Hello All,

Enclosed please find your packet for the meeting of December 16, 2019.

We have:

- 2 new cases

If you receive any citizen inquiries regarding these cases the proposed plans may be viewed by going to:

www.mtnbrook.org
- Calendar (upper right corner)
- Board of Zoning Adjustment (December 16, 2019)
- Meeting Information (for agenda) and Supporting Documents (to view proposed plans and/or survey select link associated with the case number)

If you have any questions about the cases please don’t hesitate to give me a call at 802-3811 or send me an email at slatent@mtnbrook.org …

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday!

Tyler
MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
DECEMBER 16, 2019
PRE-MEETING: (ROOM A106) 4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING: (ROOM A108) 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 56 CHURCH STREET, MOUNTAIN BROOK, AL 35213

NOTICE

Any variance which is granted today expires and becomes null and void one year from today unless
construction is begun in less than one year from today on the project for which the variance is granted. If
construction will not be started within one year from today, the applicant may come back in 11 months
and ask for a six-month extension, which the Board normally grants.

Any variance which is granted, regardless of the generality of the language of the motion granting the
variance, must be construed in connection with, and limited by, the request of the applicant, including all
diagrams, plats, pictures and surveys submitted to this Board before and during the public hearing on the
variance application.

1. Approval of Minutes: October 21, 2019 (The Board did not meet in November)

2. Case A-19-39: Jonathan and Rebecca Doss, property owners, request a variance from
the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow an addition to an existing single family
dwelling to be 7.9 feet from the side property line (northeast) in lieu of the required 15
feet. – 3625 Mountain Park Drive

3. Case A-19-40: Craig and Christopher Hey, property owners, request a variance from
the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow an addition to an existing single family
dwelling to be 6 feet 2 inches from the side property line (northeast) in lieu of the
required 15 feet. – 3514 Grand Rock Circle.

4. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2020

5. Adjournment
### Variance Application - Part I

#### Project Data

**Address of Subject Property:** 3625 Mountain Park Drive

**Zoning Classification:** E-1 R-A

**Name of Property Owner(s):** Jonathan + Rebecca Doss

**Phone Number:** (205) 959-1068  
**Email:** JAD9709@gmail.com

**Name of Surveyor:** Ray Weygand

**Phone Number:** (205) 942-0886  
**Email:** ray@weygandsurveyor.com

**Name of Architect (if applicable):** John Holmes

**Phone Number:** (205) 249-4455  
**Email:** johnholmesarchitect@charter.net

**Property owner or representative agent must be present at hearing**

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Other
November 17, 2019

Jonathan and Rebecca Doss
3625 Mountain Park Dr
Mountain Brook, AL 35213

Dana Hazen
Director of Planning, Building, & Sustainability
City of Mountain Brook
56 Church Street
Mountain Brook, AL 35213

Re: BZA Application- 3625 Mountain Park Drive

To Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment,

In support of the attached application and documents for the variance request for the referenced property, please consider the following:

a. The subject property is within the Estate District and pre-dates current zoning regulations and setbacks.

b. The "primary back" of the house faces the street and the mailbox but due to topography and elevation is not visible from the road.

c. The "primary front" where you approach the house by car located on a private driveway and is not visible from any public street.

d. The house is on a septic tank system located in the "primary back" behind the house and beside the driveway. Its location does not allow reconfiguration of the driveway or buildable alternatives.

e. The variance request is based on the fact that the current setbacks were established a number of years after the home was originally constructed, and the addition of a garage is consistent with the other 3 homes on the street.

f. The requested variance is fully in harmony with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations.

The attached site plan and architectural drawings demonstrate the existing setbacks and the proposed new attached structure in relation to the existing home.

Thank You,

Jonathan and Rebecca Doss
Petition Summary
Request to allow an addition to an existing single family dwelling to be 7.9 feet from the side property line (northeast) in lieu of the required 15 feet.

Analysis
The hardships in this case are the existing design constraints and the topography. The garage addition is proposed to connect to the terminus of the existing driveway; also the driveway serves as a private ingress/egress for the property to the immediate northeast, further limiting the placement of a garage on the rear of this site.

An existing septic tank between the front building line and the front property line further limits the placement of the addition (keeping it from being located farther from the side property line). It is anticipated that the applicant will provide a site plan at the meeting, indicating the location of the septic tank.

The property appears to have topographical challenges that further limit the location of the addition. As proposed, the addition would be at the same elevation as the main structure which sits considerably above the travel lane below.

Impervious Area
The proposal is in compliance with the allowable impervious surface area.

Subject Property and Surrounding Land Uses
The property contains a single-family dwelling, and is surrounded by same.

Affected Regulation
Article III, Residence A District; Section 129-34, Area and Dimensional Requirements

Appends
LOCATION: 3625 Mountain Park Drive

ZONING DISTRICT: Res-A

OWNERS: Johnathan and Rebecca Doss
Variance Application
Part II

Required Findings (Sec. 129-455 of the Zoning Ordinance)

To aid staff in determining that the required hardship findings can be made in this particular case, please answer the following questions with regard to your request. These findings must be made by the Board of Zoning Adjustment in order for a variance to be granted (please attach a separate sheet if necessary).

What special circumstances or conditions, applying to the building or land in question, are peculiar to such building or land, and do not apply generally to other buildings or land in the vicinity (including size, shape, topography, location or surroundings)?

Existing non-conforming design constraints

- Irregular shaped lot
- Lot size
- Topography
- Elevation

Was the condition from which relief is sought a result of action by the applicant? (i.e., self-imposed hardship such as: “...converted existing garage to living space and am now seeking a variance to construct a new garage in a required setback...”)

No

How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations?

Flow of air and light will be maintained

The other 3 of the 4 houses on this street have additions that include garages
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Our emails are Jon: JAD930@gmail.com and Becca: Rebeccadoss@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Jon
(205) 999-1068

[Signature]
Tim Healey

[Signature]
Bea Healey
Dear Richard and Helen,

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Jon
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Jonathan and Rebecca Doss
3625 Mountain Park Drive
Mountain Brook, AL 35213

Tom and Betty Meadows
3625 Mt Park Drive
Birmingham, AL 35213

Dear Tom and Betty,

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Approve

2 messages

Tom Meadows <tmead3208@gmail.com> Wed, Nov 20, 2019 at 10:59 AM
To: JAD930@gmail.com

It sounds nice Jon.

Tommy Meadows

Jon Doss <jad930@gmail.com> Wed, Nov 20, 2019 at 12:53 PM
To: Rebecca Jones <rebeccados@gmail.com>

Yes!

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Tom Meadows <tmead3208@gmail.com>
Date: November 20, 2019 at 10:59:38 AM CST
To: jad930@gmail.com
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Dear Lucas and Leah,

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Jon
(205) 999-1068
Jonathan and Rebecca Doss  
3625 Mountain Park Drive  
Mountain Brook, AL 35213

Walter and Edna Rush  
1420 Swallow Lane  
Birmingham, AL 35213

Dear Walter and Edna,

We are hoping to build a new attached garage on the back of our house (facing Mountian Park Drive) at the end of the driveway and are required to apply for a variance from the Mountain Brook Board of Zoning. The zoning code states that the structure must be 10 feet from the property line from the right but since our current driveway is on the property line at the right and a septic tank is on the left, the new garage is proposed at 6'7" from the right side to allow minimum dimensions.

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Analysis
The hardships in this case are the existing design constraints, the irregular shape of the lot, and the topography. The garage addition is proposed at the terminus of an existing driveway. The irregular shape and topography of the property have dictated the location of the existing house, atop a knoll in the center of the property. Topographic challenges are such that the grade falls away from the house, especially at the rear (see attached topography map, embedded in upper right corner of attached “Topography and Second Floor Plan”).

The existing garage is being converted to a new livable space; therefore, this proposal could be perceived as a self-imposed hardship.

Impervious Area
The proposal is in compliance with the allowable impervious surface area.

Subject Property and Surrounding Land Uses
The property contains a single-family dwelling, and is surrounded by same.

Affected Regulation
Article III, Residence A District; Section 129-34, Area and Dimensional Requirements

Appends
LOCATION: 3514 Grand Rock Circle
ZONING DISTRICT: Res-A
OWNERS: Craig and Christopher Hey
LEGGEND

- 5/8" CAPPED REBAR SET
  (CA-627 LS)
- FOUND PROPERTY MARKER
  (SEE DWG FOR SIZE & TYPE)
- MEASURED
- RECORDED REFERENCE

ASPHALT CONCRETE

RIGHT OF WAY

NOTE: RECORDED & MEASURED ANGLES AND DISTANCES ARE THE SAME UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

SCALE: 1" = 50'

AS-BUILT SURVEY
STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

I, David D. McKinney, Alabama Registered No. 30350, hereby state that all parts of this survey, performed on the 30th day of November, 2019, and the drawing have been completed in accordance with the current requirements of the Standards of Practice for Surveying in the State of Alabama to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Legal Description (As supplied by client recorded in Instrument # 201320-17805)

A parcel of land located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 2 West, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the most Northerly corner of Lot 1, Block 3, of Duncan & Gilliam Addition to Cherokee Bend-North Section–First Addition as recorded in Map Book 121, Page 85, in the Office of the Judge of Probate in Jefferson County, Alabama; thence in a Northerly direction along the projection of the Westerly line of said Lot 1, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence 91 degrees 45 minutes right, in an Easterly direction, a distance of 161.81 feet; thence 58 degrees 31 minutes 15 seconds right in a Southerly direction a distance of 199.62 feet; thence 90 degrees right in a Southwesterly direction a distance of 20.00 feet to the beginning of a curve to the left, having a central angle of 23 degrees 41 minutes 36 seconds and a radius of 185.21 feet; thence in a Southwesterly direction along said curve, a distance of 76.60 feet to the most Easterly corner of said Lot 1; thence in a Northwesterly direction along a line radial to said curve, a distance of 232.21 feet to the point of beginning.

Note: No title or abstract research was performed by the undersigned.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL, this the 30th day of November, 2019.

David D. McKinney
Alabama Registered No. 30350

SMW Engineering Group, Inc.
168 Busaco Center Drive
Birmingham, Alabama 35244
Ph: 205-252-6986
www.smweng.com

PROJECT NO. 14-0535

TYPE OF SURVEY
MORTGAGE SURVEY

CLIENT
CRAIG HEY
3514 GRAND ROCK CIRCLE
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35223

REVISIONS

NO. DESCRIPTION DATE

DATE: 11/30/19
DRAWN: DM
CHKD: DM
SCALE: 1" = 50'
Proposed Roof Plan  $\frac{1}{8}" = 1'-0"$
Variance Application
Part II

Required Findings (Sec. 129-455 of the Zoning Ordinance)

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What special circumstances or conditions, applying to the building or land in question, are peculiar to such building or land, and do not apply generally to other buildings or land in the vicinity (including size, shape, topography, location or surroundings)?

The lot is oblong in shape. Currently we have planned parking for 1 car in 1 of the property, i.e., we would like to build the attached Carport. We do not plan on removing the hedge in place.

Was the condition from which relief is sought a result of action by the applicant? (i.e., self-imposed hardship such as: "...converted existing garage to living space and am now seeking a variance to construct a new garage in a required setback...")

Additional space was needed. Our house sits on a large rock outcropping. We could not push back to not build out the garage. Going forward logically required a setback.

We are trying to thoughtfully expand our space in an architecturally desirable way. We think we will bring up property values. Our neighbors have been very supportive of what we're doing.

How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations?

We are bound by an irregular lot with notable topography. We feel this will create a more beautiful house, meet the requirements of a variance and will help property values.