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CRISP COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING
July 19, 2011

The Crisp County Zoning Board of Appeals met at a regular meeting on the 19th day of July at 9:00 am. in the Crisp County Government Center.

The following members were present: Emmett Walker, J.C. Clark, Wendy Peavy and Lucky Taylor. Absent was Jerry Carney. Also present, Connie Sangster, Secretary & Planning Director & Jimmy Mumphery, County Building Inspector.

Also present were the following visitors: Walter Cannon and Jimmy Hudson.

Chairman Emmett Walker called the meeting to order. Mr. Walker asked for a motion on the Minutes of May 17, 2011.

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VOTE: Motion was made by Wendy Peavy with a second by Lucky Taylor to **approve** the Minutes of the May 17, 2011 meeting. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Request from Walter Cannon for a variance to reduce the required 15' side yard property line setback to 6' for the purpose of adding a 26x22 (572 sq. ft.) open carport to the existing structure. Property is zoned RS2 (Single Family Residential) and is located at 890 Scenic Route.

Chairman Emmett Walker called the hearing to order. Mr. Walker read aloud the criteria and procedures that the board considers when making decisions. At this time, Mr. Walker read aloud the variance request. Mr. Cannon along with builder, Jimmy Hudson was present and spoke on behalf of the request. Mr. Cannon stated that if approved he wanted to add a 26x22 (572 sq. ft.) open carport to the existing structure. Mr. Cannon told the board that his father-in-law in Tennessee had passed away a year ago and his mother-in-law requested to move in with them. Mr. Cannon stated that she has had hip replacement and 2 knee replacements and getting her in and out of the car in the weather can be a little bit of a struggle. He stated they are in the process of adding on to their existing structure and decided to add the carport. Mr. Cannon stated that the carport would be tied into the existing roof line of the house. He showed the members a picture of the corner of the house showing the property line. Mr. Cannon stated that it has been like this since he purchased the house 20 years ago and they would like the carport on that end of the house where it would be easier to get his mother-in-law in and out of the house. Mr. Walker asked if you are looking at the house, is it the back left hand corner which is about 2.5 to 3 feet from the line. Mr. Cannon replied yes and as the carport goes out it will be getting further from the property line approximately 9 feet. Mr. Cannon stated that it will actually be a cover with no sides. He stated their neighbor about 6 houses down has one of these and that is where he got the idea from. Mr. Clark asked if the pole in the photograph was stationary or

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was he going to move it. Mr. Cannon stated that it would stay there unless he had to move it, but did not plan to. Mr. Cannon stated that he thought his next door neighbor (Carden Summers) had sent a letter stating that he had no objection to the request. Ms. Sangster replied that Mr. Summers called and stated that he had no objection to the request. Mr. Walker asked if there were other letters or phone calls for or against this request. Ms. Sangster replied no. Mr. Walker asked if there other questions from the board. There were none. Mr. Walker stated that this concluded the public hearing portion of the meeting and now they would go into discussion and vote.

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After discussion, the chairman asked for a motion.

VOTE: A motion was made by Lucky Taylor seconded by Wendy Peavy to **approve** the variance request to reduce the required 15' side yard property line to 6' for the purpose of adding a 26x22 open carport to the existing structure. Carried unanimously 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.