



City of St. George, Louisiana
Board of Adjustment
Minutes

Monday, May 5, 2025 at 5:00pm
St. George City Hall, 14100 Airline Hwy, St. George, LA 70817

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. Christina Peck called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

2. Roll Call

Board Member Present

Braden Jones
Sheila Lewis
Christina Peck
Robert Douglas
Sam Speer

Board Member Absent

Others Present

Melissa Guilbeau, Interim
Planning Director
Rachel Zhou, Planner
Mark Balkin, counsel

3. Minutes. Robert Douglas moved to approve the April 7, 2025 minutes; Braden Jones seconded. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

4. Public Hearing

- a. **V25-09 Exception for Fence Height:** This 0.37-acre property is located at 9363 Gail Drive. The applicant requests an exception to Sec. 7:9.5.2.D.2.b to increase the height of a solid wooden fence from 4 ft to 6 ft and 8 ft in the corner side yard in the A1 Single Family Residential Zoning District. The Board has the authority to permit this exception under Sec. 2.3.3.D.7. (Applicant: Christina Sharon)

Christina Sharon, the property owner and applicant, confirmed that the request is the same as Case No. V25-06 but asked the Board to hold two separate votes: one to approve increasing the rear portion of the corner side fence to 6 ft and another to allow the southern portion of the rear fence to remain at 8 ft. She presented videos and photos demonstrating that the proposed fences would not obstruct views of oncoming traffic, noted that she had requested the City install a stop sign at the turn for safety, and provided letters from neighbors in support of her request.

Anne Clouatre submitted a written comment in opposition, prior to the meeting on April 18, 2025.

Thomas Kadair submitted a written comment in support, prior to the meeting on May 1, 2025.

Board Member Sam Speer created a sight triangle diagram based on DOTD standards for 25 mph traffic speed and shared it with the Board. He commented that the 6 ft corner side fence would not impact the sight triangle and the privacy concern with the existing 4ft fence height is legitimate.

Motion to approve the exception for the 6ft fence: Sheila Lewis; seconded by Robert Douglas

Yea: 3 (Lewis, Speer, Douglas)

Nay: 2 (Jones, Peck)

Motion to approve the exception for the 8ft fence: Sam Speer; seconded by Robert Douglas

Yea: 5 (Jones, Lewis, Peck, Douglas, Speer)

Nay: 0

Both motions passed and V25-09 was approved.

5. Other Business

- a. Adopt revised Rules of Procedure

Motion to approve: Braden Jones; seconded by Robert Douglas

Yea: 5 (Jones, Lewis, Peck, Douglas, Speer)

Nay: 0

Motion passed and revised Rules of Procedure were adopted.

6. General and Public Comments

- 7. Adjournment.** Robert Douglas moved to adjourn; Sam Speer seconded. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19pm.