

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
MINUTES  
October 11, 2023  
1:30 P.M.**

Okaloosa County Administrative Complex; 1250 Eglin Parkway N.,  
1st Floor BCC Chambers, Shalimar, Florida.

Commissioner Robert Ambrose, District 1  
Commissioner Patricia Duggan, District 2  
Commissioner Scott Kearney, District 3 – Vice-Chairman  
Commissioner **VACANT** District 4  
Commissioner Pat Byrne, District 5 – Chairman

Growth Management Staff present: Elliot Kampert, AICP – Director; Randy Woodruff, AICP – Deputy Director; Sherry Cadenhead – Planning Coordinator; Marissa Martinez – Planner 3; and Leslie Adams – Planner 1

Assistant Attorney Kristen Mood present by Zoom

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Kearney called the meeting to order at 1:30 P. M.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Cadenhead conducted roll call.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR March 8, 2023 MEETING.**

**Motion to approve minutes made by Pat Byrne and second by Robert Ambrose; 4 ayes, Motion Passes.**

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**E. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None**

**F. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA- Motion to accept the agenda as written made by Robert Ambrose and second by Pat Byrne, 4 ayes, Motion Passes.**

**G. OATH TAKING – Sherry Cadenhead administered the oath for all speakers.**

**H. DISCLOSURES – Sherry Cadenhead read disclosures to the Board. All replied no.**

**I. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

**AGENDA ITEM 1: 537832-BOA-2023** Consideration of a variance request from Section 6.00.08, Double Frontage Lots/Reverse Frontage Lots, of the Okaloosa County Land Development Code (LDC), Ordinance 91-1 as amended pertaining to allowing principal access onto a minor or residential street. The applicant is proposing a non-residential development having principal access off of Florence Avenue, Mary Esther, Florida. The site contains 2.41 acres more or less.

Mr. Woodruff presented Agenda Item 1 to the board.

Vice Chairman Kearney called for the applicant to speak.

Mr. Jonathan Green, Project Engineer came forward; along with the Developer, Ms. Carrie Bailey to address any questions of the board.

Discussion ensued.

Vice Chairman Kearney called for opposition.

Mrs. Claire Brandewie came forward and asked the commission to consider repaving the portion of Florence Avenue at Martin Luther King Blvd with turn lanes and restriping.

Mrs. Linda Larson came forward with traffic concerns about traffic backing up and possible installation of a traffic light.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Jeffrey Clayton came forward about traffic & current mailbox locations for the existing subdivision.

Discussion ensued.

Vice Chairman Kearney asked if staff had any comments.

Mr. Randy Woodruff, Mr. Scott Bitterman, and Mr. Elliot Kampert replied.

Vice Chairman Kearney addressed the audience with the facts.

Discussion among the commission ensued.

Vice Chairman Kearney called for a motion.

**Motion to approve Agenda Item 1 as written for a variance with the condition that the applicant will work with the Public Works Department about repaving & restriping Florence Avenue as feasible to ensure safe vehicular movement into and out of the property made by Pat Byrne; and seconded by Robert Ambrose: 4 ayes. Motion Approved**

## **K. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Election of Officers.

Vice Chairman Kearney stated Commissioner Schor has stepped down from the District 4 position, and the seat remains to be filled and requested staff to speak with the Commissioner Trey Goodwin District 4 to fill the seat.

Discussion with staff ensued.

**Motion by Robert Ambrose to table elections until the next meet; seconded by Patricia Duggan; 4 ayes. Motion approved.**

2. The next regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment is to be determined.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Kearney called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:39 P.M. **Motion by Pat Byrne; seconded by Robert Ambrose. 4 ayes. Motion Approved.**