

Meeting of the Sandy Springs Board of Appeals was held on August 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Sherri Allen presiding.

I. Call to Order

Chair Sherri Allen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Roll Call and General Announcements

Members Present: Chair Sherri Allen, Vice Chair Justin Sparano, Board Member Bill Thackston, Board Member Jason Bodwell, Board Member Nathan Kongthum, Board Member Susan Maziar.

Absent: Board Member Fred Jewell

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Board Member Bill Thackston**, seconded by **Board Member Susan Maziar**, 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 **Vice Chair Justin Sparano**, seconded by **Board Member Bill Thackston** to **approve** the meeting minutes from the **May 8, 2024** meeting. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

V. Cases

- A. V24-0018 – 280 Lafayette Way** - Applicant requests a variance from code section 7.8.24.A.2.a. to allow for the construction of a swimming pool and deck between the main building and a primary street.

(Presented by LaQuita Williams, Planner I)

Chair Sherri Allen opened the public hearing for comments.

Support

1. Daniella McGowan - 280 Lafayette Way, Sandy Springs, Ga

Opposition

1. Stephanie Lucke – 4706 Powers Ferry Road, Sandy Springs
2. Debra Glidden – 4665 Powers Ferry Road, Sandy Springs
3. Catherine & Marshall Eckford – 4675 Powers Ferry Road, Sandy Springs
4. Jim Lucke - 4706 Powers Ferry Road, Sandy Springs

Chair Sherri Allen closed the public hearing and opened the floor for discussion.

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Board Member Susan Maziar**, seconded by **Board Member Bill Thackston** to **deny V24-0018** regarding the request to construction a swimming pool and deck between a main building and a primary street based on 9 neighbors in opposition and not with in the character area guidelines of the city. **Chair Sherri Allen** asked for a show of hands to support the motion, two (2) in **favor**, **Board Member Susan Maziar**, **Board Member Bill Thackston** and three (3) **opposed** **Board Member Nathan Kongthum**, **Board Member Jason Bodwell**, **Vice Chair Justin Sparano**. The motion did not carry.

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Board Member Jason Bodwell**, second by **Vice Chair Justin Sparano** to **approve** variance **V24-0018** with staff's recommended conditions that the project be constructed substantially similar to the proposed site plan, and with the added condition that vegetative screening be planted to fully obscure the view of the pool from the street. The motion carried three (3) in **favor** **Board Member Jason Bodwell**, **Vice Chair Justin Sparano**, **Board Member Nathan Kongthum**, two (2) **opposed** **Board Member Susan Maziar**, **Board Member Bill Thackston**. The motion carried.

- B. V24-0019 - 485 Franklin Road** - Applicant requests a variance from code section 6.5.2.A.1 to allow for a second driveway to remain constructed on a residential lot with less than 130 ft of frontage.
(Presented by LaQuita Williams, Planner I)

Chair Sherri Allen opened the public hearing for comments.

Support

TJ & Erin Wolf (Applicants) – 485 Franklin Road, Sandy Springs

Opposition

None

Chair Sherri Allen closed the public hearing and opened the floor for discussion.

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Board Member Jason Bodwell**, to **approve** variance **V24-0019**, the motion failed without a seconded.

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Board Member Bill Thackston**, seconded by **Vice Chair Justin Sparano** to **deny V24-0019** under staff's recommendations. The motion carried four (4) in **favor** **Board Member Bill Thackston**, **Board Member Nathan Kongthum**, **Vice Chair Justin Sparano**, **Board Member Susan Maziar**, one (1) **opposed** **Board Member Jason Bodwell**. The motion carried.

- C. V24-0020 - 6040 Riverwood Drive** - Applicant requests a variance from code section 9.4.2.G.3.a. to allow for grading and retaining walls to be placed within the 20-foot rear grading setback.
(Presented by LaQuita Williams, Planner I)

Chair Sherri Allen open the public hearing for comments.

Support

1. Katie Tinsley (Applicant) – 6040 Riverwood Drive, Sandy Springs

Opposition

None

Chair Sherri Allen closed the public hearing and opened the floor for discussion.

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Board Member Nathan Kongthum**, seconded **Board Member Susan Maziar** to **approve V24-0020** subject to the staff's conditions. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VI. Ongoing Business

VII. New Business

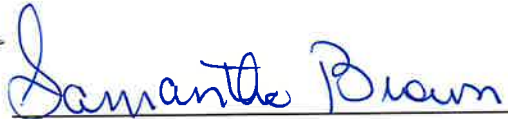
VIII. Adjournment

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Board Member Bill Thackston**, seconded by **Board Member Susan Maziar**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approved: January 8, 2025



Sherri Allen, Chair



Samantha Brown, Planning & Zoning Clerk