

**CITY OF VICTORIA
BOARD OF VARIANCE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

Present: Margaret Eckenfelder -Chair
Rosa Munzer
Rus Collins
Joanne Thibault

Absent:

Staff: Samantha Cole, Zoning Technician
Alena Hickman, Planning Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

1. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held November 9, 2023

Moved: Margaret Eckenfelder

Seconded: Rus Collins

That the minutes from November 9, 2023 be adopted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

2. Appeals

**12:30 Board of Variance Appeal #01010
Peter Ronald, Applicant
1243 Oscar Street**

Present Zoning: R1-B
Present Use: Duplex

The proposal is to rebuild the rear deck and legalize the rear stairs.

Bylaw Requirement

Relaxation Requested

Section 1.2.5.c
Section 1.2.5.d

Side yard setback relaxed from 1.53m to 1.22m.
Combined side yard setbacks relaxed from 4.50m to 4.27m.

Applicant

- 1243 Oscar is a 100-year-old character house which we purchased 10 years ago.
- The previous owners made changes to redirect an existing external stairway from the back deck into the garden. The issue then becomes the side yard setback.
- Relocating the stairs to conform to the zoning would require relocating the irrigation system. The back door would also exit right onto the stairs, obstructing the view from the downstairs kitchen.

- All neighbours are in support.

Board

- Are the stairs in the drawing the old ones that are being replaced?
 - The stairs that are there now are the stairs that we had hoped to keep but have been asked to replace the contractor.

Neighbours

- No neighbours were present at the meeting.

Public portion of the meeting closed.

- Very minor in nature.
- In keeping with the architecture of the building.
- Having to replace and change irrigation is expensive and unnecessary.
- Appreciate the consultation with neighbours.

Motion:

Moved: Rus Collins

Seconded: Joanne Thibault

That the following variances be approved:

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Meeting Adjourned at 12:43 pm
