

Meeting of the Sandy Springs Board of Appeals was held on August 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.,

Chair Mel Mobley presiding.

I. Call to Order

Chair Mel Mobley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Roll Call and General Announcements

Members Present: Chair Mel Mobley, Vice Chair Sherri Allen, Board Member Jason Bodwell, Board Member Fred Jewell, Board Member Justin Sparano, Board Member Nathan Kongthum, Board Member Bill Thackston.

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by Board Member Bill Thackston, seconded by Board Member Fred Jewell, to adopt the meeting agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by Board Member Bill Thackston, second by Chair Sherri Allen to approve the meeting minutes from the June 7, 2023 Board of Appeals meeting with corrections (below) to the motion on case **AP23-00002**. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

June 7th minutes previously read

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by Board Member Bill Thackston, seconded by Vice Chair Sherri Allen to **affirm** the appeal under the Director's determination on case **AP23-00002** per the city Arborist recommendation. The motion carried 6 in favor – 1 opposed, Board Member Jason Bodwell opposed.

June 7th minutes correction

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by Board Member Bill Thackston, seconded by Vice Chair Sherri Allen to **deny** the appeal under the Director's determination on case **AP23-00002** per the city Arborist recommendation. The motion carried 6 in favor – 1 opposed, Board Member Jason Bodwell opposed.

V. Cases

A. BOA 2023-0007 V23-0009 – 7300 Roswell Road – Applicants are requesting relief from Sec. 6.4.3.1. and 8.2.6.B.2. to remove the buffer wall requirement along the western boundary of the property where abutting RD-18 properties.

(Presented by: LaQuita Williams, Planner I)

Chair Mel Mobley opened the public hearing for comments.

Support

1. Ronda Smith – 76 Long Island Place, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328
2. Tyler Lenn – 635 Wyncourtney Drive, Sandy Springs, Ga
3. Mike & Lindsay Penno – 595 Wyncourtney Drive, Sandy Springs Ga

Opposition

None

Chair Mel Mobley closed the public hearing and opened the floor for the board member discussion.

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Vice Chair Sherri Allen**, seconded by **Board Member Justin Sparano** to approve case **V23-0009** as recommended by staff. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- B. BOA 2023-0008 V23-0014 - 125 Green Falls Point** - Applicants are requesting relief from Division 9.2. to grade into the 50-foot undisturbed natural vegetative buffer and place a wall into the 75-foot impervious surface setback.

(Presented by LaQuita Williams, Planner I)

Chair Mel Mobley opened the public hearing for comments.

Support

1. Doug Lynn (**Homeowners Representative**) – 509 Sharlot Drive, Acworth, Ga 30102

Opposition

None

Chair Mel Mobley closed the public hearing and opened the floor for the board member discussion.

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Board Member Fred Jewell**, seconded by **Chair Sherri Allen** to approve **V23-0014** with the conditions as recommended by staff. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Additional notes:

Chair Mel Mobley made note of the passing of our former Board Member Alvin Johnson. He who passed away on June 7, 2023. He wanted to take a moment to recognize Mr. Johnson for his many years of service on the board and in the community. **Vice Chair Sherri Allen** also added her heartfelt sentiments about Mr. Johnson and pointed out his many attributes, dedication, and devotion he had for the City of Sandy Springs and the community.

VI. Ongoing Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjournment

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Chair Mel Mobley** seconded by **Board Member Bill Thackston**, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approved: September 6, 2023


Mel Mobley, Chair


Samantha Brown, Planning & Zoning Clerk