

# CITY OF DAHLONEGA PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020 AT 6:00 PM

CITY HALL - MAYOR MCCULLOUGH COUNCIL CHAMBER

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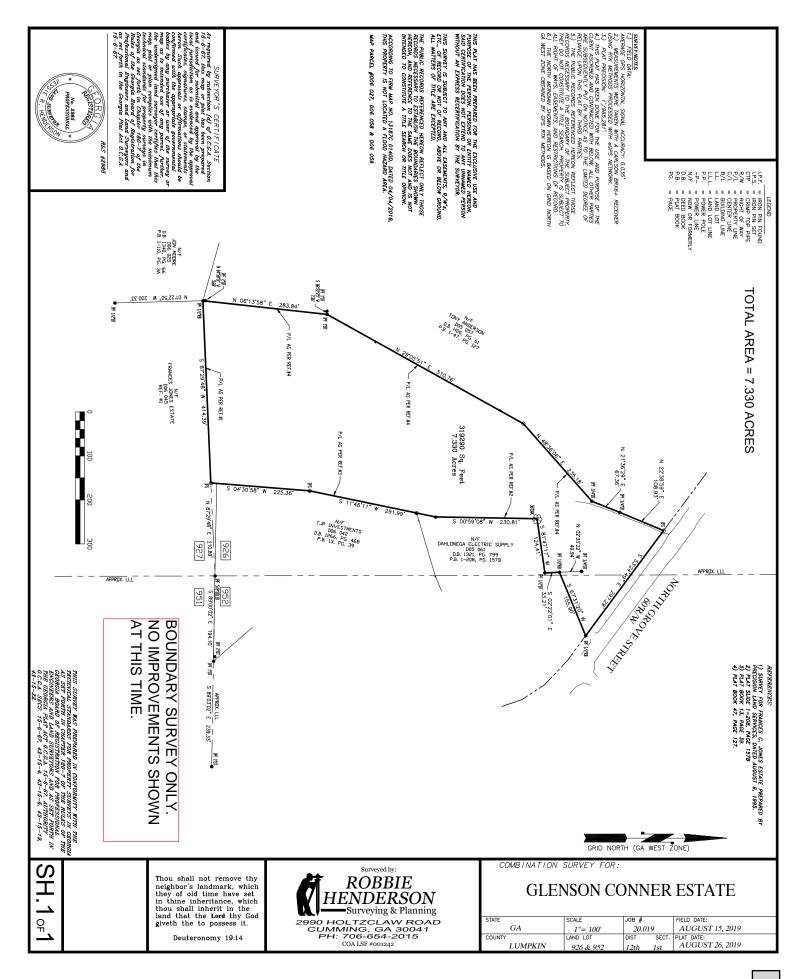
# Call to Order

- Approval of Agenda
- **Approval of Minutes**
- **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

<u>1.</u> Variance request for a reduction in the front setback of 35 feet. The request is to reduce the 35 feet front setback by 15 feet making it a 20 feet front setback.

#### Adjournment





### STAFF REPORT BZA-20-1

Applicant:	City of Dahlonega
Owner:	Squaretail, LLC
Location:	555, 557 and 533 North Grove Street (Parcels # D05-059, D05-058 and D06-027)
Acreage:	+/- 6.69 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	R-2
Current Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
General Land Use:	Residential
City Services:	All city services are available at this site.
Traffic Impact:	Approximately 76.5 trips per day by will be generated by the development.
Reasonableness of Request:	This request is reasonable within the confines of the parcel in which it is requested.

Conditions of Hardship:

1. Are there extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question because of its size, shape or topography that are not applicable to other land or structures in the same district.

Answer – There are no extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question because of its size, shape or topography that are not applicable to other land or structures in the same district.

2. A literal interpretation of the provisions of these zoning regulations would create an unnecessary hardship and would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other property owners within the district in which the property is located.

Answer – The literal interpretation of the provisions of the zoning regulations is creating an unnecessary hardship due to the double definitions found in the Zoning Code 91-9 for front setback. This is confusing as one states that the measurements can be taken from the road and the other for building front setback states that it shall come from the property line moving into the development or parcel. These two conflicting definitions have created a hardship for the development.



3. Granting the variance requested will not confer upon the property of the applicant any special privileges that are denied to other properties of the district in which the applicant's property is located.

Answer – Granting of the variance requested will not confer upon the property of the applicant any special privileges that are denied to other properties of the district in which the applicant's property is located. The front setback and building frontage are in character with other structures located along the corridor of North Grove Street.

4. Relief, if granted, will be in harmony with the purpose and intent of these regulations and will not be injurious to the neighborhood or general welfare in such a manner as will interfere with or discourage the appropriate development and use of adjacent land and buildings or unreasonable affect their value.

Answer – Granting relief will be in harmony with the purpose and intent of the zoning regulations and will not be injurious to the neighborhood or general welfare of the community.

5. The special circumstances are not the result of the actions of the applicant.

Answer – The special circumstances are a combination of the result of the actions of the applicant and the duplicity of the front setback definitions within the zoning regulations.

6. The variance requested is the minimum variance that will make possible the legal use of the land, building, or structure.

Answer – The requested variance of 15 feet is the minimum variance that will make possible the legal use of the land, building, and/or structures.

7. The variance is not a request to permit a use of land, building or structures which are not permitted by right in the district involved

Answer – The use of the land, building or structures are permitted by right in the district.

Community Development Dept. Recommendation:

The department recommends approval of the 15-foot variance on the front setback for parcels # D05-059, D05-058 and D06-027