# CITY OF AUSTIN <br> Board of Adjustment <br> Decision Sheet 

DATE: Monday May 11, 2020
CASE NUMBER: C15-2020-0010


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OWNER: Daniel and Amy Coops
ADDRESS: 71 JULIUS ST
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BOARD'S DECISION: BOA MEETING FEB 5, 2020 POSTPONED TO MARCH 9, 2020 BY APPLICANT DUE TO SHORTAGE OF BOARD MEMBERS (LEIGHTONBURWELL ABSTAINING); MARCH 9. 2020 The public hearing was closed by Chair Don Leighton-Burwell, Board Member Darryl Pruett motions to Postpone to April 13, 2020, Board Member Brooke Bailey seconds on a 10-1 vote (Board member Don Leighton-Burwell abstained); POSTPONED TO APRIL 13, 2020. April 13, 2020

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Due to the on-going need for social-distancing while we continue our efforts as a community to address the health concerns around COVID-19, our Chair of BOA Chair, Don Leighton-Burwell has postponed our April 13, 2020 Board of Adjustment meeting until the next scheduled date on May 11, 2020. This will include all previously postponed cases slated to be heard at the April 13th meeting; those will now be heard at the May 11, 2020 meeting; May 11, 2020 The public hearing was closed by Vice-Chair Melissa Hawthorne, Board Member Michael Yon Ohlen motions to postpone to June 8, 2020, Board Member Jessica Cohen seconds on an 11-0 vote (Chair Don Leighton-Burwell abstained); POSTPONED TO JUNE 8, 2020.

## FINDING:

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3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:


Executive Liaison
Diana Ramirez for
Don Leighton-Burwell
Chairman

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DATE: Monday, March 92020
CASE NUMBER: C15-2020-0010 Item \# P-10
$\qquad$ Brooke Bailey Jessica Cohen Ada Corral Melissa Hawthorne William Hodge Don Leighton-Burwell ABSTAINING Rahm McDaniel OUT
Darryl Pruett
Veronica Rivera
Yasmine Smith
Michael Von Ohlen OUT
Kelly Blume (Alternate) Martha Gonzalez (Alternate)

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## Address: 71 Julius St

Homeowners:
Dan Coops and Amy Ruhl-Coops

Variance request: Waterfront Overlay

- Residential home re-build in secondary setback
- Impervious cover from $30 \% \rightarrow 36.8 \%$



## Previous site plan of 71 \& 73 Julius and the proposed site plan




- Total dwelling units for 71\&73: previously ~3, propose 4
- Total BR's for 71\&73: previously 6, propose 10
- Parking spots for 71\&73: previously ~5, propose 6

Red: Front, back and side setbacks Orange: 50\% CRZ of protected trees Brown: Trees $<19$ " we plan to save Green: JUAE for shared driveway


New alternative design option that reduces I.C. down to $34.9 \%$ within the secondary setback:

- Removes front carport on 71
- Pushes house to extreme west and north as close as possible to heritage pecan critical root zone (CRZ)

Pushing down to this option:

- Reduces parking: $3 \rightarrow 2$ spaces
- 2 spaces for 6 drivers would put more parking on the street for:
- 2 parents
- 2 students/drivers
- 2 grandparents
- Less IC in the WO but with a less functional design with little or no advantage to neighborhood or city



Neighborhood character includes new construction
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72 Julius
(immediately across the street)


70 San Saba
(Adjacent property east of 71 Julius which is also on two substandard lots )


2607 Canterbury (two lots east from 71 San Saba)


2611 Canterbury


New construction has been allowed recently in this neighborhood where the city chose not to apply / enforce the waterfront overlay code for residences



## Our variance request is asking for only $36.8 \%$ I.C. in the W.O. secondary setback

## Section 25-2-556 allows up to 55\% I.C. and appears to fully apply to 71 Julius:

§ 25-2-556 - ADDITIONAL IMPERVIOUS COVER IN SINGLE-FAMILY STANDARD LOT (SF-2) AND FAMILY RESIDENCE (SF-3) DISTRICTS.
(A) In a single-family standard lot (SF-2) or family residence (SF-3) district, the building official may approve impervious cover of up to 55 percent on a lot after determining that the requirements of this section are satisfied.
(B) The principal use of the lot must be a residential use.
(C) The lot must be included in a plat that was recorded before January $2,1989$.
(D) The lot must adjoin open space, including a golf course or regional park, and the open space:
(1) must not contain a significant amount of impervious cover;
(2) must not be likely to be developed with a significant amount of impervious cover;
(3) must contain at least twice the area of the adjacent lots; and
(4) must not be separated from the lot by an impervious barrier, including street pavement or a paved plaza.
(E) A variance from a required building setback on the lot must not have been granted or requested, and the owner of the lot must agree not to request a variance from a required building setback.
(F) A development intensity transfer affecting the open space must not have been granted.

Source: Sections 13-2-634(b) and 635(d); Ord. 990225-70; Ord. 031211-11.

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March $9^{\text {th }}$ BOA presentation for 71 Julius on following pages

## Support

- 8 letters of support from neighbors in the immediate neighborhood
- Not aware of any opposition






## Waterfront Overlay

- The LDC language is focused primarily on restrictions for commercial applications
(1) art gallery;
(2) art workshop;
(3) cocktail lounge;
(4) consumer convenience services;
(5) cultural services;
(6) day care services (limited, general, or commercial);
(7) food sales;
(8) general retail sales (convenience or general);
(9) park and recreation services;
(10) residential uses;
(11) restaurant (limited or general) without drive-in service; and
(12) other uses as determined by the Land Use Commission.
- The language doesn't seem to take into account the single-family neighborhood in east Holly


## 71 Julius St

- Blue outline: structures at purchase, since relocated
- Yellow outline: proposed design




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Relocated the previous 71 Julius house and the manufactured home also while designing our new home


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Rendering of our proposed home and detached garage/guest house

- Impervious Cover (IC) over 30\% when purchased
- Proposed home design is $36.8 \%$ IC in the WO secondary setback
- Coverage of existing end lot home sites in neighborhood exceeds 30\%

- Preservation of heritage tree imposes unique hardship on our lot
- We LOVE the big trees and are completely committed to preserving them
- But cannot place house further north (out of secondary setback) due to the 35 " pecan



## Impervious Cover and the net ask

|  | Impervious Cover (max) |
| :--- | :--- |
| 71 Julius at time of purchase | $>30 \%$ |
| Waterfront Overlay secondary setback limit | $30 \%$ |
| Proposed design in the secondary setback | $36.8 \%$ |
| Adjacent end lots in the neighborhood | $>30 \%$ |
| Normal SF-3 outside waterfront overlay (25-2-492) | $45 \%$ |
| SF-3 lot with adjacent open green space (25-2-556) | $55 \%$ |
| Our ask for $\mathbf{7 1}$ Julius - \#1 | Re-build residential |
| Our ask for $\mathbf{7 1}$ Julius - \#2 | $\mathbf{3 6 . 8 \%}$ in the secondary setback |

Dan Coops and Amy Ruhl-Coops
71 Julius Street
Austin, TX 78702

## Board of Adjustment

City of Austin

Re: Our future home on 71 Julius Street

Hello Board members,
When the younger of our two boys graduated in 2017 we eagerly looked forward to moving to a walkable Austin neighborhood after having raised our family in northwest Austin. We seriously looked into moving to Hancock, Hyde Park, the Medical District and Clarksville, but when we found Julius Street in Holly, we knew we had found something special.

Easy access to the best part of the hike and bike trail! Excellent restaurants and food trucks within walking distance! A funky amalgamation of neighbors! A park with a splash pad! We knew we had found a great spot to build our home.

The lot is large enough to have space for Amy's parents separately, and has space to accommodate our sons when they are visiting back from school and beyond. We can't wait to build and move in.

Thank you for considering our request.

## Sincerely,



Daniel Coops


Amy Ruhl-Coops

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Thank you

## The guidance of why we are asking here, now

On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 11:52 AM Layton, Emily [Emily.Layton@austintexas.gov](mailto:Emily.Layton@austintexas.gov) wrote:
We confirmed with Christopher Johnson, the Division Manager of DAC that the BoA was the route to go. Land Use which oversees DAC is actually not supervised by Beth

## Emily Layton, AIA

Residential Zoning Supervisor
City of Austin Development Services Department
One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, $2^{\text {nd }}$ Floor
Office: 512.974.2522
Please contact my direct supervisor with any kudos or concerns at susan.barr@austintexas.gov


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## CITY OF AUSTIN

Board of Adjustment
Decision Sheet
DATE: Wednesday February 5, 2020
CASE NUMBER: C15-2020-0010

| Brooke Bailey OUT |
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| Jessica Cohen |
| Ada Corral |
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| Darryl Pruett |
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| Denisse Hudock (Alternate) OUT |

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## FINDING:

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1. The Zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:
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(b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:
3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:


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January 27, 2020

Travis Young
71 Julius St
Austin TX, 78702
Property Description: IMPS ONLY ON LOT 7-8 *\& 8FT ADJ ALLEY BLK 7 OLT 41-42\&53 DIV 0 RILEYS SUBD

## Re: C15-2020-0010

Dear Travis,
Austin Energy (AE) has reviewed your application for the above referenced property, requesting that the Board of Adjustment consider a variance(s) from the following section of the Land Development Code; Section 25-2-721 (Waterfront Overlay (WO) Combining District Regulations) (C) (1) and (2) - a variance from secondary setback area to allow construction of a home and to increase the maximum allowable impervious cover from 30\% (allowed) to 36.8\%
(requested); In order to erect a single-family residence with a detached garage and guest house in a SF-3-NP", Single-Family Residence - Neighborhood Plan zoning district (Holly Neighborhood Plan).

Austin Energy does not oppose request provided any proposed and existing improvements are following AE clearance criteria requirements, the National Electric Safety Code and OSHA. Any removal or relocation of existing electric facilities will be at owners/applicants' expense.

Please use this link to be advised of our clearance and safety requirements which are additional conditions of the above review action:
https://austinenergy.com/wcm/connect/8bb4699c-7691-4a74-98e7-
56059e9be364/Design+Criteria+Manual+Oct+2015.pdf?MOD=AJPERES
(see - Page 92-1.10.0 Clearance and Safety Requirements)
If you require further information or have any questions regarding the above comments, please contact our office. Thank you for contacting Austin Energy.

## Eben Kellogg, Property Agent

Austin Energy
Public Involvement | Real Estate Services
2500 Montopolis Drive
Austin, TX 78741
(512) 322-6050

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## BOA GENERAL REVIEW COVERSHEET

CASE: C15-2020-0010
ADDRESS: 71 Julius St
OWNER: Daniel \& Amy Coops

BOA DATE: February 5, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
AGENT: Travis G. Young

ZONING: SF-3-NP
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT $7-8$ *\& 8FT ADJ ALLEY BLK 7 OLT 41-42\&53 DIV O RILEYS SUBD
VARIANCE REQUEST: allow construction of a single-family residence and allow $36.8 \%$ impervious cover
SUMMARY: erect a single-family residence with a garage/guest house
ISSUES: Waterfront Overlay of Festival Beach requires a secondary setback that is within 100 ft . and 150 ft . from waters edge + three large heritage trees restrict current building envelope

|  | ZONING |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Site | SF-3-NP | Single-Family |
| North | SF-3-NP | Single-Family |
| South | P-NP | Public |
| East | SF-3-NP | Single-Family |
| West | P-NP | Public |

## NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

Austin Independent School District
Austin Lost and Found Pets
Austin Neighborhoods Council
Bike Austin
Del Valle Community Coalition
East Austin Conservancy
East Town Lake Citizens Neighborhood Association
El Concillio Mexican-American Neighborhoods
Friends of Austin Neighborhoods
Greater East Austin Neighborhood Association
Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation
Homeless Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Empowerment Foundation
Neighbors United for Progress
Preservation Austin
SELTexas
Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group
Tejano Town



CITY OF AUSTIN<br>Development Services Department<br>One Texas Center | Phone: 512.978.4000<br>505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78704

## Board of Adjustment General/Parking Variance Application

## WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

This application is a fillable PDF that can be completed electronically. To ensure your information is saved, click here to Save the form to your computer, then open your copy and continue.

The Tab key may be used to navigate to each field; Shift + Tab moves to the previous field. The Enter key activates links, emails, and buttons. Use the Up \& Down Arrow keys to scroll through drop-down lists and check boxes, and hit Enter to make a selection.

The application must be complete and accurate prior to submittal. If more space is required, please complete Section 6 as needed. All information is required (if applicable).

## For Office Use Only

Case \# $\qquad$ ROW \# $\qquad$ Tax \# $\qquad$

## Section 1: Applicant Statement

Street Address: 71 Julius Street
Subdivision Legal Description:
Lots 7 and 8, block 7, outlot 41, Division O. Riley's subdivision of block No. 7 of outlot 53 division "O", as recorded in volume 3, page 140

Lot(s): 7 and 8
Outlot: 41
$\qquad$ Block(s): 7

Division: 0
Zoning District: SF-3-NP

INe Travis G. Young on behalf of myself/ourselves as
authorized agent for Dan Coops and Amy J. Ruhl-Coops Month January , Day 13 , Year 2020 , hereby apply for a hearing before the Board of Adjustment for consideration to (select appropriate option below):
© Erect
OAttach
OComplete
ORemodel
OMaintain
Other:
$\qquad$
Type of Structure: A single-family residence with garage/guest house.

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Portion of the City of Austin Land Development Code applicant is seeking a variance from:
LDC section 25-2-721. Section C, Part 1\&2 Required impervious cover in setback is 30\%
Requested impervious cover in setback is $36.8 \%$

## Section 2: Variance Findings

The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of, and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable Findings Statements as part of your application. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional supporting documents.

NOTE: The Board cannot grant a variance that would provide the applicant with a special privilege not enjoyed by others similarly situated or potentially similarly situated.

I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings:

## Reasonable Use

The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:
The Waterfront Overlay of Festival Beach, requires a secondary setback that is within $100^{\prime}$ and 150 ' from the waters edge wherein no vertical structures can be built, and impervious cover must not exceed $30 \%$. Three large heritage trees restrict the current building envelope to the area of the previously existing home, which was located within the secondary setback. We would like to build a single family home with detached garage/guest house that meets all criteria of the underlying SF-3 zoning, but protection of trees and conformance with secondary setback will not allow that reasonable use.

## Hardship

a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:

Very few residential properties are affected by the secondary setback, and these two lots are the only lots affected on this existing_block of homes. The addition of three heritage trees furthers this unique condition.
b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

Very few residential lots are affected by the waterfront overlay setbacks.

## Area Character

The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

1. The location for the proposed house is within the same location of the previousl yexisting house that had existed since 1972.
2. The proposed new house is 2 story, and conforms with all SF-3 Regulations including all regulations imposed by Subchapter F of section 25-2 of the City of Austin LDC.
3. The purpose of the WO was provide for ample natural vegetation at waters edne encourane residential uses, and allow public access to the water. This proiect is an appropriate examnle.

Parking (additional criteria for parking variances only)
Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed in the City of Austin Land Development Code Chapter 25-6, Appendix A with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply:

1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonably require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:
2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:
3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:
4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:

## Section 3: Applicant Certificate

I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Applicant Signature:


Date: $01 / 13 / 2020$
Applicant Name (typed or printed): Travis G. Young
$\qquad$
Applicant Mailing Address: 1415 Justin Lane
City: Austin
State: IX
Zip: 78757
Phone (will be public information): (512) 452-7961
Email (optional - will be public information):

## Section 4: Owner Certificate

I affirm that my statements contained in the complete application are true and correct to the best of


Owner Mailing Address: 3001 Esperanza Crossing $\# 4064$
City: Austin State: TX Zip: 78758
Phone (will be public information): 520 z\% 5120 512-653-2039
Email (optional - will be public information):

## Section 5: Agent Information

Agent Name:
Agent Mailing Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Phone (will be public information):
Email (optional - will be public information):

## Section 6: Additional Space (if applicable)

Please use the space below to provide additional information as needed. To ensure the information is referenced to the proper item, include the Section and Field names as well (continued on next page).

Attached to this application are the City of Austin GIS, showing the waterfront overlay and it's specificity to this site. Also attached are photos of the heritage trees in question, as well as the existing natural area that will not be disturbed by this development. Included is an existing condition site plan showing previously existing houses, as well as the setback created by a license

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## Additional Space (continued)

surveyor. Also included is a proposed site plan to scale, showing waters edge. Proposed elevations showing conformance with All subchapter F requirements. The project can also conform with the Festival Beach Water Front Overlay restriction of $40 \%$ impervious cover for all lots within the overlay, but outside of the setbacks.

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## 23-3C-10140 Waterfront Overlay

## (A) Purpose.

(1) The purpose of the Waterfront Overlay (WO) is to promote the harmonious interaction and transition between urban development and the park land and shoreline of Lady Bird Lake and the Colorado River. A reference to Town Lake equates to Lady Bird Lake.
(2) The director and City board's decisions regarding implementation of this section shall be guided at all stages by the goals and policies of the Town Lake Corridor Study, including, but not limited to, the following:
(a) Ensure that zoning decisions in the Colorado River Corridor achieve the highest degree of land use compatibility by:
(i) Eliminating industrial uses from the confluence of Longhorn Dam;
(ii) Phasing out resource extraction; and
(iii) Providing the public visual and physical access to the Colorado River.
(b) Protect, enhance, and interpret natural values and environmentally sensitive areas of the Colorado River Corridor through:
(i) Appropriate mitigation for new development affecting identified landforms; and
(ii) Maintenance of natural shorelines and bluffs along the waterfront, except where otherwise required by subdistrict s or for necessary stabilization.
(c) Recognize the potential of the waterfront as an open space connector, formshaper of urban development, and focal point for lively pedestrian-oriented mixed-uses as defined by the subdistrict goals of the Town Lake Corridor Study.

## (B) Applicability.

(1) This section applies to property in the WO, as defined in Section 23-3C-10150 (Overlay Boundaries Described).
(2) The requirements of this section do not apply to:
(a) A single-family, duplex, or accessory dwelling unit use;
(b) A community event use; or



Waters Edge




