

Vice Chairman Strickland asked if there had been any contact to the office. Mrs. Tulloch stated they had calls asking about the signage, and wondering what the request was. Mrs. Tulloch asked the Board, that if they chose to approve, to add a time frame to have the conditions met by.

There being no further discussion, Vice Chairman Strickland called for a motion. Mrs. Quarterman made a motion to approve as presented, with the conditions that variance on the property will remain in effect continuously with the junk yard/salvage yard use only, that the applicant must repair and/or replace the opaque fencing around the perimeter of the lot within six months. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. The motion was called and carried unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

Agenda Item # 5: VAR-2019-17 — Reno’s Add On (2421 Highway 41 South)

Vice Chairman Strickland announced the case. Mrs. Tulloch stated that the applicant is requesting a variance to Section 9.01.03 of the ULDC (Lowndes County Unified Land Development Code) as it pertains to nonconforming structures. The subject property consists of 1.59 acres and is located at 2124 U.S. Highway 41 South (NE corner of U.S. Highway 41 South and Davis Road East), Valdosta, Georgia, in a C-H (Highway Commercial) zoning district. Bryan Reno, owner/operator of Reno’s Quality Collision and Repair, LLC, proposes a 60’ x 30’ addition on the western side of the existing building. Mr. Reno explained the additional work space would allow him to bring in updated vehicle repair equipment. He explained that his current hardship is that he does not have the updated equipment necessary to repair newer model vehicles and has to either give the job to other companies or split repair cost for their equipment use. Mr. Reno said that the addition will be similar in material with what is currently existing today. The current building does not meet the ULDC setbacks off Davis Road East, (East Lot Line), which deems the same as a nonconforming structure. As such, Mr. Reno is requesting a variance to enlarge and/or expand a nonconforming use. TRC staff heard and considered this request during their scheduled meetings and unanimously gave support to Mr. Reno’s request as presented.

Vice Chairman Strickland asked for clarification on the specific variance requested, as he thought it might be a setback variance. Mrs. Quarterman stated it was a nonconformity variance request. Mrs. Tulloch stated it was a variance request to enlarge a nonconforming use to include a setback variance on the Davis Road side, but was unsure of the width of Davis Road to determine the required setback, but believes that he is to be 120 feet from the center line of Right of Way and is 70 feet from the center line of Right of Way of Davis Road. Bryan Reno, 2124 US Hwy 41 S, stated that he did not meet the setbacks and was a nonconforming use, and was asking for the variance to expand his business.

Vice Chairman Strickland asked for those to speak in favor. No one spoke. Vice Chairman Strickland asked for those to speak in opposition. No one spoke.

There being no further discussion, Vice Chairman Strickland called for a motion. Mr. Hogan made a motion to approve as presented, citing criteria “d.” Mrs. Quarterman seconded the motion. The motion was called and carried with a vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Brantley voting against.

Agenda Item # 6: Approval of Minutes: November 5, 2019

Vice Chairman Strickland asked if any changes needed to be made to the draft minutes. There being none, Vice Chairman Strickland called for a motion regarding the November 5, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Holt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. The motion was called and carried with a vote of 4-0-1, with Mrs. Quarterman abstaining.

Agenda Item # 7: Attendance Review

Vice Chairman Strickland asked if there was any discussion about attendance. There was discussion.