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Zoning Board of Appeals January 26, 2026 Minutes

Board of Appeals Chair Wheeler called the January 26, 2026 meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The pledge was recited by all present. Upon Role Call the Result was:

SIMMONS HERE FRITZ HERE GOIST HERE WHEELER HERE RODRIGUEZ HERE

Secretary Matics was in attendance also.

Rodriguez made the motion to accept the minutes from December 8, 2025 as they have read them through email. Seconded by Foist. All in Favor: YES

Rodriguez made the motion to appoint Goist as Chair for the year 2026. Seconded by Simmons. All in Favor: YES

Simmons made the motion to appoint Rodriguez as Vice-Chair for the year 2026. Seconded by Goist. All in Favor: YES

- 1) Bill and Tammy Benson were present to address the board for a variance for a height increase on a new build of a garage to 22'6" located at 6248 Kemary Ave SW. This is so the height matches what the residence will be. The limit for the height of an accessory building is 20'. Rodriguez stated that he thinks that would make the structures more uniformed. The 20' restriction was probably due to ranch style homes being built at that time. Rodriguez made the motion to accept the variance to increase the height to 22'6". Seconded by Wheeler. Upon Role Call the Result was:

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The board also mentioned that possibly the height of an accessory building should be increased. Matics will pass on the suggestion to the Commission Board.

- 2) Wheeler made the motion to accept the revisions to the "Application for Board of Appeals Hearing" and to have it put on the website. Seconded by Rodriguez. All in Favor: YES

The next meeting was tentatively set for February 23, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Simmons made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Rodriguez. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Chair – Kyle Goist

Zoning Secretary - Jody Matics