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CITY OF FORT PIERCE
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Board of Adjustment Minutes

OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE CITY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018, IN FORT PIERCE CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PRAYER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: **James Crist; Ryan Collins; Joyce Calvert; William Nunn; Bret McCain, Chairman**

Absent: **Bennie Clark; Rebecca Isaac**

Staff Present: **Rebecca Grohall, Planning Director
Iola Mosley, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Vennis Gilmore, Planning Analyst
Brandon Creagan, Planner
Alicia Rosenthal, Executive Assistant**

4. CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES

Motion was made by James Crist, and seconded by William Nunn to excuse the absences of Mr. Clark and Ms. Isaac.

**AYE: Ryan Collins, Joyce Calvert, William Nunn, James Crist, Chairman Bret McCain
Passed**

5. CERTIFICATION OF ALTERNATE MEMBER VOTING STATUS/EXCUSE NON VOTING ALTERNATE

Mr. Collins was made a regular voting member for the meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes from the May 24, 2018 meeting

Motion was made by Ryan Collins, and seconded by James Crist to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2018 meeting.

AYE: **James Crist, Ryan Collins, Joyce Calvert, Chairman Bret McCain**

Other: **William Nunn (ABSTAIN)**

Passed

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Special Exception - Hicks Residence - 71 Southpointe Drive

Item 7a and 7b were presented together.

Mr. Creagan gave an overview of the applications and answered questions from the Board regarding approval from the homeowners association, lot coverage and similar approval in the past.

Randall Hicks, Owner, provided additional information and answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Crist recused himself because of his interest in the property.

Mr. Nunn stated he has an issue with the application because it does not meet the criteria for a Special Exception or Variance.

Board discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Ryan Collins, and seconded by Joyce Calvert to approve the Special Exception.

AYE: **Joyce Calvert, William Nunn, Ryan Collins, Chairman Bret McCain**

Other: **James Crist (RECUSE)**

Passed

b. Variance - Hicks Residence - 71 Southpointe Drive

Motion was made by William Nunn, and seconded by Joyce Calvert to approve the Variance.

AYE: **Ryan Collins, Joyce Calvert, William Nunn, Chairman Bret McCain**

Other: **James Crist (RECUSE)**

Passed

c. Variance - Crotty Residence - 1679 Thumb Point Drive

Mr. Gilmore gave an overview of the application and answered questions from the Board.

RC Crotty, Owner, showed a photo to the Board to help explain the current situation in the backyard and Mr. Crotty answered questions from the Board.

Kathy Fitzpatrick and Frank Colleran spoke in favor of the project.

Board discussion ensued.

Motion was made by James Crist, and seconded by Ryan Collins to approve the Variance.

AYE: Ryan Collins, Joyce Calvert, William Nunn, James Crist, Chairman Bret McCain
Passed

8. DISCUSSION / OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman McCain commented on the Board setting precedences and suggested putting together a committee to review the code, to look at constant hardships, which in turn may help alleviate a lot of precedences.

Mr. Nunn explained the code is clear cut and the Board of Adjustment represents the community by setting standards to make it a nice place. Mr. Nunn said the Board is always pushing the limits of what the code calls for, or making it easier to do things, and he does not think a committee is going to change anything.

Mr. Crist stated that some of the residential projects approved are for the betterment of the city and he opposes projects that are a detriment to the city.

9. ADJOURNMENT