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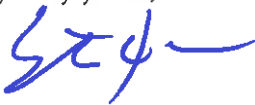
Ryan Bowden
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Re: *City of Mission Woods ARB*

Dear Ryan:

Accompanying this letter are the draft minutes from the ARB Meeting on December 20th. Please let me know if they are accurate and complete, or if you have any questions, comments or changes. Also, I would like to discuss with you whether Ms. Ahsmuhs had a "conflict of interest" for this meeting. When you have a chance, please give me a call. Thank you for your time and attention.

Very truly yours,



Steven E. Mauer

Enclosures

cc. Heather S. Esau Zerger
Mayor Robert Tietze



Architectural Review Board
December 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Westwood City Hall

Members Present: Ryan Bowden, Chairman
Mimi Ahsmuhs
Pete Newcomer

Members Absent: Mary Hunkeler
Tommy Clemente

Also Present: Steven E. Mauer, City Attorney
Eddie McNeil
Jennifer Botha, Applicant
Joanne Miller, Resident

Chairman Bowden called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. A quorum was present. There was one item on the agenda.

1. 5357 Mission Woods Road

Chairman Bowden explained the request at issue was for a portable basketball goal by Jennifer Botha at 5357 Mission Woods Road. Chairman Bowden explained the process and procedures to Ms. Botha, including the opportunity for her to make a presentation, answer questions from Board Members, hear from the audience, and appeal to the City Council if the request is denied.

Ms. Botha began her presentation. She provided photographs showing pictures of her driveway with the location of the portable basketball goal. She also had pictures of her driveway without the goal in place. Ms. Botha explained that the basketball goal was a Christmas gift from her father to her two sons. As a single mother, she is looking for opportunities for her children to play and be active outside. Accompanying these minutes are copies of the photographs provided by Ms. Botha.

Chairman Bowden then asked for questions from the Board Members. Board Member Ahsmuhs commented that Ms. Botha is her next door neighbor. She explained that the location of the basketball goal may be on “her property” because the hedge between their two homes is not actually on the property line, as understood by Board Member Ahsmuhs. She also explained that the location of the basketball goal was very near to her bedroom window and dining room. She expressed concern about the noise and disruption caused by the basketball goal being located close to her home. She inquired about having the basketball goal in the backyard. Ms. Botha explained that there was no flat surface for the goal in her backyard, but her driveway was very level and easily accommodated a basketball goal.

Having no further questions from the Board, Chairman Bowden asked for comments from the audience. Joanne Miller, neighbor on the other side of 5357 Mission Woods Road, commented that she did not like the appearance of the basketball goal. She says that she is attempting to sell her house and was afraid it would diminish the value of her property.

With no further comments from the audience and no further questions, Chairman Bowden asked for a motion by a Board Member. Board Member Ahsmuhs made a motion to deny the request to put a portable basketball goal in the front driveway of 5357 Mission Woods Road. Board Member Newcomer seconded the motion. Ayes – III, Nays – 0. Board Member Ahsmuhs then made a motion to allow the portable basketball goal in the backyard of 5357 Mission Woods Road. Board Member Newcomer seconded the motion. Ayes – III, Nays – 0.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Steven E. Mauer, City Attorney