

# **ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY HEARINGS BOARD**

## **Summary Minutes**

**July 12, 2023 - 3:00 P.M.**

120 W. Dougherty Street

**Members Present:** Johnelle Simpson, Julianne Geddis, M. Tamaine Jordan, Michael Lord, Joseph Powell, Chris Joiner

**Members Absent:** Chris Gazlay

**Staff Present:** Bruce Lonnee, John Rogeberg, Joanne DeJausserand (Planning); Austin Jackson (ACC Attorney's Office)

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Bruce Lonnee called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

1. **Determination of quorum**
2. **Election of FY24 Hearings Board Officers (Chair and Vice-Chair)**  
The Hearings Board Nominating Committee Recommended Michael Lord for the position of Chair and Chris Joiner for Vice Chair. J. Powell made a motion to approve, T. Jordan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Introduction of staff reports and all other documents submitted to the Hearings Board at this meeting into the official record.**  
C. Joiner made a motion to approve, J. Powell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Adoption of the minutes of the May 10, 2023, meeting**  
T. Jordan made a motion to approve, C. Joiner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. 240 Beech Creek Road**

**VAR-2023-05-1102**

**Petitioner:** Mitchell and Suzanne Rutledge

**Zoning:** RS-25 (Single-Family Residential)

**Tax ID:** 124A3 B007B

**Request:** A. Variance to allow encroachment into the 75 foot riparian buffer for installation of a replacement septic drain field.

J. DeJausserand presented the staff report with a recommendation to approve.

For: none – applicant submitted written statement

Against: none

Motion made by T. Jordan to approve the request with the condition that the variance is for up to 25' of encroachment into the local riparian buffer for the purpose of installation of a septic tank drainfield. Seconded by C. Joiner. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **2. 600 Pulaski Street**

**VAR-2023-06-1127**

**Petitioner:** 600 Pulaski, LLC

**Agent:** Lori Bork Newcomer, Architectural Collaborative, LLC.

Zoning: C-N (Commercial-Neighborhood)  
Tax ID: 163C4 B002  
Request: A. Variance to allow a single driveway access for a mixed use development.

J. DeJausserand presented the staff report with a recommendation to approve with the condition that the variance apply to the approved special use site plan.

For: Lori Bork Newcomer, Nancy Hartness  
Against: none

Motion made by J. Powell to approve with the staff recommended condition. Seconded by J. Geddis.  
Motion passed 5-1 (T. Jorden opposed)

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Planning Director's Report
2. Next scheduled meeting on August 9, 2023

Motion to adjourn by J. Simpson. Seconded by T. Jordan. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:47 P.M.

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