

Meeting of the Sandy Springs Board of Appeals was held on November 8, 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 Justin Sparano**, seconded by **Board Member Bill Thackston**, to **approve** 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 **Vice Chair Sherri Allen** to **approve** the meeting minutes from the September 6, 2023 Board of Appeals meeting minutes. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

V. Cases

A. V23-0022 - 220 Zebelin Road - Request relief from Section 9.4.3.A.2.a to allow tiered retaining walls to be placed less than four feet apart. (**Deferred from the September 6, 2023 Board of Appeals Meeting**)
(Presented by LaQuita Williams , Planner I)

Chair Mel Mobley opened the public hearing for comments.

Support

1. Joshua Dover – 756 Kurtz Road, Marietta, Ga

Opposition

None

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

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Board Member Bill Thackston**, seconded by **Board Member Nathan Kongthum** to approved case **V23-0022** with staff's recommended conditions below. The motion carried by four (4) in favor and three (3) opposed votes.

Condition

1. The applicant must install heavy plantings of evergreens along the wall that will be full from the ground to the top, so that it completely obscures the wall.
2. Plantings must be approved by the City Arborist and City Engineer.

B. V23-0032 – 470 Cambridge Way - Request for relief from Section 9.4.3.C.2.b. to allow retaining wall to be placed less than 15 feet from the rear lot line.
(Presented by LaQuita Williams, Planner I)

Chair Mel Mobley opened the public hearing for comments.

Support

1. Josh Mahoney (Battle Law PC, speaking on behalf of applicant)– 3562 Habersham, Tucker, GA
2. Brooks Copeland – 470 Cambridge Way, Sandy Springs, Ga

Opposition

None

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

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Vice Chair Sherri Allen**, seconded by **Board Member Fred Jewell** to deny case **V23-0032** as recommended by staff. The motion carried by four (4) in favor, three (3) opposed vote.

C. V23-0033 – 0 Zeblin Road - Request for a variance from Section 6.1.2.B. Building Placement, and Division 9.2. State Waters to encroach into the setbacks for the construction a new home. (*****Placed on Administrative Hold that will go to the December 6, 2023 Board of Appeals Meeting*****)
(Presented by LaQuita Williams, Planner I)

D. V23-0036 – 95 Forrest Lake Drive - Request for a variance from Section 9.4.3.C.1.b. to allow existing retaining wall to be placed more than half the depth of the side building setback.
(Presented by LaQuita Williams, Planner I)

Chair Mel Mobley opened the public hearing for comments.

Support

1. Alex Ilazovic (Site Supervisor) - 3649 Clearview Parkway, Atlanta, Ga
2. Corey McCallum – 95 Forest Lake, Sandy Springs
3. Luke Tilton (Contractor on the house) - 3649 Clearview Parkway, Atlanta, Ga

Opposition

None

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

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Board Member Bill Thackston**, seconded by **Board Member Nathan Kongthum** to deny case **V23-0036**. The motion did carry, with five (5) in favor of staff's recommendations, two (2) opposed vote.

VI. Ongoing Business

VII. New Business

Planning and Zoning Manager Michele McIntosh-Ross made mentioned that the case **V23-0033 - 0 Zeblin Road** that was placed on administrative hold would be heard at the December 6, 2023 Board of Appeals meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Vice Chair Sherri Allen** seconded by **Board Member Justin Sparano**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approved: December 6, 2023

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Sherri Allen, Vice Chair

A blue ink signature of Samantha Brown, written in a cursive style.

Samantha Brown, Planning & Zoning Clerk