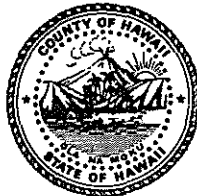


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May 8, 1996

Ms. Carla Bateman
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Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Ms. Bateman:

Variance Application WH(VAR 96-4)
Variance No. 732
Applicant: DUANE & MICHELE BUNCH
Variance from Minimum Front and Side Yard requirement
of the Zoning Code, Chapter 25, Article 18, Section 25-237(b)
Tax Map Key: 7-3-35:019

After reviewing your application and the information submitted, the Planning Director certifies the approval of your variance request to allow an existing one story single family dwelling and a proposed recreation room and bathroom addition on the lower level which will create a two story single family dwelling with a front yard of 19.7 to 19.8 foot and 9.8 foot side yard; a proposed partial above grade swimming pool with a 9 foot front yard, in lieu of the minimum 20 foot front yard and 10 foot side yard space as required by Chapter 25, Article 18, Section 25-237(b).

The subject property is located on the north side of Kaiminani Drive approximately 240 feet west of the Ilimano Place/Kaiminani Drive intersection in the Kona Palisades Subdivision, Unit II, Kalaoa, North Kona, Hawaii, TMK: 7-3-035:019.

The Planning Director has concluded that the variance request from the minimum front and side yard requirements should be approved based on the following findings:

SPECIAL AND UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

1. The homeowners at that time, received all of the necessary Department of Public Works, Building Division approvals for dwelling.

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2. When the plans were approved by the Planning Department, the plans would have had to show that all minimum required setbacks were going to be adhere to for the proposed dwelling in 1985.
3. There appears to have been a construction staking error occurred in 1985 when the dwelling was constructed in the siting of the structure on the property. There also appears that a very minor siting error was done at the time of construction with the encroachments. No other evidence has been found to show otherwise.
4. It has been over 10 years since the construction of the existing dwelling which was approved by the County and the applicants are trying to resolve a situation which they had no control over and have honestly conducted a certified survey to ensure to disclosure of all facts concerning the dwelling.
5. The variance application was acknowledged as received by the Planning Department on March 29, 1996.
6. A survey map prepared by Wes Thomas Associates on December 21, 1995, shows the EXISTING ONE STORY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING with 19.7 to 19.8 foot front yard. The subject dwelling encroaches into the front yard by 2 and 3/8 inches to 3 and 5/8 inches.
7. The survey map also indicates the EXISTING ONE STORY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING with a 9.8 foot side yard. The subject dwelling encroaches into the side yard by 2 and 3/8 inches.
8. The applicant is also proposing to construct a partial above grade swimming pool with a 9 foot front yard, with the exception of the west portion of the swimming pool, the remainder will be below grade. The primarily below grade swimming pool would encroach 11 feet into the required front yard. There is also a privacy wall along the frontage of the property which would make the swimming pool unnoticeable from the street.

Therefore, considering the foregoing facts, the Planning Director has determined that there are special or unusual circumstances applying to the subject property which exist either to a degree which deprives the owner or applicant of substantial property rights that would otherwise be available or to a degree which obviously interferes with the best use or manner of development of the subject property.

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ALTERNATIVES

1. The applicant on their own volition are honestly trying to resolve this long standing problem which was not created by them. The investigation of this particular matter has not shown any deliberate or intentional grounds in allowing the encroachments to occur.
2. Any architectural alterations or design changes to the dwelling to conform with the minimum setbacks would create undue and excessive hardships of the applicant when other more reasonable options are available.
3. While there are other alternatives available the more practical solution is the granting of the variance.

Based on the above cited considerations, there are no reasonable available solutions without excessive demands placed on the applicant when a more reasonable alternative is available by the granting of this variance application.

INTENT AND PURPOSE

The intent and purpose of requiring buildings setbacks within a subdivision is to assure that adequate air and light circulation is available between structures and property lines. The existing dwelling on the subject property presently encroaches into the front yard by 2 and 3/8 inches to 3 and 5/8 inches and into the side yard by 2 and 3/8 inches. The proposed partial above grade swimming pool would encroach 11 feet into the required front yard. However, there is a privacy wall along the front yard of the subject property and approximately 90% of the proposed swimming pool will be below grade. Although the swimming pool encroaches into the front yard by 11 feet, approximately 90 percent of it will be a below grade swimming pool and with the privacy wall along the front property line will not adversely affect any surrounding properties. These encroachments into the front and side yard are minor but are not visually perceptible that it will diminish the ability for adequate light, air and open space.

Therefore, while the Zoning Code requires a minimum 20 foot front yard and 10 foot side yard, in this particular case, the encroachments are minor that will not visually or physically impact or be adverse to any adjacent properties or development with the granting of this variance. The rest of the existing dwelling complies with the minimum yard requirements of the Zoning Code.

There were no objections from any of the participating government agencies or any surrounding property owners.

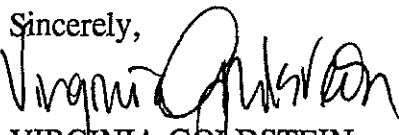
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Based on the foregoing findings, this variance request would be consistent with the general purpose of the zoning district, the intent and purpose of the Zoning Code and Subdivision Codes and the County General Plan; will not be materially detrimental to the public's welfare; and will not cause substantial adverse impact to the areas character and to adjoining properties.

This variance request is approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant, its assigns or successors, shall be responsible for complying with all stated conditions of approval.
2. The approval of this variance shall be included in the conveyance document for the subject property and a copy of the recorded conveyance document shall be submitted to the Planning Department within a year from the effective date of approval of this variance.
3. Obtain approval from the Board of Appeals for all Housing and Building Code Violations, if applicable.
4. All other applicable State and County rules and regulations shall be complied with.

Should any of the foregoing conditions not be complied with, the Planning Director may proceed to declare this Variance Permit null and void.

Sincerely,

VIRGINIA GOLDSTEIN
Planning Director

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