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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING
BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

COMMISSION

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had before the Village of Northfield Architectural Commission taken at the Village of Northfield, 361 Happ Road, Second Floor, Multi-Purpose Room, Northfield, Illinois on the 11th day of October, 2022 at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

JEFFREY EIGEL, Chairman
NANCY NAZARIAN
PETER WACHTER
PATRICIA MORRELL
ANDY BOWYER
JOE McINERNEY

MEMBERS ABSENT:

KATHRYN TALTY

ALSO PRESENT:

STEVE GUTIERREZ, Community Development Director
CHARLES ORTH, Trustee Liaison

1 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Welcome to the October
2 11th, 2022 meeting of the Architectural Commission. My
3 name is Jeff Eigel and I'm the Chair. If we could all
4 introduce ourselves?

5 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: I'm Peter Wachter, I
6 live down the street for 25 years. Just a short CV. My
7 background is in signage, resorts, hotels, and lighting.

8 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: Nancy Nazarian.

9 COMMISSIONER MORRELL: Patty Morrell.

10 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Joe McInerney.

11 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Okay, could somebody
12 propose a motion to approve the minutes from the last
13 meeting?

14 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: I'll so move.

15 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: I'll second.
16 (Commissioner Bowyer enters the room.)

17 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: All we did was minutes
18 approval so far.

19 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I disapprove of those
20 minutes.

21 (Laughter.)

22 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Well, then you can go
23 back out again and take your time coming in.

24 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: No worries.

25 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: I guess we're all
26 here.

27 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Andy, could you like real
28 briefly introduce yourself?

29 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Andy Bowyer.

30 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Okay, so we're all here.
31 There's one item this evening, 9 Winfield
32 Drive, consideration of a request for approval of a
33 fence variance from Section 18.10 to allow for a six-
34 foot fence in the front yard where only four feet is
35 allowed. I don't think we've got any sort of podium
36 situation tonight, so we'll just come as we are.

37 First, I just want to introduce Steve
38 Gutierrez from the Village of Northfield, and Charles
39 Orth, our Trustee Liaison.

40 MR. ORTH: Good evening.

41 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: So, Petitioner, if you
42 could introduce yourself?

43 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes. My name is Alisa
44 Blasingame.

45 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Okay, we'll swear you in
46 quickly.

47 (Witness sworn.)

48 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Okay, why don't you
49 present your case?

50 MS. BLASINGAME: Sure.

51 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: We have all the notes in
52 front of us.

53 MS. BLASINGAME: Okay, so hello. Thank you.
54 I'm so sorry to take your time off to bring you out on

1 this rainy night. We moved here in the spring, and we'd
2 been looking for a ranch, we'd been looking for a couple
3 years. It's seven minutes from my aging parents, seven
4 minutes from my brother, a forever house. Didn't look
5 at it first because the flood zone scared me, and people
6 said we're all in a flood zone, we're in a swamp. So,
7 love it.

8 In our home, it is a corner lot, I guess
9 since the people moved and built a pool really close to
10 Hibbard, they considered that their backyard and I would
11 not at all argue with anything. I would have, you know,
12 everything is there, and I would have had it in the
13 middle but that's the way it came. We had a microburst,
14 so this is all 2023 list, with the microburst, the fence
15 just collapsed. We lost some trees as well for privacy
16 with our neighbors on the north corner, sadly for them
17 right where the pool entrance is. They still like us
18 though.

19 But we would just love to have a fence
20 that gives us a little privacy and a little more
21 security. I feel really safe there, but I worry that
22 kids might jump in and hurt themselves. There a lot of
23 pools to choose from in the neighborhood but, and also
24 something much more beautiful.

25 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: So, replacement instead of
26 repair. Just to clarify your request, where does this
27 request start and end? I see there were a couple of
28 different notes on here.

29 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes, yes.

30 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: So, what are you asking to
31 do?

32 MS. BLASINGAME: So, because it's considered a
33 front yard --

34 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: This, I'll loan you
35 this, the red and the blue lines are there.

36 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: I saw that, but I think
37 there were a couple of options there, so I just wanted
38 to clarify which option you're requesting.

39 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes, I was, sorry. I found
40 out about the deadline, if I --

41 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: No problem.

42 MS. BLASINGAME: So, basically, we're only
43 replacing two, we're going to -- so this is north, this
44 is Hibbard, and we're only doing this north wall, and
45 the road here is Hibbard. The fence, I first said, oh,
46 yes, no problem, it's your backyard, blah-blah. So,
47 what we would love, instead of, if we have this 30 or 40
48 feet where you have, I've heard two things. You have a
49 four-foot and then also 70 percent visibility, that we
50 would have a six-foot fence and a six-foot fence along
51 Hibbard.

52 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: So, it essentially, the
53 six-foot portion would essentially end halfway up the
54 garage area?

1 MS. BLASINGAME: What I did say, like if we
2 didn't, if we had the variance as, it would end 30 feet.
3 But without, what I'm saying is we are happy with just
4 the six feet in what we consider our backyard which is
5 right before the garages. So, we don't care if the
6 whole wall is six feet. We have vegetation that's
7 pretty high along the driveway to the front, but there
8 is nothing, not much at all vegetation that is left --
9 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Now, this is what
10 you're going to see of the pool as you're walking down.
11 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes.
12 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Yes, there's nothing.
13 MS. BLASINGAME: There's been this, yes.
14 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: And the fence looks
15 like many, many times people have tried to tie the fence
16 up to the dead trees in there. So, the fence is, no
17 matter what kind of fence you replace it with, this is
18 an improvement.
19 MS. BLASINGAME: And then we definitely are
20 going to, I mean, we want to. So, I guess ultimately to
21 have this be considered our backyard with all six-foot
22 and all six-foot except of course this driveway which is
23 fine. I thought of that myself.
24 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: And we're not here to
25 decide, am I correct, whether or not this is their
26 backyard or not, right? It's whether or not they have a
27 variance to allow in the side street, right?
28 MR. GUTIERREZ: Right, right. Officially,
29 it's whatever is 20 feet off of Hibbard is the front
30 yard, one of the two front yards.
31 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: So, in the future,
32 there's nothing, we're not saying this is their backyard
33 because we don't want to go down that road.
34 MR. GUTIERREZ: Right, yes.
35 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Steve, does that include
36 40 feet this way?
37 MR. GUTIERREZ: Correct.
38 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: On this back line, too?
39 MR. GUTIERREZ: Well, there is a --
40 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, the north line of
41 their property to their north neighbor, that's --
42 MR. GUTIERREZ: This is the exhibit you want
43 to look at now. So, this is Hibbard.
44 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes.
45 MR. GUTIERREZ: And 40 feet off of Hibbard
46 from the east property line towards the house is the
47 required front yard, one of the two required front
48 yards.
49 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Yes. So, even though
50 this is facing here.
51 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes, right.
52 MR. GUTIERREZ: This is fairly common, you
53 know, in tight corner lots. You know, the home will
54 face obviously one to two frontages, and then the other

1 frontage is connected to a portion of the rear yard,
2 practically speaking what is used as a rear yard so it's
3 got to be on another frontage. So, this is not very
4 unusual. The existing fence is, there's an existing
5 six-foot fence.

6 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: And we know that they
7 never got a permit, right?

8 MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes, it's an old fence. I
9 mean, this looks like it's old and there's no permit.
10 It's older than our files apparently. So, yes, so I
11 don't know if observation, but they probably didn't
12 because it might have --

13 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: It's so old, it's five
14 feet now.

15 MR. GUTIERREZ: It is.

16 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: On Hibbard.

17 MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes, it's, I mean, probably --

18 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Yes, there's a utility
19 right-of-way right there, too.

20 MR. GUTIERREZ: So, in any event, the
21 existing, it's really kind of a replacement of the
22 existing six-foot fence. The last 30 feet, and I didn't
23 get into this in here because it's more of an
24 administrative issue, but Alisa mentioned that the last,
25 there's a portion of the fence as it gets closer to the
26 street, we only allow a fence that's 75 percent open if
27 within 30 feet of an intersection. So, again, it's not
28 subject to, that part of the fence isn't subject to this
29 variation. We talked to her.

30 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes.

31 MR. GUTIERREZ: And she's going to comply to
32 that part of the code.

33 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes.

34 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: So, we're just
35 talking about the red part there.

36 MR. GUTIERREZ: Just the six-foot portion.
37 The exhibit with the red and the blue, I don't know if
38 that's to scale, but I'm thinking a lot of the narrative
39 that Alisa provided us, that basically the six-foot
40 fence would come within, was it 113 feet, and then from
41 the north, the northeast corner, and then running south
42 113 feet.

43 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: And currently it's
44 six feet the whole length? Or almost the whole length?

45 MS. BLASINGAME: I think it's 5'10" --

46 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Right.

47 MS. BLASINGAME: -- because when we first
48 moved in, I thought, wow, these are tall people because
49 I've sometimes seen the top of their heads.

50 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Got you.

51 MR. GUTIERREZ: The 5'10" foot high fence,
52 yes, runs pretty close --

53 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Right now it runs
54 pretty close to the corner.

1 MR. GUTIERREZ: Close to the south edge of
2 that driveway, yes, it makes sense, thereabouts.

3 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: The rest of the fence
4 for the blue line, what's the height of that? Is there
5 going to be a fence there where the blue line is?

6 MS. BLASINGAME: We're going to replace the
7 whole wall and dips down to what I understood the rules
8 were to a four-foot fence.

9 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: So, the blue reflects
10 where the four-foot fence would be.

11 MS. BLASINGAME: Right.

12 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: That's 75 percent
13 transparent?

14 MR. GUTIERREZ: No, until you get to within 30
15 feet of the intersection, the south property line, then
16 it would have to convert to within about 75 percent
17 open.

18 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: But we're only
19 talking about the red portion.

20 MR. GUTIERREZ: We're only talking about the
21 red portion.

22 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: Right, yes.

23 MR. GUTIERREZ: The four feet is just going to
24 conform with everything in the, you know, in --

25 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: Right.

26 MR. GUTIERREZ: -- the south end of the --

27 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: I'm just wondering how
28 visually that was going to look. That's why, I'm just
29 trying to in my own mind see how that was going to look.

30 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, what does that mean
31 75? Is that like a split rail then?

32 MR. GUTIERREZ: It could be split rail, it
33 could be picket. I mean, as long as they're 75 percent
34 open. Wrought iron.

35 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: What's to prevent
36 bicycles from --

37 MR. GUTIERREZ: It's a sight line issue, yes,
38 yes. I mean, the sight line for practical purposes is
39 blocked by the entrance. The subdivision entrances are
40 very massive.

41 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: It's a big masonry.

42 MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes, but again, that's really
43 not, the four-foot portion isn't really an issue. We've
44 already talked through what it has to be, to be
45 conforming, so that's -- I'm sorry, so the answer to
46 your point, you know, the Petitioner may wish to just
47 stop the fence at some point rather than go from a four-
48 foot solid to a four-foot 75 percent open for view.

49 MS. BLASINGAME: We want it to look great, let
50 me just tell you.

51 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: Yes, I just didn't
52 want it to look really --

53 MR. GUTIERREZ: As it gets closer to that
54 intersection, to the street, to Winfield, you can't even

1 see through there so you may even miss the fence at that
2 point.

3 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: Right, right, okay.

4 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes, it's horizontal. So,
5 we've asked my fence guy like if it's going to be weird
6 we'll just skip the fence.

7 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Yes, you'll have some
8 sort of transition I would assume from six to four,
9 something going down to four.

10 MS. BLASINGAME: And they're a great company.
11 They did our neighbor's fence which is also, that's the
12 photo we have.

13 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Yes, that's nice.
14 Yes, it looks nice.

15 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: This is your neighbor's
16 fence. I saw that today.

17 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: It appears the same on
19 both sides, so you don't have an issue of, you know,
20 best side out.

21 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes, there are some, yes.
22 Never thought I'd be excited about a fence, right?
23 Renewing my fence.

24 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Well, it looks good
25 to me.

26 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: I'd like to talk about
27 the 224.18 feet. That's such a private lane. It's not
28 a thoroughfare, it's completely unpublic. What's there
29 now is very ugly. There's a lot of buckthorn, as we all
30 know, creeping in all around both on Hibbard Road and in
31 this section. I think it would be an enhancement to the
32 Village environment to go to a six-foot fence all the
33 way along there, so that's obviously not an issue
34 anyways.

35 Then as we get to the corner and come
36 south at the red line, you're asking for six feet there.
37 Again, I personally, now we're getting into discussion,
38 Chair, about that, I think that's a plus. Not only
39 that, I mean, it's, one only has to look into your hot
40 tub and I can see why you would prefer that to be
41 blocked. In fact, I would think that you may even, I
42 might suggest that you consider taking that red line
43 maybe a few feet farther south. In other words, I am
44 suggesting that we might give you a little bit more than
45 you're asking for and I'd be willing to explain why.

46 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Okay.

47 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: As you said, that line
48 where the red drops down to the four-foot, which is
49 probably just going to be, it's just going to drop down
50 and then there's not going to be any kind of a
51 transition piece there, that's on the right one-third of
52 your garages. There's a utility guy right there and if
53 you go a little bit farther south so that this area here
54 that's devoid of foliage has the six-foot, I mean, I

1 would entertain at the closing a motion to add that to
2 the --

3 MS. BLASINGAME: So, you're talking about the
4 Hibbard thing?

5 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: The Hibbard Road side.

6 MS. BLASINGAME: So, you think it would be --

7 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Yes, and I don't think,
8 you know, the discussions about having six-foot fences
9 in Northfield have typically been because we don't want
10 to create what's called a corridor effect, and we went
11 through that with the rehab of the road because we
12 didn't want it to look like you're driving through an
13 alley in Rogers Park and, you know, have everything, we
14 wanted foliage in front of fences if they were going to
15 be taller.

16 MS. BLASINGAME: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: We wanted them
18 camouflaged as much as possible. So, that's my two
19 cents worth.

20 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Okay, thank you.
21 Other questions or comments?

22 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: I have no problem
23 with it.

24 COMMISSIONER MORRELL: I don't either.

25 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Do we have anyone from the
26 public here for questions or --

27 MS. TARASOVA: No, I'm a neighbor. Nice to
28 meet you.

29 MS. BLASINGAME: Are you my next-door
30 neighbor?

31 MS. TARASOVA: Yes.

32 MS. BLASINGAME: You met my friends the first
33 week, but I hadn't met you yet --

34 MS. TARASOVA: Yes.

35 MS. BLASINGAME: -- because you're always in
36 the backyard. Nice to meet you.

37 MS. TARASOVA: My name is Marina Tarasova. I
38 just came to see you.

39 MS. BLASINGAME: Thanks so much.

40 MS. TARASOVA: Yes, I don't have any issues
41 with this because actually --

42 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: So, there's no opposing
43 viewpoint then.

44 MS. TARASOVA: I'd just like to have this part
45 which is in blue to be --

46 MS. BLASINGAME: Between our yards, we have
47 like a metal fence and it's beautiful because she has
48 grasses and it just looks infinity.

49 MS. TARASOVA: Yes.

50 MS. BLASINGAME: And I don't ever want to
51 touch that.

52 MS. TARASOVA: We've got a lot of bushes and
53 everything, so yes, that's the general --

54 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: You're west of the

1 property?
2 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Just to formalize it,
3 let's just let the record show that there were no
4 questions or comments from neighbors, but --
5 MS. TARASOVA: Yes.
6 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: -- I'm glad you two have
7 the opportunity to meet.
8 MS. TARASOVA: Sorry --
9 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: That's what we're here
10 for.
11 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: The only thing I would,
12 and I agree with what you're saying, but I would like
13 to, I think we need to define where it stops.
14 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Yes.
15 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: And I would suggest that
16 we go, we allow it to go south to the edge of that car
17 park which would be the edge of her house so that it
18 aligns with the edge of the house, the southern edge of
19 the house.
20 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: So, we'd call it the
21 southern building line, Andy?
22 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes, and I think that
23 makes sense, and then you're still like 20 feet or
24 whatever.
25 MR. GUTIERREZ: I think what you're saying is
26 the north, I'm sorry, yes, the northeast corner of the
27 car park, the drive?
28 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: No, it's southeast
29 because there's --
30 MR. GUTIERREZ: The southeast.
31 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: It's all the way to
32 the front.
33 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes, but it's not, the
34 car park, because that could be at the whim of whoever
35 did the asphalt, I would say align it with the southeast
36 corner of the house.
37 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: So, are you saying she
38 should do that or is she foreclosed from --
39 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: No, I would say I agree,
40 let's extend it south on Hibbard and align it with the
41 southeast corner of the house.
42 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: So, you're saying
43 require her to do that as opposed to giving her the
44 option to.
45 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes, I think that would
46 be --
47 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: I agree that I think
48 would be --
49 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: -- here which is kind of
50 what you wanted to start with. This stays open down
51 here for sight or your 75 percent.
52 MS. BLASINGAME: So, we just stop the fence,
53 it's a six-foot fence and then it stops.
54 MR. GUTIERREZ: Or four-foot, or you could do

1 whatever --
2 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Or you can do a four-
3 foot --
4 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: You can do a 75 percent
5 conforming fence beyond that point.
6 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Right, and also then
7 from Hibbard, you don't see part of the house and, I
8 mean, it's just --
9 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Yes, yes.
10 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: -- there is some reason
11 as to why it's --
12 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: I think you either
13 have to start at the other end of the house or there.
14 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes.
15 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: I think starting at
16 the middle just --
17 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Yes, the transition is
18 one-third, it's right through the middle of the two-car
19 garage.
20 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: It doesn't make any
21 sense.
22 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: And like if you want to
23 take it all the way down to the south end of the three
24 cars, then that would line up with the architecture and
25 that would make perfect sense from what's going on with
26 the foliage, too. I think you're going to have a lot of
27 arbor stuff here and a lot of dead things that are going
28 to have to come out before the fence guys can even get
29 started.
30 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes.
31 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Yes, I mean, that would
32 make sense than while --
33 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: No, I think that would
34 be architecturally an enhancement.
35 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: It's a little bit
36 more of an expense on your part but it may be amenable
37 to you.
38 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: -- six-foot fence on your
39 required front yard setback with the exception of the
40 area past the south building line which would be
41 required to conform to the four-foot fence code.
42 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Okay.
43 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Maybe that's cleanest.
44 MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes, makes sense.
45 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Sure. So, we're
46 granting a variance for a six-foot fence in the Hibbard
47 front yard.
48 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: For the variance on the
49 variance.
50 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: To the southeast corner
51 of the house.
52 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Yes.
53 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Yes. I think that --
54 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: But is there some way

1 put in there a requirement that she does it to that? I
2 guess that's the question. So, you're granting a
3 variance which essentially --
4 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Well, she wants to do
5 that. I mean, she wanted to go all the way down her
6 yard.
7 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes, I was just going to
8 replace the fence. Honestly, that's why with the arrow,
9 this is all I care about. We have --
10 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Where does the fence
11 currently go? All the way down to Winfield?
12 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Pretty much that's
13 where it goes.
14 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes.
15 MR. GUTIERREZ: The fence pretty much goes all
16 the way down to Winfield.
17 MS. BLASINGAME: It gets shorter.
18 MR. GUTIERREZ: Where you hit the --
19 MS. BLASINGAME: The pylons.
20 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Are you comfortable with
21 it going to the southeast corner of your house? Is that
22 an issue?
23 MS. BLASINGAME: As far as the blue and red, I
24 didn't do them to scale. I would assume we were just
25 going to do six-foot if we got it and four-foot again.
26 I don't really care about this area.
27 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: But he's asking you
28 to just --
29 MS. BLASINGAME: I know, I'm just --
30 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes, I'm just asking
31 because, I don't know if it's funny, maybe it's funny
32 after all this if she doesn't want to go that far.
33 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: That's what I'm
34 saying, right.
35 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: May I show it to you?
36 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes, please.
37 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Okay, so right now what
38 you're asking for runs somewhere through here.
39 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: I just want to make sure
40 she knows.
41 MS. BLASINGAME: And you want --
42 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: And we're suggesting
43 that you take it down a little farther, and we could add
44 that --
45 MR. GUTIERREZ: Or short of it just so it
46 doesn't fall in the middle of that area.
47 MS. BLASINGAME: That's what I was trying to
48 say. This isn't to scale and that's not really what I
49 meant. The blue one represented what could be four-foot
50 in the rule book. But yes, that's why there's an
51 Architectural Commission, I want to do it so it looks
52 good. If you feel that coming to the end of the house
53 is the way to go --
54 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Well, we'd like it to

1 look good and give you actually a little bit more where
2 you were intending to go in the first place.

3 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: And you just said, so
4 there is a chainlink or some sort of fence then that
5 secures the pool here? Is that right against the house?

6 MS. BLASINGAME: There is no fence.

7 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Because you have to, by
8 code the yard has to be secure for that pool so like
9 kids can't --

10 MS. BLASINGAME: Oh, we have, to be replaced
11 next year, we have two gates.

12 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes, but there's
13 something dotted, as I can't even see, my eyesight left
14 about 30 years ago, but there's a dotted line that's
15 parallel to Winfield. Isn't that like a fence?

16 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: It says wood fence, I
17 think.

18 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: Where the arrow is,
19 yes, it's a wood fence.

20 MS. BLASINGAME: Oh, yes, sorry. There is a
21 fence in between the shrubbery of our parking lot, I
22 came from Chicago, it's a parking lot, and then the
23 backyard, or the front yard.

24 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Yes, and then there's
25 one over here, too.

26 MS. BLASINGAME: And then there is a fence
27 between, yes, there's a fence here.

28 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: It looks like it's
29 about --

30 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, little kids can't be
31 chasing a ball, you know, to a catch a ball may run into
32 backyard and fall into the pool.

33 MS. BLASINGAME: No. No, although mid-summer
34 I'd like to replace them with higher fences that lock,
35 gates that lock.

36 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Is that the fence
37 that's completely covered in ivy?

38 MS. BLASINGAME: On the west side of the
39 house?

40 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Behind the basketball?
41 Behind the basketball?

42 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes.

43 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: There's no way anybody
44 can scale this.

45 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: I don't think that's
46 the metal fence.

47 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: I think it is a metal
48 fence. It's covered with foliage.

49 MS. BLASINGAME: I feel like it is a wood
50 fence.

51 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: No, it is, yes, it is
52 wood.

53 MS. BLASINGAME: In between, they're saying
54 that it's wood in between the --

1 MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes, the yard is fully
2 enclosed. Anything in the backyard is not, so --
3 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: So, the pool enclosure
4 is going to be maintained by this change regardless.
5 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes, to be improved next
6 year.
7 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Okay.
8 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Yes, and everything
9 she's doing is making the pool, especially on the, what
10 would we call the other side from Winfield Drive? The
11 Henry Drive?
12 MS. BLASINGAME: Yes.
13 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Okay, yes.
14 MS. BLASINGAME: Henry is fine.
15 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: That will be much more
16 secure now with a proper six-foot fence.
17 MS. BLASINGAME: Henry is thrilled, by the
18 way, when we have mentioned fences. He's always driving
19 his convertible down this drive.
20 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Well, and western red
21 cedar is such a gorgeous choice of material.
22 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Well, I don't think we're
23 going to require the material, right?
24 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: No.
25 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Did someone feel
26 comfortable with a motion for this?
27 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: I'll present a motion.
28 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Okay.
29 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: I motion that we accept
30 the Petitioner's request for the variance with the added
31 caveat that the six-foot fence along Hibbard Road be
32 allowed to continue southbound to align with the south
33 edge of the home structure.
34 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: Allowed to continue or
35 shall continue?
36 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: I think the Commission was
37 leaning towards shall continue.
38 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: I would say shall.
39 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: Okay, then my motion
40 will be replaced with shall or should.
41 **A motion to approve the Petitioner's request for the**
42 **variance with the added caveat that the six-foot fence**
43 **along Hibbard Road shall continue southbound to align**
44 **with the south edge of the home structure.**
45 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Second?
46 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: Second.
47 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: Second.
48 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Third, fourth.
49 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Okay, take a vote on that
50 then. All in favor?
51 (Chorus of ayes.)
52 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Okay, so moved.
53 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: I think you have to
54 actually --

1 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: You have to poll
2 everybody.
3 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: But also the minutes
4 from earlier, that's when Andy walked in so it didn't
5 actually get admitted.
6 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Well, he did admit himself
7 in when he sat down.
8 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: No, I mean, the motion
9 for the minutes.
10 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Okay.
11 MR. GUTIERREZ: But you got into the vote
12 before he came in.
13 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: Yes, okay.
14 MR. GUTIERREZ: We had enough people and
15 that's fine. That will be reflected in the minutes --
16 COMMISSIONER NAZARIAN: Okay.
17 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: -- and it only matters
18 if he --
19 COMMISSIONER BOWYER: It was only a minute or
20 two, people, come on.
21 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Okay, I think that
22 concludes our business.
23 Congratulations!
24 MS. BLASINGAME: Thank you so much.
25 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Enjoy your fence.
26 MS. BLASINGAME: Thank you. Just to be clear,
27 say we get home and we think, oh, my gosh, we need a
28 fence for some reason that's four feet?
29 MR. GUTIERREZ: Well, you can, in front of the
30 driveway?
31 MS. BLASINGAME: Like past the front from the
32 line.
33 MR. GUTIERREZ: Then you can put a four-foot
34 fence in front of the --
35 MS. BLASINGAME: Right, okay.
36 MR. GUTIERREZ: You know, where the six-foot
37 fence would end at the south end of that drive part.
38 MS. BLASINGAME: Okay, I just want to see it
39 from our side.
40 MR. GUTIERREZ: And then from there going
41 towards Winfield Road you can put whatever is
42 conforming.
43 MS. BLASINGAME: Okay, thank you. We were
44 going to talk about the visibility issue here.
45 MR. GUTIERREZ: That's where the
46 administrative permitting comes.
47 MS. BLASINGAME: Okay. All right, so I'll
48 strike that up tomorrow. Thank you, everyone. Sorry
49 for the inconvenience.
50 MS. TARASOVA: We have like a kind of main
51 entrance to the street. So, the fence right now, the
52 same thing like the old one, so it probably should stay
53 the same.
54 MR. GUTIERREZ: That fence will, I think it's

1 four feet.

2 COMMISSIONER WACHTER: it is.

3 MR. GUTIERREZ: That actually is solid.

4 Again, it was done prior to apparently when we issued
5 permits. So, that portion of the fence actually has to
6 be 75 percent open or you can stop short of 30 feet.

7 So, just take a walk through that.

8 We do not have any applications for
9 November, so have a nice Thanksgiving. We will let you
10 know if we get something in for December.

11 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Motion to adjourn?

12 COMMISSIONER MCINERNEY: Motion.

13 COMMISSIONER MORRELL: Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON EIGEL: Thank you, everybody.

15 (Whereupon, at 7:29 p.m., the above
16 meeting was adjourned.)

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