

Meeting of the Sandy Springs Board of Appeals was held on March 5, 2025 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 Fred Jewell, Board Member Jason Bodwell, Board Member Nathan Kongthum

Board Member Susan Maziar arrived at 6:04 pm

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Vice Chair Justin Sparano**, seconded by **Board Member Fred Jewell**, to **Amend** the meeting agenda to add the **Election of Chair and Vice Chair** to the **New Business** number **VII** section of the agenda. **Madam Chair Sherri Allen** added that we did not have a February meeting, the elections have been moved to the March 5, 2025 meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Board Member Bill Thackston**, seconded by **Board Member Fred Jewell** to **approve** the agenda for the **March 5, 2025** meeting. 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 **January 8, 2025** meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Cases

- A. **V-24-38 -5815 De Claire Court-** Request for a variance from Section 7.8.24, Section 9.2.3.A.2., and Section 9.4.2.G.3., to construct various accessory structures within the setbacks and buffers.

(Presented by LaQuita Williams, Planner II)

Chair Sherri Allen opened the public hearing for comments.

Support

1. Scott Chatham (Landscape Architect on behalf of Applicant)
2. Matthew Hunt (Homeowner) – 5815 DeClaire Court, Sandy Springs, Ga
3. Adrienne Hunt (Homeowner)– 5815 DeClaire Court, Sandy Springs, Ga
4. Louis Tanenbaum (Neighbor) -5810 DeClaire Court, Sandy Springs, Ga
5. Jordan Taylor (Neighbor) – 5825 Declaire Court, Sandy Springs, Ga

Opposition

1. Jeff Hicks (Greywalls Homeowners Association) - 940 Greyfield Place, Sandy Springs, Ga, 30328
2. Linda Basham (Homeowner) -945 Greyfield Place, Sandy Springs, Ga, 30328
3. Scott Peters (Representing Michael Hecon) – 1100 Peachtree Street Northeast, Atlanta, Ga
4. Michael Hecon - 930 Creyfield Place, Sandy Springs, Ga 30328 – **signed up but did not speak due to time.**

Planning & Zoning Clerk Samantha Brown made **Madam Chair Sherri Allen** and the **board members** aware that there was another opposition who wished to speak and suggested that the board could **amend** the time to allow for extra time for both sides.

Madam Chair Sherri Allen asked the board if they would like to amend to add two minutes to each side. **Planning & Zoning Manager Michele McIntosh-Ross** made mention that the time would need to be added to both sides (**Support and Opposition**).

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Board Member Jason Bodwell**, second by **Board Member Nathan Kongthum** to amend the time to two additional minutes for both sides (**Support and Opposition**). The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chair Sherri Allen 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 Susan Maziar** to **deny V-24-38** with staff's recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- B. **V-24-41 460 Laurel Chase Court** - Request for a Variance from Sec. 9.2.3.A.2. to allow for a deck to encroach into the Seventy-Five-Foot Impervious Surface Setback and the Fifty-Foot Vegetative Buffer.

(Presented by LaQuita Williams, Planner II)

Chair Sherri Allen opened the public hearing for comments.

Support

None

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 Bill Thackston**, seconded by **Vice Chair Justin Sparano** to approve **V-24-41** with staff's recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VI. Ongoing Business

VII. New Business

A. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Vice Chair Justin Sparano** to nominate **Sherri Allen as Chair**, seconded by **Board Member Jason Bodwell**. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Board Member Fred Jewell** to nominate **Justin Sparano as Vice Chair**, seconded by **Board Member Bill Thackston**. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

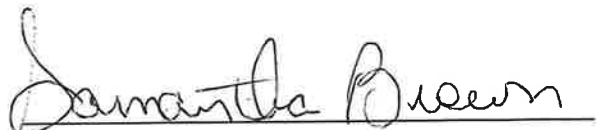
VIII. Adjournment

Motion and Vote: A motion was made by **Board Member Bill Thackston**, seconded by **Board Member Susan Maziar**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: April 2, 2025



Sherri Allen, Chair



Samantha Brown, Planning & Zoning Clerk