



## HOUSING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 | 6:30pm

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**Chair:** Mike Moore  
**Secretary:** Meg Arnosti  
**Staff:** Alexa Golemo

### AGENDA

Zoom Webinar (6:20 – 6:30 pm Tech Check)

- 6:30 I. Welcome & Introductions
- 6:36 II. Addition/Deletion of agenda items
- 6:38 III. Approval of July 2021 HLU Meeting Minutes
- 6:40 IV. 1931 James Avenue, Front Yard Setback Variance Application, *Diane Reisdorfer & VL Builders*

*The applicant is proposing an extension to an existing porch on the single family home located at 1931 James Avenue, with a front setback of 19' 6", for a proposed variance of 5' 6". The existing front setback is 22' 6" for a current variance of 2' 6" from the required setback of 25'.*

- 7:15 VI. 1-4 Unit Housing Study Phase 1, *Emma Siegworth & Michael Wade, City Planners, PED*

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/planning-and-economic-development/planning/current-activities/1-4-unit-housing-study>

*The Saint Paul Planning Commission is currently seeking public comment on Phase 1, which includes recommendations for text amendments to Saint Paul's Zoning Code regarding one- to four-unit housing. Comments must be submitted in writing by 12 noon on October 14, 2021 to [1to4HousingStudy@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:1to4HousingStudy@ci.stpaul.mn.us).*

- 8:00 VII. Updates/Announcements
- 8:10 VIII. Adjourn



## BZA Variance Request Findings

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The BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) shall have the power to grant variances from the strict enforcement of the provisions of this code if they determine that all of the required findings listed below are met:

Required findings:

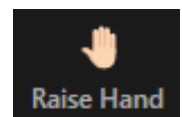
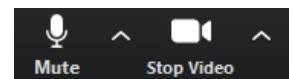
1. The applicant has established that there are practical difficulties in complying with the provision and that the property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the provision. Economic considerations alone do not constitute practical difficulties.
2. The plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner.
3. The variance will not permit any use that is not allowed in the zoning district where the affected land is located.
4. The variance will not alter the essential character of the surrounding area.

## Committee e-Meetings via Zoom

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- **Questions or Day-of-Meeting Troubleshooting** - Contact MGCC Staff at [mgcc@macgrove.org](mailto:mgcc@macgrove.org) and we will do our best to assist you.





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- **If you would like to comment**, please raise your hand and wait to be recognized. (See *Raising your Hand* above) When recognized, please first state your name and address.
- **This is a place for civil and respectful dialogue.** It does not mean everyone has to agree, but it means we have to treat one another well. Please keep your comments brief and to the point. At about the two-minute mark, the Chair will let you know that your time is almost up.
- After receiving public comments and inquiries, the Committee members will have the opportunity to ask final questions and to discuss the issues at hand. Only voting members of a committee may vote on a motion. If you are not sure whether you are currently a voting member of a committee, please ask the staff member in attendance.