

**Board of Adjustment and Appeals
City of Lake Wales
201 W. Central Avenue
Lake Wales, FL 33853**

Minutes of the May 18, 2017 meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment and Appeals was held on May 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Administration Building. Chairman Weigand called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 2. Roll Call

Members present: Chairman Harold Weigand, James Boterf, Ralph Eberhard, Sue Marino

Members Absent: None

City Representatives Present: Autumn Cochella, Planning Technician
Karah Clark, Secretary

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2017

On a motion made by Mr. Boterf and seconded by Ms. Marino, the minutes were unanimously approved with a voice vote of “aye.”

Agenda Item 4. Variance 17-0004 – 0 S 1st Street

Request of Ataulfo Benitez for a dimensional variance to allow a reduction in the “front” building setback in a functional side yard for the construction of a new single-family home at the corner of 1st Street South and Alvina Avenue.

Chairman Weigand reviewed the report. The owner was not present.

Mr. Eberhard commented that he had an issue with the size of the site plan and Ms. Cochella said the owner didn’t realize they needed a variance and that she would request a bigger size site plan next time. Mr. Boterf asked for clarification on the street that required the variance and Ms. Cochella told him it was Alvina Avenue, that 1st Street would not be affected. Ms. Marino asked if they owned the property behind the lot and Ms. Cochella said yes, but they still have to meet the setbacks for this property and that the other lot does not have anything to do with the approval of this request.

On a motion made by Mr. Boterf and seconded by Mr. Eberhard, the Board unanimously approved a reduction in the “front” building setback from 20’ to 30’.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 am.

Sue Maria
Chairman

Attest: *Karah Clark*
Karah Clark, Secretary