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**CITY OF COLUMBIA**  
**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 5, 2023 – 4:00 PM**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**1737 MAIN STREET, 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR**  
**COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**In attendance:** John Gregory, Kathryn Fenner, Marcellous Primus, Celia Mackintosh, John Guignard, Sherard Duvall, Davis Whittle

**Absent:** N/A

**Staff:** Hope Hasty, Erica Jaen, Skye Robinson-Barnes

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

John Gregory, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA) were introduced along with staff. Quorum was confirmed. Applicants and others who wished to speak were sworn in.

Hope Hasty, Zoning Administrator, reviewed the consent agenda.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Approve September 7, 2023 Minutes**

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**Ms. Fenner made motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Mackintosh seconded the motion. All aye. Motion passed 7-0.**

**III. REGULAR AGENDA**

**A. OLD BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**A. NEW BUSINESS**

**2023-0028-V      3030 N. Main Street (TMS# 09111-06-03)** Variance to the maximum sign height standard (Robert Turner, 101 Meridian Properties, LLC) (CAC, OV-NMC)

Ms. Hasty introduced the variance request and invited the applicant to the podium to present his case.

Hal Turner, Owner of Cromer' P-Nuts, spoke to the history of the business. He then spoke to the topography and site visibility issues due to the neighboring wooded lot next door that block the view of this property. He then introduced Reed Runge, manager of the business.

Reed Runge, Applicant, presented the case to the Board. He explained that the variance is necessary because the curve of the road causes site visibility. He advised that customers have issues finding the location and the sign would spotlight the business to make it easier to see when driving on North Main Street.

Board members asked the applicant questions regarding location of the sign. The applicant then clarified the location will be on a pole close to the building.

Mr. Turner approached the podium and advised that the property next door will be part of the greenway and will soon be cleared of some trees. At that point he will be landscaping the area adjacent to the wooded lot next door to make it more attractive.

Members of the public were invited to speak in favor or in opposition to the request.

As no one spoke in favor or opposition to the request, testimony closed and Board discussion ensued.

**Ms. Fenner made a motion to approve the variance subject to staff comments. Mr. Duvall seconded the motion. All aye. Motion passed (7-0)**

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Fenner.  
Motion seconded by Ms. Mackintosh. Motion passed 7-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 4:16 P.M.**

Full meeting can be viewed on CityTV at the following link: BOZA Meeting [October 5, 2023](#)