138 LOT 3 BLOCK B & A PORTION OF LAND BETWEEN THE EAST AND WEST PROPERTY LINES LOT 3 BLOCK B EXTENDED TO THE WATERS OF LAKE CONWAY DESC: COMM AT THE SW CORNER LOT 1 TH S81-46-00E 158.04 FT TO THE POB TH CONT S81-46-00E 73.32 FT TH S25-32-00W 180 FT TH N71-25-00W 70.52 FT TH N29-42-28E 166.73 FT TO THE POB



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ABOUT YOUR PUBLIC HEARING

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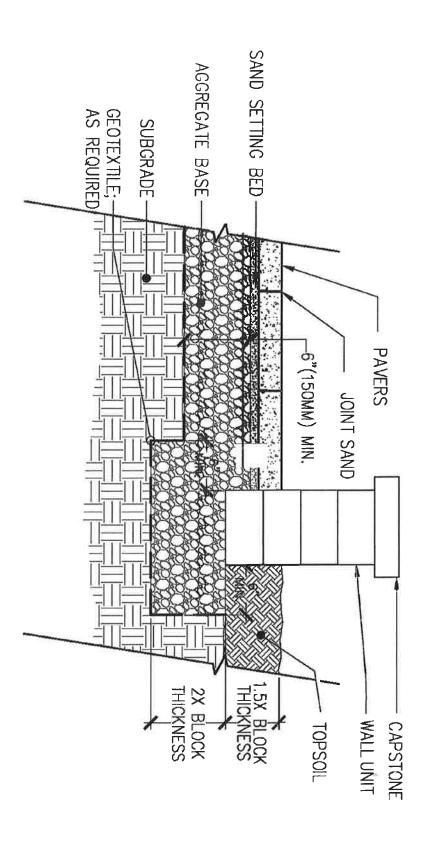
The City of Belle Isle's Planning and Zoning Board, which comprises seven (7) non-paid volunteer residents, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month to hear various planning and zoning issues, including variances, special exceptions, and use determinations. In recommending approval or denial of a request, the Board looks at each application individually to determine if the request meets the following criteria:

A written application for a variance must be submitted to City Hall no later than 4:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the previous month. The application MUST include:

- a. the \$300 filing fee,
- b. a completed application form,
- c. proof of ownership of the property, or a notarized statement from the owner with the representative's information,
- d. Ten (10) copies of a plot plan or survey showing all improvements to the property, ten copies of a scale drawing of the planned construction, illustrated on the survey, and digital format for large-scale documents is required.
- For boat dock variances, the survey must clearly illustrate the Normal High Water Line elevation (NHWL) of Lake Conway.
- f. A narrative addressing how the variance complies with the following:

*Standards of Variance Justification	Section 42-64 of the Land Development Code (LDC) states that no application for a Zoning Variance shall be approved unless the Planning and Zoning Board finds that all of the following standards are met. Please answer each bold-text question in a separate typed or a written document and submit it to the City as part of your variance request.
Special Conditions and/or Circumstances Section 42-64 (1) d	The applicant must prove that literal enforcement of the provisions of the zoning ordinances would result in unnecessary hardship. That hardship is created by special conditions and circumstances peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved, including but not limited to dimensions, topography, or soil conditions. WHAT ARE THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES UNIQUE TO YOUR PROPERTY? WHAT WOULD BE THE UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP?
Not-Self- Created Section 42-64 (1) e	The applicant must prove that the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the applicant's actions. A personal (self-created) hardship shall not justify a variance; i.e., when the applicant creates the alleged hardship, they are not entitled to relief by their conduct. HOW WERE THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS NOTED ABOVE CREATED?
Minimum Possible Variance Section 42-64 (1) f	The applicant must prove that the zoning variance is the minimum variance that will make the reasonable use of the land, building, or structure possible. CAN YOU ACCOMPLISH YOUR OBJECTIVE IN ANOTHER WAY? LIST ALTERNATIVES YOU HAVE CONSIDERED AND EVIDENCE AS TO WHY THEY ARE NOT FEASIBLE.
Purpose and Intent Section 42-64 (1) g	The applicant must prove that approval of the zoning variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Code, and such zoning variance will not be injurious to the neighborhood, not detrimental to public welfare, and not contrary to the public interest. WHAT EFFECTS WILL APPROVAL OF THE VARIANCE HAVE ON ADJACENT PROPERTIES OR THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD? (FOR EXAMPLE, ADEQUATE LIGHT, AIR, ACCESS, USE OF ADJACENT PROPERTY, DENSITY, COMPATIBILITY WITH SURROUNDING LAND USES, TRAFFIC CONTROL, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, ETC).

^{*}For a variance application from Sec. 50-102 (b) fences and walls, please also identify how you comply with the variance criteria identified in Sec. 50-102 (b) (16). Please note for a fence variance, and you do not have to comply with Sec. 42-64 (1) d and (1) f.



Boundary Survey

Legal Description:

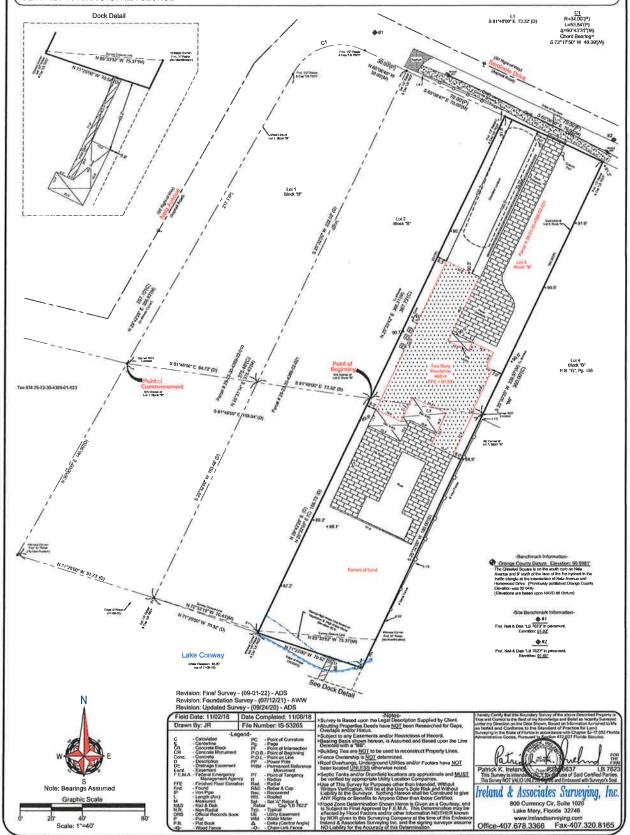
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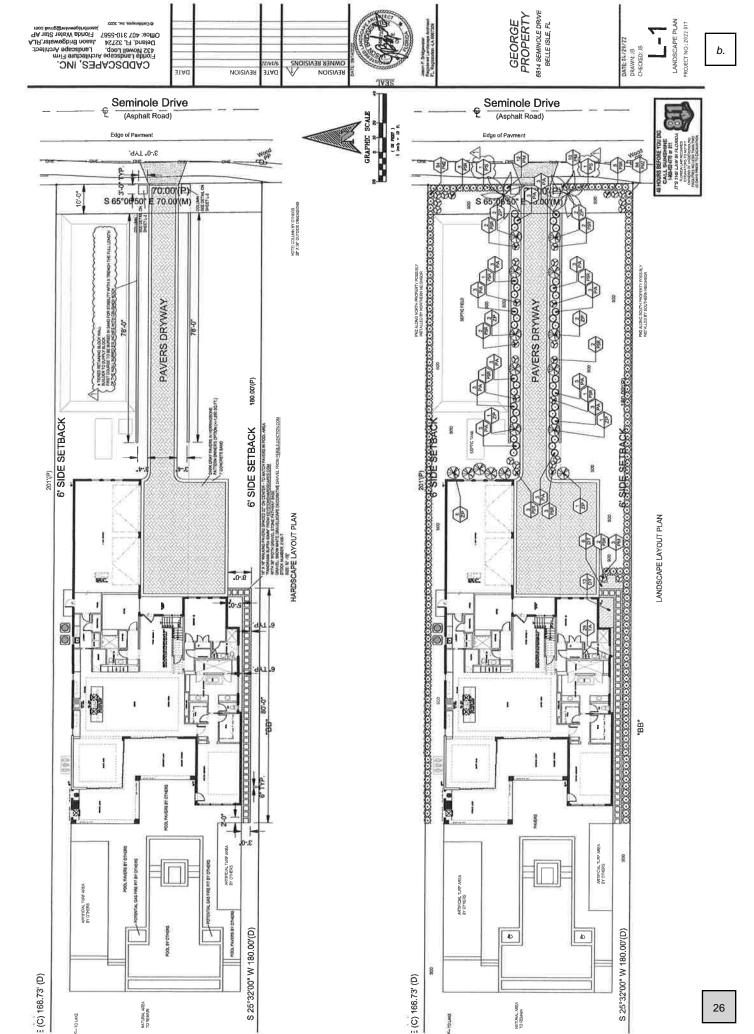
Lot 3, Block B, Lake Conway Park, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book G, Page 138, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and the portion of land between the East and West property lines of said Lot 3, Block "B" extended to the waters of Lake Conway, being more particularly described as follows:

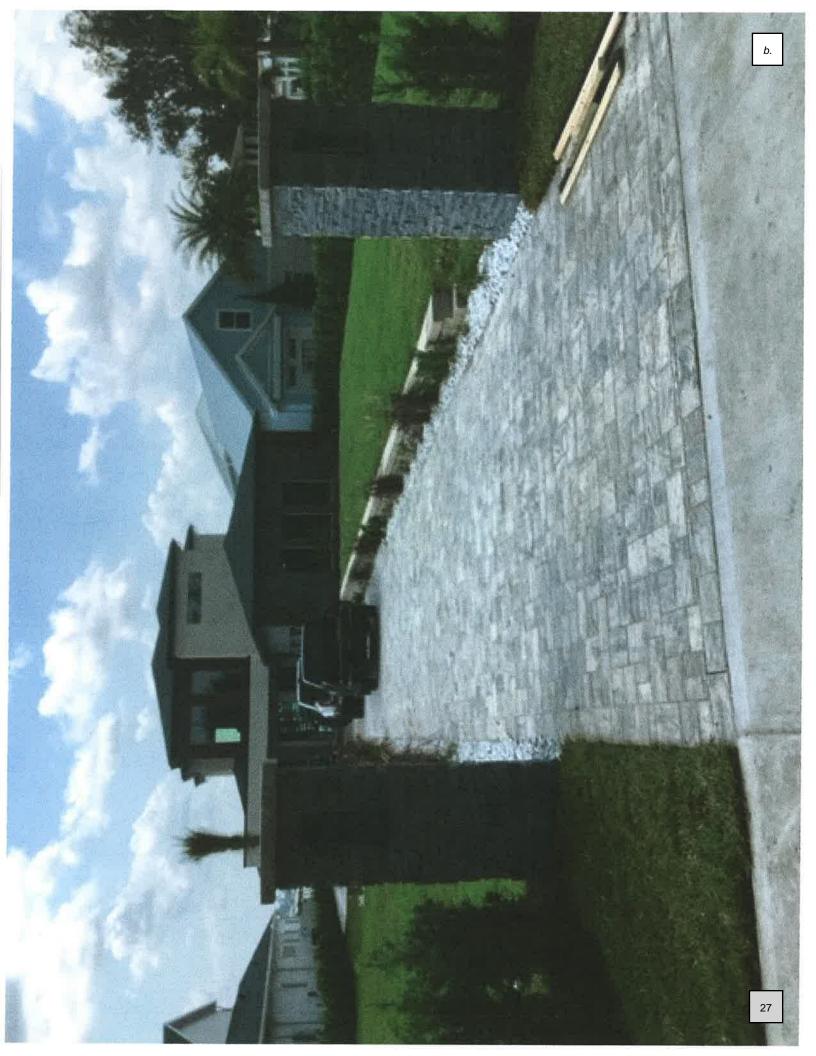
Commence from the Southwest corner of said Lot 1, Block "B" according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book G, Page 138, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, thence run S 81*46*00" E a distance of 158.04 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 3, Block "B" and the Point of Beginning; thence conlinue S 81*46*00" E a distance of 73,32 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 3, Block "B"; thence run S 25*32*200" W along the protongalion of the East line of Lot 3, Block "B"; distance of 180,00 feet to the waters of Lake Conway; thence run N 71*25*00" W a distance of 70,52 feet to a point on the protongalion of the West line of said Lot 3, Block "B"; thence run N 29*42*28" E along said West line of said Lot 3, Block "B"; a distance of 166,73 feet to the Point of Beginning.

BY PERFORMING A SEARCH WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNING MUNICIPALITY OR WWW.FEMA.GOV, THE PROPERTY APPEARS TO BE LOCATED IN ZONE AE/X500/X. THIS PROPERTY WAS FOUND IN CITY OF BELLE ISLE, COMMUNITY NUMBER 120181, DATED 09/25/2008.

CERTIFIED TO: CHRISTOPHER GEORGE













CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL

Planning and Zoning: Staff Report

October 25, 2022

Variance Application: 6814 SEMINOLE DRIVE

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Existing Zoning/Use: R-1-AA / Single-Family Residence

Review Evaluation

Staff provides an evaluation based on the variance criteria for the application below:

1. Special Conditions and/or Circumstances (Sec. 42-64 (1) d):

The variance request meets a special condition due to the configuration of the lot and the approved building plans for the new single-family residence. The drain field and septic tank were placed in the front yard during the construction of the SFR.

2. Not Self-Created (Sec. 42-64 (1) e):

The unique circumstance of this variance request is self-created, as the property owner and assigned building contractor approved the drain field and septic tank in the front yard.

3. Minimum Possible Variance (Sec. 42-64 (1) f):

The applicant has proposed to make the low front wall 16 to 32 inches in height, with the lowest portion of the wall extended towards the end of the driveway, before contacting the sidewalk. The height of the front yard wall is designed to contain the earth mound as it exists.

4. Purpose and Intent (Sec. 42-64 (1) g):

The low wall aims to contain the raised earth mound created by installing the drain field and septic tank. The low wall is less than three feet in height from the natural grade

level and does not present a negative impact on the surrounding neighbors. Regarding other properties located on Seminole Drive, the adjacent neighbors also have front yard fences.

Staff Recommendation

Staff provides a recommendation to approve the requested variance. The board may set the maximum height allowed to satisfy the applicant's request for containing the drain field area. By establishing a height requirement, the board can ensure the front wall barrier does not exceed its intended use, nor would it drastically alter or deviate from the overall character of the neighborhood.

Additional Notes

Please note that the Board may approve the proposed variance application as it is presented to them, approve with specific conditions, and continue the application if additional information is being requested for consideration, or deny the application, citing which criteria are not met.

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