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1 MR. HERLONG: Should we go ahead and get
2 started?

3 MS. KENYON: Yeah.

4 MR. HERLONG: Design Review Board of
5 Sullivan's Island will meet -- is meeting now, August
6 15, 2012 at 6:00. It is 6:05.

7 Members in attendance are Steve Herlong,
8 Rhonda Sanders, Kelly Messier, Billy Chaver.

9 The Freedom of Information requirements
10 have been met for this meeting. The items on the
11 agenda begin with number one, the approval of the
12 August 2012 minutes.

13 MR. CHAVER: So moved.

14 MS. SANDERS: Second.

15 MR. HERLONG: Any discussion?

16 All in favor.

17 (Ayes stated by all Design Review Board
18 members.)

19 MR. HERLONG: And the second item on the
20 agenda is 2205 Atlantic Avenue. It's an addition and
21 alteration. And so Randy you have --

22 MR. ROBINSON: 2205 Atlantic Avenue, it's
23 been before y'all before. Y'all gave a preliminary
24 approval last time. They're relocating the existing
25 house, turning it around, placing it on the street

1 today is exactly what we presented to you before
2 except for one small change, which is this area right
3 here on the plan, which in the previous scheme it was
4 a covered porch area; now it's a glassed-in portion.
5 So you can see it on the section elevation here and
6 on the courtyard elevation here where it turns the
7 corner right here.

8 And in the previous submittal, it was an
9 open porch. In working through the scheme with the
10 clients, the flow of the house just works a lot
11 better having that be enclosed square footage. And
12 so that's why we arrived at that change. That's
13 essentially everything else as submitted before.

14 MR. HERLONG: Okay. Is there any public
15 comment? The public comment section is closed.

16 Randy, any final comments?

17 MR. ROBINSON: Justin, the covered porch
18 that was enclosed, you say the square footage of the
19 project was reduced but yet now you're enclosing a
20 covered porch.

21 MR. FERRICK: Correct.

22 MR. ROBINSON: How does that work?

23 MR. FERRICK: Because of the inaccuracy in
24 the free-hand drawings when we did the original
25 calculations. Once we actually, you know, fine tuned

1 the existing width of the house is in excess of what
2 is currently allowed by the zoning code, currently
3 the house before it's rotated is actually seven feet
4 and change off the property line. So we, in fact,
5 moved it over and centered it more within the
6 property footprint so that it has a minimum of ten
7 foot set back. We're bringing it more into
8 compliance with the code than what it was previously.
9 I can show that.

10 MS. MESSIER: It was at seven. It's now
11 at ten.

12 MR. FERRICK: On the minimum side,
13 correct. We can't reduce the width of it.

14 MS. MESSIER: It's on the other side where
15 it's supposed to be 28. You're asking 21'9"; is that
16 correct?

17 MR. ROBINSON: I believe it's 11.

18 MR. CLOWNEY: Total of 28.

19 MR. FERRICK: Let me look at the form just
20 to make sure.

21 MS. MESSIER: Now it's at 7'8" and 14'1".

22 MR. FERRICK: Correct.

23 MS. MESSIER: The total is 21'9" versus
24 28. That's where you're asking for the relief.

25 MR. FERRICK: Correct. This is the

1 don't see any problem.

2 MR. CLOWNEY: I'm Beau Clowney. This is
3 Kate Campbell. We have designed this house for our
4 clients. Nice family house. The lot is a tricky
5 lot. It's kind of like a little peninsula. We have
6 the OCRM setbacks on 2/3 sides and then also setbacks
7 on the street.

8 We've made great effort as we've designed
9 this to do something -- it's a nice family house,
10 three children -- to do something that really feels
11 older. They wanted to do something that really spoke
12 to the vocabulary of the island. Wanted to do
13 something, as you drove by, as you experience this
14 house, you really felt like it had always been there.

15 In typical Sullivan's Island spirit, we
16 kind of merged a few different roof forms and have
17 one nice little guest piece out there to the side.
18 And it's all been this real balancing act of trying
19 to get it within the setbacks and make it work.

20 There's a lot of land, lot of space. As
21 you move by this property, you're going to experience
22 the space around it. We're not going to be clipping
23 any of that. We really also feel like the way it
24 meets the street, it's going to be this great
25 succession of nice little roof forms.

1 under on two of the principal building coverage, and
2 we are asking for approval on the overall square
3 footage. Thank you.

4 MR. HERLONG: Sure. Is there any public
5 comment?

6 Public comment section is closed. Randy,
7 do you have any final comments?

8 MR. ROBINSON: The only comment I have is
9 the little guest house section will require a deed
10 restriction be placed on it. Other than that, looks
11 good.

12 MR. HERLONG: That's because it doesn't
13 have what? Contiguous heated space.

14 MR. ROBINSON: Right, doesn't have heated
15 space, not connected with heated space. They'll have
16 to put a deed restriction on it that says, number
17 one, it can't have a kitchen. Also, it can't be
18 rented as separate dwelling unit.

19 MR. HERLONG: Rhonda, do you have any
20 comments?

21 MS. SANDERS: No, I think it looks great.
22 Side setbacks obviously other than just next door
23 neighbors. It's totally reasonable request.

24 MR. HERLONG: Kelly.

25 MS. MESSIER: Randy, we've talked about

1 anything which has a permanent location on the
2 ground. I really don't know if they intended for a
3 driveway or not.

4 The way I feel the purpose says to prevent
5 the runoff. If you have a pervious surface, it's
6 capturing the runoff water, so it's actually better
7 than grass in some respects.

8 MS. MESSIER: The main reason I'm asking,
9 I know that we wouldn't allow the pool patio to go in
10 there.

11 MR. ROBINSON: That's correct. And we
12 wouldn't allow a parking area either. Parking areas
13 and recreational accessory structures are not -- must
14 meet the setbacks of a house.

15 MS. MESSIER: Don't you think part of this
16 is going to be used for parking?

17 MR. ROBINSON: They have a parking area
18 sitting in front of the house or street side of the
19 house. I kind of believe it's going to be some kind
20 of drive-through to the backyard. I mean, that's
21 what it kind of appears to me.

22 MS. CAMPBELL: There's an existing boat
23 ramp on the property. It's on the survey. You can
24 see it. It's off of our, what I think in the
25 package, there's an original survey.

1 kind of like the way it is right now, as it's always
2 been. We're really not looking to re-invent that.

3 MR. HERLONG: Randy, has this ever come
4 up? Usually it's on the opposite side of the
5 property from an entry.

6 MR. ROBINSON: This is very unique.

7 MR. HERLONG: Usually not an issue.

8 MR. ROBINSON: Looking in structures, the
9 use of which requires more or less permanent location
10 on the ground or which is attached to something
11 having more or less permanent location on the ground.

12 A building and sign as defined in this
13 section are structures. A structure or part of a
14 structure shall include buildings, overhangs, eaves,
15 covered structures such as steps, porches, patios,
16 decks, pools, carports and any extension of a
17 building beyond the foundation line.

18 I kind of feel like it really isn't
19 addressed in a structure. It's not -- driveways are
20 not in our accessory section of our ordinance.
21 They're way up in the front section of the ordinance
22 in the general requirements.

23 You know, I tend to want to say that a
24 driveway is not an accessory structure. If it was a
25 parking area, that's different. You know, like I

1 conceptual.

2 MR. CHAVER: I move we give conceptual
3 approval for the plans.

4 MS. SANDERS: Second.

5 MR. HERLONG: Is there any discussion on
6 the motion?

7 All in favor.

8 (Ayes stated by all Design Review Board
9 members).

10 MR. HERLONG: None opposed.

11 MS. CAMPBELL: Thank you.

12 MR. CLOWNEY: Thank you.

13 MR. HERLONG: Now we have an issue in
14 deliberating the fourth item on the agenda, 2918
15 Marshall. I need to recuse myself.

16 MS. MESSIER: Can we do it with three
17 people?

18 MR. HERLONG: To give approval, how many
19 do we need?

20 MR. CHAVER: We have a quorum.

21 MR. ROBINSON: Then you have to have a
22 majority.

23 MR. CHAVER: Of the board or of the people
24 present?

25 MR. ROBINSON: You would if you have a

1 Previously you could give them 92 percent
2 on the principal building square footage. My
3 question is: Where is the site plan? It's basically
4 not changing the footprint any. They're enclosing an
5 existing porch. I'll let the applicant go ahead and
6 present.

7 MR. HEINLEN: Rodd Heinlen with Steve's
8 office. Like Randy said, we were here last November.
9 And because of the configuration of the house, it's
10 pretty spread out. We asked for the maximum that was
11 allowed for the principal building coverage. At that
12 time, we asked for 92 percent of the heated square
13 footage.

14 We enclosed the bottom part of this porch
15 at that time. And what we'd like to do now is take
16 the upper porch and enclose it as part of the master
17 suite, which would add 150 or so square feet.

18 And we're asking for that additional 8
19 percent. It won't change the elevation. It won't
20 change the arch. It's just an enclosure on that top
21 part.

22 The other thing that we'd like to change
23 is to go from a cable railing system to a glass or a
24 plexiglass handrail. Not only to block the wind near
25 the beach but also so they can see through it.

1 in it. I know this house is existing; it does not
2 conform to the front setback. I mean, I guess that's
3 not really an issue since it's existing. We went
4 into this discussion before when we looked at this
5 house. Something about the 20 foot.

6 MR. HEINLEN: We determined that handrail
7 was back far enough that, when you went up to the 20
8 feet and back on 45, I think we may have even moved
9 it maybe six inches to clear that.

10 MS. MESSIER: I guess my question is:
11 When you enclose this top portion, does that change
12 that -- I mean, it changes that whole thing now.
13 Isn't it a solid wall now?

14 I guess it's glass.

15 MR. HEINLEN: I guess you could call it
16 that.

17 MS. SANDERS: The purpose is not to
18 have -- I don't know.

19 MS. MESSIER: The purpose of that
20 ordinance is to have houses that sort of go back.
21 And I guess my question is now --

22 MS. SANDERS: You're talking about this
23 part.

24 MS. MESSIER: That's the front part. Now
25 it's going to be like that, I think. I don't know.

1 an issue.

2 MR. ROBINSON: That's what I'm saying.
3 Since it's roofed.

4 MS. MESSIER: Since it's already
5 pre-existing.

6 MR. ROBINSON: Existing nonconformity.

7 MS. MESSIER: It's just going to be
8 another nonconforming existing.

9 MR. CHAVER: Really aren't impacting the
10 nonconformance aspect of at all.

11 MS. MESSIER: We're making the house with
12 these additions of these decks more nonconforming.
13 We're increasing the nonconformity.

14 MR. HEINLEN: Not for this application.

15 MS. MESSIER: It was already approved,
16 correct.

17 MR. CHAVER: I don't have any problem with
18 it.

19 MS. SANDERS: This application now is not
20 increasing nonconformity.

21 MS. MESSIER: No.

22 MS. SANDERS: The one before was.

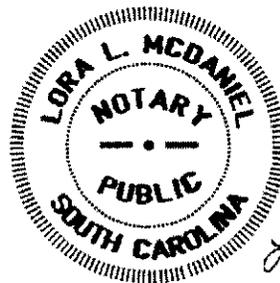
23 MS. MESSIER: This one is just saying,
24 instead of a porch, closed in with that window, which
25 I'm fine with. I guess change this from cable to

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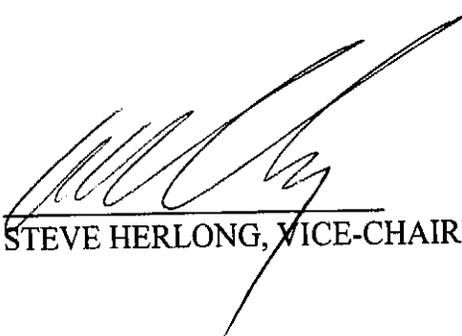
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