

**City of Columbia**  
**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**  
February 10, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Jimmy Dugger called the February meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Columbia to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**ROLL CALL:**

All present and included the following:

Present were:     Mr. Jimmy Campbell  
                      Mr. Jimmy Dugger  
                      Mrs. Kristi Martin  
                      Mr. George Vrailas  
                      Mr. Stephen Walker

Other attendees:  Mr. Paul Keltner, Development Services Director  
                      Mr. Austin Brass, City Planner  
                      Mrs. Sandra Richardson, Secretary  
                      Mrs. Melissa Sanders, Planning Associate

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The November 2019 minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Campbell made the motion to approve with Mr. Vrailas seconding. Motion to approve passed four to zero, with Mrs. Martin arriving late to the meeting and abstaining.

**AGENDA ITEM #2**

**Case #20-0006**

**Request from Shannon Sutliffe for a rear yard variance for deck construction at 1625 London Drive.**

**Staff Review:**

Mr. Keltner presented the staff report, and he included the requirements for Variance article 3.15.10. Staff cannot clearly justify all seven of the criteria needed to grant a variance and would recommend denial.

**Discussion and Motion:**

Mr. Shannon Sutliffe was present for questions. Discussion included work performed with assistance, interpretations, extension of the home, measurements, steps, the fence is not directly on the property line, city zoning ordinance, the rear being the issue, the landing, storage shed, neighbors, encroachment, setbacks, the sides are fine looking at the plot plan, enclosing the deck, future requests, screening the deck, an addition to the house, permit, spans, rafters, stop work order, and making a motion to approve or deny the

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variance. If it is approved this variance will have to conform to the building codes and not the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Campbell made the motion to approve the variance request, with Mr. Vrailas seconding. Motion to approve passed five to zero.

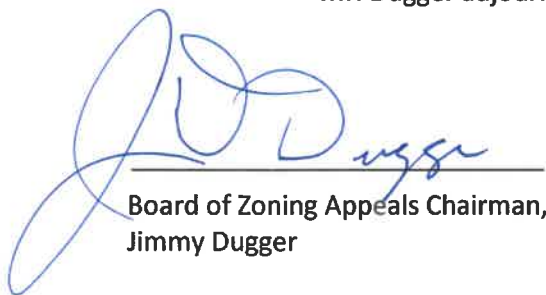
**OTHER BUSINESS:**

In other business, Director Paul Keltner introduced the new City Planner, Mr. Austin Brass. Mr. Dugger asked Mr. Brass to tell about himself. Mr. Brass stated that he grew up in Lawrence County, TN., and he studied geography at the University of North Alabama. Most recently he was the City Planner for the City of Prattville, Alabama. Mrs. Martin inquired about preservation, Mr. Brass has a preservation background. Mr. Dugger asked what do you see for the city's future? Mr. Brass stated Columbia is unique, it's a town that works for everyone, the future is bright because of the regions we are in. Our geography is what blesses us for the future. Mrs. Martin stated that she always appreciate someone with a preservationist background, and she look forward to working with Mr. Brass.

Further discussion, Mrs. Martin stated that there is a Rural Development Conference on the calendar. It's a South Central Development Conference.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Dugger adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

  
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Board of Zoning Appeals Chairman,  
Jimmy Dugger

3/9/2020  
Date