

REGULAR SESSION

JULY 9, 2013

The Zoning Board of Adjustments of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Athens City Hall Annex with the following members present, to-wit:

Bob McDonald, Chairman  
Jack Bateman  
Joe Whatley  
Todd Fowler

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development  
Pam Watson, City Secretary

others present: Veronica Geddie;

with the following member absent: Mamie Stafford;

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

Member McDonald called the meeting to Order.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2012  
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A motion was made by Member Whatley, seconded by Member Fowler to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2012 Regular Session, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING FENCE VARIANCE FOR LOT 12,  
BLOCK 26, ATHENS ORIGINAL TOWN, OWNED BY VERONICA GEDDIE  
(314 N. FAULK ST.)

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development, stated that the owner is requesting a 25 ft. fence setback variance to allow her to replace an existing chain link fence with a 6 ft. privacy fence. He explained that the existing fence is located on the west side property line, however, the current Ordinance will require the fence to be placed 25 ft. off the property line. He stated that seven (7) surrounding property owners were notified and no responses were received.

Member Bateman questioned the hardship, with Veronica Geddie explaining that she is replacing the existing fence to improve the property, expressing her feelings that this will increase her property value and secure the property. She explained that she is planning to have a plant display area in front of the store and moving the fence back would reduce the display area.

Member Bateman expressed his concerns with the safety for the person opening and closing the gate, with Ms. Geddie explaining that there will be expanding gates.

Member Fowler suggested setting the gate back 25 ft. from the property line.

After discussion, the public hearing was closed.

CONSIDER FENCE VARIANCE FOR LOT 12, BLOCK 26, ATHENS ORIGINAL  
TOWN, OWNED BY VERONICA GEDDIE (314 N. FAULK ST.)

A motion was made by Member Whatley, seconded by Member Fowler to approve a 10 ft. fence setback variance for the 32 ft. expandable gate area on the west side of Lot 12, Block 26, Athens Original Town, and a 25 ft. fence setback variance for the remainder of the west side of Lot 12, Block 26, Athens Original Town. The motion carried unanimously.

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The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.

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Bob McDonald, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Pam Watson, City Secretary