

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN

Deliberative Session

On Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., a meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Hagerstown was held in the Council Chamber, Second Floor, City Hall, Hagerstown, Maryland. Members present included: Andrew Durham, Janice Kelsh, Brian Kurtyka, George Newman, II, and James Stouffer. Staff members present included: Stephen Bockmiller, AICP, Zoning Administrator; and Debbie Calhoun, Secretary.

Mr. Bockmiller introduced Brian Kurtyka, the newest member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Kurtyka is filling the unexpired term of Travis Poole who resigned earlier this year.

Without a chair, staff opened the meeting to entertain nominations for chair.

Election of Chair.

On a motion by Andrew Durham and seconded by George Newman, II, the Board of Zoning Appeals unanimously elected Brian Kurtyka as chair.

Hearing and Deliberations.

The following appeals were considered and decided at the hearing:

Case No. Z-2017-01

Shervin Sepehri, Nigmatzyanov & Sepehri Properties, 12209 Hickory Wood Court, Potomac, Maryland 20854, pertaining to property located at **819 Washington Avenue**. The Board moved to grant an application for a change of a nonconforming use from six dwelling units and a construction office to six dwelling units and a barber shop.

VOTE: 5-0 Grant (Durham, Kelsh, Kurtyka, Newman, Stouffer)

Case No. Z-2017-02

Frederick A. Nugent, 26 East Irvin Avenue, Hagerstown, Maryland 21742, pertaining to property located at **26 East Irvin Avenue**. The Board moved to grant the applicant's request for a variance to construct a covered patio to within 4.5 feet of the west side property line, resulting in an aggregate total between the two side yards of 10.5 feet/

VOTE: 5-0 Grant (Durham, Kelsh, Kurtyka, Newman, Stouffer)

Other Business.

The Board members and staff discussed the possibility of staff writing draft Decisions, with final approval to be given by the Board of Zoning Appeals. BZA members were open to the notion of staff writing the draft decisions for final approval by the Board. Procedurally, any Administrative Appeals will need to be written entirely by a Board of Zoning Appeals member.

Adjourn.

The hearing and deliberations concluded at 8:35 p.m.



Debra C. Calhoun – Secretary