

MINUTES
Planning and Zoning Minutes
September 7, 2021
6:30 P.M.
Government Center
6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, FL 33014

1. Call to Order:

Chairperson Robert Julia called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

The Deputy Town Clerk, Ashley Shepple, called the roll with the following Board Members being present: Juan Carlos Fernandez, Raul De La Sierra, Avelino Leoncio, Vice Chairperson Lynn Matos, and Chairperson Robert Julia were all present. Board Member Fred Senra was absent.

3. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

Chairperson Julia led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

4. Approval of Minutes:

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Board Member Del Sierra motioned to approve the minutes and Vice Chairwoman Matos seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5. Public Comments:

There were no public comments via zoom or in-person in council chambers.

6. Business Requiring Board Action:

- A. HEARING NUMBER: VARH2021-0528**
APPLICANT: CARLOS DA CRUZ
FOLIO: 32-2021-017-0130
LOCATION: 9049 NW 145 LN
MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA 33018
ZONING DISTRICT: RU-1Z

Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, read the quasi-judicial rules and variance into the record.

Deputy Town Clerk, Ashley Shepple, swore in individuals that would be providing testimony, as well as the Town Principal Planner, Susana Alonso.

The Principal Town Planner, Susana Alonso, explained the applicant is requesting a variance from Section Sec. 13-1512 to allow a swimming pool with a minimum rear setback of 2.5 feet where 5 feet are required. The lots in the zoning district setbacks are little smaller than other districts. Unfortunately, Mrs. Alonso stated that Town staff is denying application due to practical difficulty.

The applicant Carlos Da Cruz provided testimony of his request. He stated the pool construction company recommended this request and he stated he has his neighbor's support. It will improve the flooding problem the property already has, and the Principal Planner Susanna Alonso concurred.

After Board discussion and questions to the Principal Planner Susana Alonso and the applicant Mr. Da Cruz, Board Member Yanes motioned to approve the application. Board Member Fernandez seconded the motion.

Board Member Leoncio made amended regarding the stormwater collection. He motioned to make sure the overflow of stormwater be diverted to the front of the house. Senior Planner Susanna Alonso explained the homeowner is already responsible excess stormwater collection due to the Town code. She further clarified if all the excess stormwater is diverted to the front the home it would end up on the road, and later in the storm drainage system. The homeowner has gutters that will allow the stormwater collection to end up on the homeowner's pavers and not on the road. Furthermore, Mrs. Alonso said the pool itself will be collecting excess stormwater. Therefore, the amendment is not necessary. Board Member Leoncio withdrew his amendment.

Board Member Yanes made amendment to original motion to approve the variance application. She motioned to approve however the pavers around the pool and in backyard must incorporate sand to help with stormwater collection. Board Member Fernandez seconded the amendment. The Deputy Town Clerk Ashley Shepple called the roll, and all were in favor, 7-0.

7. Director's Report:

Principal Planner Susana Alonso stated there will be a council workshop on Short Term Vacation Rental Regulation based on the Planning and Zoning Board recommendations on Thursday, September 23rd at 7 PM.

John Briar, the Town of Miami Lakes Planning Department's intern, was introduced.

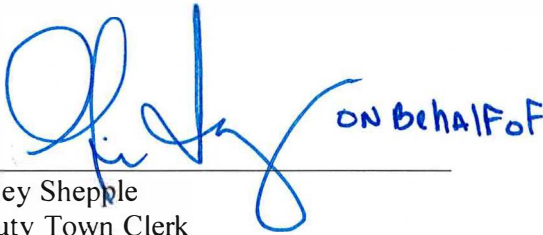
7. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Robert Julia
Chairman

Attest:



Ashley Shepple
Deputy Town Clerk