## REGULAR MEETING - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CITY OF NOVI

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers-Novi Civic Center-45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

## BOARD MEMBERS:

Joe Peddiboyina - Chairperson Linda Krieger Travis Malott Clift Montague Siddharth Mav Sanghvi

## ALSO PRESENT:

Elizabeth Saarela, City Attorney Lawrence Butler, Comm. Development, Dep. Director Katherine Oppermann, Recording Secretary Lori Lutsey, Recording Secretary

Reported By: Melinda R. Womack, CSR3611

Page 2 1 Novi, Michigan 2 Tuesday, November 9, 2021 3 About 7:00 p.m. 4 CHAIRPERSON: Good evening everybody. 5 Thank you for coming to the City of Novi Zoning 6 Board of Appeals. Today is November 9, 7 p.m. and 7 now please all of you please stand up for the 8 Pledge of Allegiance. 9 (Pledge of Allegiance recited) 10 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you. Please be seated. I would like to request 11 12 all of the audience and everybody in the Board 13 please mute your cell phones. And thank you. Roll call. 14 15 MS. LUTSEY: Member Krieger? 16 MEMBER KRIEGER: Present. 17 MS. LUTSEY: Member Malott? 18 MEMBER MALOTT: Present. 19 MS. LUTSEY: Member Montague? 2.0 MEMBER MONTAGUE: Here. 21 MS. LUTSEY: Chairperson Peddiboyina? 22 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Yes, ma'am. 23 MS. LUTSEY: Member Sanker is absent

Page 3 1 excused. Member Sanghvi? 2 MEMBER SANGHVI: Here. 3 MS. LUTSEY: Member Thompson is absent 4 excused. Member Longo is absent excused. 5 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you. 6 All right. We have a quorum. Thank you. 7 Public hearing. Each case, please come 8 to the podium and please spell your first and last 9 name for the record. I'd really appreciate for 10 that. And also we can see on the screens when you display anything, also on the monitors on the hall 11 12 also. 13 And the approval of the agenda. Any 14 changes? 15 MS. OPPERMANN: There's a change to the last case on docket. 16 17 MS. LUTSEY: PZ21-0070. Moiseev/Gordon 18 Associates. They've been postponed to December 19 the 14th, 2021 meeting at the request of the 20 applicant. CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: The last one. 21 Okay. And then we have total of five cases, am I 22 23 right today? We have only five cases then.

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1	MS. LUTSEY: Yes.	
2	MS. OPPERMANN: Correct.	
3	CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Approval of	
4	the agenda? Any changes? Somebody can make a	
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6	MEMBER KRIEGER: I move to approve the	
7	agenda as changed.	
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9	aye? Any nays? Approval of the agenda?	
10	MR. MONTAGUE: Second.	
11	CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you.	
12	MS. OPPERMANN: All in favor?	
13	CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Say aye all	
14	in favor?	
15	BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.	
16	CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Minutes of	
17	October, any changes?	
18	MS. LUTSEY: No.	
19	CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: No changes in	
20	October meeting minutes.	
21	MEMBER SANGHVI: I make a motion to	
22	accept the minutes as presented.	
23	MEMBER KRIEGER: Second.	

Page 5 1 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you. 2 Anybody have any questions or objections on the 3 meeting minutes on October? Say aye in favor. 4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye. 5 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you. 6 Okay. Public remarks. Anything you want to come 7 and say anybody public remarks is the time to 8 speak on this. 9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's general public 10 remarks. We can also talk case by case, correct? 11 MS. OPPERMANN: These are just remarks 12 that are unrelated to the cases on the docket. 13 Yes. 14 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Yes, please. 15 Seeing none. Thank you. Now, go to the Okay. 16 case number. PZ21-0022 (Dan and Wendi Williams)1419 West Lake Drive, East of West Park 17 18 Drive and South of West Pontiac Trail, Parcel 19 50-22-03-204-021. The applicant is requesting the 2.0 variance from The City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a side yard setback of 5 feet 21 22 (10 feet minimum required, variance of 5 feet); an

aggregate total side yard setback of 17.75 feet

Page 6 1 (25 feet required, variance of 7.25 feet); and a 2 proposed lot coverage of 32% (25% maximum allowed, variance of 7%). Section 3.32-7 for a proposed 3 4 deck 13.5 feet from the rear yard property line 5 (17 feet minimum required, variance of 3.5 feet). 6 Section 4.19.1.E(i) for the construction of a 7 1,157 square foot garage (maximum of 850 square 8 feet allowed by code, variance of 307 square 9 feet). Section 3.1.5 for a third story, 2.5 10 stories allowed by code. These variances would 11 accommodate the building of a new home and deck. 12 This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4). This case is being re-considered based on 13 14 the Zoning Board's decision to rehear the case at 15 the August 10, 2021 meeting. This case was tabled 16 from the October 12, 2021 meeting. Anybody wants 17 to say anything on this? 18 MS. WILLIAMS: Do we present now? 19 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Yeah. Please 2.0 come to the podium. 21 MEMBER KRIEGER: Do I have to swear in 22 again?

Yes.

MS. OPPERMANN:

Page 7 1 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Linda, can 2 you take the first and last names? 3 MEMBER KRIEGER: Say your names and 4 spell them. 5 MR. WILLIAMS: Dan Williams, D-A-N, 6 W-I-L-I-A-M-S. 7 MS. WILLIAMS: Wendi Williams. 8  $W-T-I_1-I_1-T-A-M-S$ . 9 DAN WILLIAMS, AND WENDI WILLIAMS, 10 having first been duly sworn, was examined and testified 11 on their oath as follows: 12 MEMBER KRIEGER: Thank you. Go ahead. 13 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you. is Dan and Wendi Williams. We live over on West 14 Lake Drive. We've been there for about 25 years 15 16 now. 17 CHAIRMAN: Can you get close to mic, 18 please. I really appreciate it. Thank you. 19 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah. So we live over 2.0 on West Lake Drive in Novi. We've been there on 21 the street for 25 years now. We raised our 22 children here, and we continue to enjoy the 23 community and lake living on Walled Lake.

1 will be our third house on Walled Lake was 2 presented in July. We wish to raise or tear down 3 the home that's there now. It's 3,200 square foot, six bedroom, three bathroom home with a full 4 5 upper attic and a three car, three plus car garage that's on the lot right now. The new home would 6 be for us to enjoy. It's not an investment. 7 It's 8 not like we're going to flip the property or 9 something like that. We want to maintain 10 residency in Michigan. We have business we own. 11 We used to be president and CEO of one here in 12 Novi, and this one that I have now is in Oak Park. 13 Plan to work there for another ten years or so and 14 then maintain property, this property and pass it 15 on to my children as other properties, waterfront 16 properties, I have three, here in Michigan that 17 have been passed on to me. 18 Our variances are very common and They're not extraordinary, they're not 19 typical. 2.0 unusual, and we have data that shows that, that the variances that we're asking for are not only 21

substantially less than maximum variances that

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substantially less. They're all dimensional, so numbers can be put to them, substantially less than the average variances that have been granted historically.

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The whole reconsideration, the whole rehearing thing to me doesn't make a lot of sense to me. We carefully went through all of this in July. We had objections. We had supporters. We had a vote. We had unanimous approval. So I'm a little confused with regard to why we're here, other than an email that we received from the City indicating that there would be a rehearing.

His document summarizes with data each of the variances that are being requested, and I won't go through each of them other than, because I want to step through, I have a lot of information and content, other than to say the first comment under the variances that are being requested starting with lot coverage, and then the last one that is the number of stories on the house. There are several variances such is a front yard setback and a rear yard setback.

They're not being solicited for, and they're not

1 being asked for. So I've had comments about there 2 being an extraordinary number of variances on the 3 I just want to point out that more would be There is no front yard setback. 4 possible. 5 is no rear yard setback variance being requested. The variances that are being requested are the 6 side yard setback, lot coverage, the garage size, 7 8 and the number of stories.

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We were here in July and we obtained approval for six variances and that's what we're here for this evening is to ask for six. In the spirit of cooperation as we have modified the design about five times now for the neighbors at my expense while having over one million dollars into the investment. We are willing to modify it again in the spirit of cooperation.

What we have here would be a plan B, a plan B situation where we would drop one of the variances. Specifically the variance that we would drop relates to the rear yard setback on the deck. We would drop the variance request where the deck is supposed to be 17 feet. We're proposing that it be 14 feet from the lake, and

1 just ask that we be given permission to build 2 within the legal limits of what the zoning ordinances allow for, which would be 17 feet from 3 the lake on the deck and then 35 feet from the 4 5 lake on the house. So either way would be fine if we could ask for your help with getting approval 6 to proceed with the project, having the 7 8 understanding that we'd like to have what we were 9 granted in July, but we would also be happy to 10 take one last variance with the understanding that 11 the deck and the house be built within the 12 allowable envelope without variances, 35 feet rear yard setback for the house and 17 for the deck. 13 14 This is just a little exhibit. email that we received in July, it almost sounds 15 16 like a made-up story or something like that. were so aggressive to move quick, and we can 17 18 substantiate it perfectly. I'll fully disclose 19 anything anybody wants to see with regard to what

23 subdivision, and we actually had the offer

we did. We left the meeting and I received this

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1 presented and accepted prior to being notified of 2 there being any wrinkles or problems on the approval. And then, of course, we move 3 4 substantial amounts of money outside of the cash 5 purchase of the colonial in Bristol Corners, which we've also spent substantially on with regard to 6 repainting the exterior and interior, ripping out 7 8 the bathroom since you guys saw me last.

So we were really in the dark. Didn't understand, you know, what the essence of the rehearing was until we read page five from the August 10th meeting, when we read the August 10th meeting minutes.

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MS. WILLIAMS: Which, were published in September.

MR. WILLIAMS: Which were published in September, page five line eight. Page six line 21 showed threats of legal action against the City in the Circuit Court by the resident at 1411 West Lake Drive. So as we speak, I still don't understand the purpose of the rehearing other than maybe the City was a little afraid, or something like that, of legal action from the neighbor in

Circuit Court based on his threat. It's well documented in the August 10th meeting on page five line eight, and then also on page six line 21.

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So this is a chronology. I won't go through it. Basically the July meeting, the variances being unanimously approved seven to zero. I went out and bought a house and did a bunch of other stuff and got an email saying that we need to get together again.

So just to keep the orientation suited to the audience and the ZBA Board members, I'll use this document, which we're all familiar with, as a guiding document to walk through as fast as I can each of the variances that we previously discussed and were approved. On the bottom of each one of these we have the summary of the historical data of what was approved in the past, so I'll try to step through. The first one is lot coverage. The diagram on the board shows a lot. It's kind of like trapezoid. The gray regions show the existing structure. The gray region here is the house. The gray region out here is the It's substantial, the deck as it traverses deck.

along the waters edge on Walled Lake. It's one of the larger lots on Walled Lake. It almost has a little bit of a feel like the City of Novi property there on the southeast corner where you can stand out in on the deck and have an infinity view of the lake. It's a nice feel. The gray lots over here is the existing garage. So what's in gray is existing, and then the dark black box is what we want to do with the new design, the one that we presented before.

And so you can see that deck in this region here, it's gone. So the deck is reduced in width, and the deck is pulled back away from the lake. And then we're basically connecting the house to the garage is what we're doing. Cold winter months in December, this way we can get from the house to the garage without having to walk outside. The footprint of the garage is actually right where it is right now, pretty much. I mean it's actually within six inches. So if you were on the road over here on West Lake Drive looking this way, the space is the same, the distance is the same from the road. And there's

no front yard setback variance being asked for tonight or before either. And there's no changes in tonight's presentation on variances either from what we presented before, aside from the comment that we're willing to concede again with regard to elimination of one of those variances related to the rear yard setback on the deck. So this is the one on lot coverage where we're looking for 32% lot coverage instead of 25%.

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This next one here is the side yard setbacks, and it's two and a half feet right now from the lot line on the north. We pulled the house further from the lot line five feet, and then the other side yard setback would be about 12 and a half feet. So instead of being the ten and 15, we're looking at be the five and 12 feet for the side yard setbacks.

The side yard setbacks were minimized a little bit. The original plan was to build, like most of the homes are on Walled Lake, within five foot on both sides. The neighbors behind us objected to that, so that's one of the modifications we went through where we narrowed

out the house, made it skinnier, so we increased the side yard setback on the north side five feet to the 12 feet nine inches as was presented in July.

Just get right back onto the document. This would be number four. And this is the, this is number four the residential deck. This is the rear yard setback on the deck, which we're willing to withdraw in the spirit of cooperation, with the understanding we would just build within the envelope moving the deck as close as we could to the lake, which would be 17 feet, and then the house 35 feet from the water's edge.

This diagram shows how the views are dramatically improved for all parties really with the new design. And this comes mostly because the deck's pulled away from the lake and the deck is made a lot narrower. We've got some really nice illustrations that will show that. But quick facts here is that the -- there's a lot of talk about the deck because the current deck is huge. It's really large. It's 2,500 square feet. The new deck would be much smaller, 1,500 square feet.

1 The existing deck goes right to the water's edge.

The new deck would come back 14 feet or the 17, either way.

4 And then the height on the deck.

originally had the finished floor of the house at about 940 feet above see level. Our neighbors north objected, and we conceded and we reduced the finished floor height of the house to basically match what it is right now, which then effectively reduced the finish height of the deck to what it is now. So the deck is further from the lake, it's narrower, and it's the same height of what we have right now. And that was by some concession that we made since the July approval to now. It was something that we did prior to the July approval and we referenced that in the July approval.

So this shows the reduction in height of the finished floor of the house, and I guess it's a little shiny on here, but you can see kind of where it's taller across the face. That was removing a foot and a half out of the height of the house. The finished floor, the second floor,

the third floor, the deck, everything came down.

This is a really good shot right here.

It's a photograph from the lot looking east onto

Walled Lake, and it shows the existing deck

structure and what the new deck structure would

look like. And you can see it's a lot different.

The new deck is further from the water, and the

new deck is further from the lot line. And we're,

of course, as I said before, willing to drop the

variance request if needed on the rear yard

setback on the deck, again with the understanding

that we'd just take it to the max, which is the 17 feet from the lake, and then the house 35 feet from the water's edge.

So this is the worst case picture here that would illustrate it the way that it was approved in July. It would get actually a little bit better if we went to our plan B where we dropped that one variance.

This is another shot illustrating what I'm talking about with regard to the reduction in size of the deck looking east from West Lake Drive. You can see the deck with the railing on

the top. And then here the deck's corner would
be, you can see grass over the top of the deck as
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It's an infinity view right now.

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This shows on the top, you kind of have to follow my pen, that's the existing house and the deck spans all the way across the face of the property. Right across the face. Then there's the deck -- or the dock, rather. That's a white lattice fence, so it's a little unsightly. That will be removed and replaced with a seawall. so here's below you can see, I almost had to pull it down a little bit, there we are, where you can see, and this is the same picture. This isn't like a desktop publishing trick my friends. Looking at the picture you can see the home on the top. The home is gone. But look to the right, the neighbor's house, the neighbor's house, the tree line. The tree is here. It's the same picture. It's the same photograph. And what we've done is we've shown this is the way it is now, and this is the way it will look. You can see a lot more grass around here. The neighbor

1 who lives at this location, who is in the room 2 this evening objecting, you can see how 3 dramatically improved the view is where now 4 there's more grass to be seen and less railing. 5 When I look -- by the way, when I look -- can we go back one? When I look out my 6 7 side of the window of my home, when I'm in this 8 home and I look out the side window of my home, I 9 see a house to my left, okay? I see a house. 10 Why? Because my house is built two and a half 11

feet away from the lot line, and his house is built five feet from the lot line. This is very typical on Walled Lake. So I look out the window on the side of the house, that's what I see. Look at what the gentleman sees over here. There's a large vacant piece of property that's 22 feet wide, owned by the City of Novi. It's beautiful.

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to your attention. So unlike most situations where it's five foot setback, this is after the construction, five foot setback, five foot setback, the houses are ten feet apart. This is the scenario where we're blessed with a 22-foot

We enjoy it very much. I just want to bring that

1 strip of property owned by the City of Novi 2 separating us, and we don't have a five-foot setback on this side, we've got a 12 foot nine 3 4 setback. And then you add the five foot to the 5 neighbor's situation, so instead of the nominal normal ten foot spacing between houses, the 6 spacing between these houses will be 32 feet. 7 It's unheard of. This condition exists in 8 9 probably less than ten locations on the lake. 10 I make that reference from the perspective how nicely the lot can absorb the 11 12 structure. I make reference to the existing one 13 being 3,200 square feet with a full attic that's 14 1,600 square feet. I make reference to the 15 existing structure having the three-plus car 16 There's not a whole bunch of difference between the existing and what we're proposing 17 what's new. 18

If we're unable to obtain the variances that we were granted in July, we don't have a threat of legal action. It's not the way we roll. Never been sued by anyone. I've never sued anybody. That's why we're here to present plan B.

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I guess this is what I'm asking the board for is to drop one of the variances eliminating the rear yard setback on the deck with the understanding that the house will be moved to its closest, which would be a 35-foot setback from the lake. No variance required for the rear yard setbacks for the house or the deck. So that is, that is what we would be asking the board for approval on tonight, either what we have approval on in July or our conceded plan, plan B.

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I have to keep moving as fast as I can. We have the three-story variance. As soon as we talked to Chris Weber about this, as soon as we go to any kind of wall on the side of the attic, it's a third story. So if I do a head wall, full wall, it's a third story. I've reduced the finished floor height of the house to match the neighbors. My crawl is tiny, ingress/egress would be important. This is on the third story thing. The height of the house that we're building here does not require a height variance. It's within the 35 foot. Mid roof measurement is 33 feet. I think that's kind of why this went through pretty

1 smoothly in July. It's almost like okay, what if 2 I was a dwarf and I was four foot tall, or something like that, and I wanted to have five 3 4 stories? What does it matter? The outside of the 5 house is consistent with new construction. outside of the hose is below the 35 foot. 6 does it matter what goes on inside. We've reduced 7 8 the floor height on the first floor and second 9 floor to accommodate the attic, which is 10 substantial. It's more substantial than the attic we have now, and that is the third floor because 11 we don't have the luxury of a basement like this 12 13 colonial I bought over in Bristol. It's got a 14 beautiful basement. We can't store our stuff, 15 that's why we need the attic. It's our upstairs 16 basement. We want to have good ingress/egress to the basement even better than a full staircase, 17 18 which we have now to get to the attic. We plan on 19 having an elevator for mobility reasons, and 20 here's the proverbial doctor's note. And we can expand on whatever level of detail you'd like 21 22 privately on why there's mobility issues. 23 rather not do too much depth on that publically

1 because it adversely affects a lot of things, 2 including employment. But this is from Ascension, doctor over at Ascension just basically explaining 3 4 that an elevator is needed. And then the next 5 thing is the company we're going with, I had two elevators going on, elevators going on Lake 6 7 Michigan, a waterfront home on Mid-Michigan, Grand 8 Haven right now. This elevator is for Walled 9 Lake. This is so we can get in and out of the 10 attic without risking our lives going up and down stairs to get out all the precious assets, and the 11 12 precious assets are these things. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, 4th 13 14 of July, Memorial Day. Wendi doesn't miss one of them, and she's got a lot of stuff. When I say a 15 16 lot, I mean a lot, okay? So that's why we need to get in and out of the attic. 17 18 The last thing is on the garage. 19 doesn't want a bigger garage. I drive an F150, 20 Wendi drives a Ford Expedition. The garage we're talking about is very similar in size to the 21 22 existing garage. It's wider to the left.

doesn't go closer to the road. It doesn't have a

bigger footprint as far as anybody can see. It basically connects to the house. We have two doors on it, two doors. Two doors for two big vehicles to pull in and out.

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And so the community considerations, just a recap on that. This is a summary of the community considerations, design modifications made over the last year for the neighbors. And so what we're looking for, what we're asking for your help with is to get permission for the variances, repeat of the variances that were granted in July, or if needed, we're willing to proceed on that rear yard setback on the deck with the understanding that we would take the house to the maximum limit and go on with the deck to the maximum limit towards the lake, which would mean to move the house about four or five feet closer than what it is now.

And so in general, our variances are far less than the maximum. They're actually substantially less than the averages. The new home and garage are much more compliant than existing structures. The large lot can easily

- 1 absorb the proposed house and four-car garage.
- 2 | We've already made about a million dollars in
- 3 commitments on the basis of the communications we
- 4 received back in July. I can't believe it. It
- 5 | sounds like a lie or something like that, but it's
- 6 | not. It's true. I have purchase agreements and
- 7 all that kind of stuff. I'm not saying that to
- 8 | manipulate you. It's what we did.
- 9 So what we're asking for is to
- 10 reapprove what we had approval for in July, or to
- 11 reapprove the variances. We'd like to step
- 12 | through what those are, with removal of the rear
- 13 | yard setback on the deck, with the understanding
- 14 | that we would move the house to the limit 35 feet
- 15 within the rear yard of the, of the project.
- 16 So that's -- sorry for going so long
- 17 | with that. I just wanted you to -- I wanted to
- 18 | speak to each one of those variances.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Anything
- 20 | you'd like add before we move on?
- 21 MR. WILLIAMS: Any kind of questions or
- 22 stuff on any one of the variances that we're
- 23 requesting?

1 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Okay. Thank

you so much for the excellent presentation. I
really appreciate your time. Anybody like to
speak on this public, please come to the podium

6 MR. HARVEY: John, J-O-H-N, Harvey,

and spell your first and last name.

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having first been duly sworn, was examined and testified on his oath as follows:

11 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Go ahead,
12 please, John.

MR. HARVEY: So when I looked at this project, and I'll be honest, I didn't look at it the first time around. I've had a crazy, busy summer and I didn't get to see it. And so when it came up again, really it was because they had sent me some information and asked for my support. And when I started looking at it, I was like really shocked that this moved forward. I've been on the lake for 24 years. It's my 24th year. I've built seven different houses around the lake, so I'm very familiar with the -- and designed them

myself. I designed the house that I live in today. I've been before the board, so I'm not opposed to what you guys do. I really appreciate the time and energy you guys put in to helping people, you know, make, make these situations work. So I do -- I like the Williams very much, and I want them to build a big beautiful house there and to enjoy the lake, but I do have some concerns about this. So I wanted to try and put some quantification around what I've been feeling.

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So this picture is a picture of their side elevation and then the house to the left is what I personally consider to be the biggest, newest house sort of on our street. It's up the road. And then the house over to the right is the house that's going to be next door, next door to where they live today. And just to give you an idea, some of the language in their application said they want to build a house that's in making with the neighborhood.

So this house on the lower left, it has a first floor area of about 938 square feet and the house right next door has a first floor area

1 of 965 square feet. This is the house, not the 2 garage, just the house. The house that the Williams are planning on building, which they just 3 talked about, is 2330 square feet. It's 1300 4 5 hundred square feet more than the biggest house on 6 That's that footprint of the house the lake. 7 itself.

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Their second floor area is 2768 square feet, almost 3000 square feet on the second floor if you include the room over top of the garage. Now, they don't have anything designated except for storage up there, but they have 1000 square feet above the garage that's part in level with the second floor. If you look at the other two houses here, they're 1938 square feet and 1950 square feet. So 800 square feet more on the second floor. And if you look at their garage, they're asking for 1000 square foot garage. agree with them. That's not that uncommon. the other house on the lake there, 937, the one next door is a two-car garage at 635. But the next one over here, I think the one that's really kind of got me here, this and the height.

1 whole footprint is 3338 feet. These other two 2 houses are 1992 and 1600. Now, they don't have 3 the smallest lot on the lake. They said it's a big lot. Most of the lots in this neighborhood, 4 5 the plots were done at 40 foot wide plots. most people have a 40 foot lot. If you have two, 6 you have 80. If you have one and a half you have 7 8 They're at the end of one neighborhood and 9 the beginning of another. And so because the road 10 doesn't go perpendicular to the division of the 11 property, there's a pie shape. So they have a 40 12 foot lot that actually has an extra six feet on 13 the street and an extra 45 street on the lake. 14 They have 85 feet on the lake. Most people would 15 kill to have 85 feet on the lake. My brother has 16 a 40 foot lot that's 25 feet on the street all the way to his house, and then it's 40 feet wide. 17 18 These guys have 46 feet at the road and 85 feet, 19 or 80 some feet at the lake. So it's a big piece 20 of property. And then on top of it, they were asking for a 1450 square foot deck, which that 21 22 deck is bigger than these other house's first 23 floors. I mean there are people that don't even

have a 1500 square foot first floor, and they're asking for a 1450 square foot deck.

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So I wanted to address to the third story and why we have a third story requirement, not just a height requirement, because you can tuck space up under a roof and they call it a two and a half story house, okay? You can take the space under the roof and use it. It makes sense. It's practical, it's logical, and all you have to do is put a steep roof on your house and you can get a lot of space up there. But when you add a third story and you put an eight-foot wall up on the side of the house, and I got to be honest, I don't know the exact height of the wall because I went and looked at the drawings that they produced, and there are no floor elevations given in the elevations on the building plan, so I couldn't see exactly where the floors were, and this is from their, this a copy of a picture that they presented.

MR. WILLIAMS: He's seven minutes.

He's four minutes past the three-minute limit.

CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: I'm sorry.

Page 32 1 Yeah. 2 MR. WILLIAMS: He's four minutes beyond the three minutes. 3 4 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Excuse me. 5 MR. WILLIAMS: He's more than double 6 right now. 7 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Mr. Dan. 8 MR. WILLIAMS: And some of the 9 information he's presented is completely 10 incorrect. 11 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Mr. Dan, excuse me, please. 12 13 MR. WILLIAMS: I'm sorry. 14 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: I apologize 15 on any public remarks anybody would look to speak, there's a three-minute time limit. I did not 16 17 announce that. I really apologize for that. 18 Please next person, we have one more minute, sir. 19 Please close, because I did not mentioned the 2.0 three minutes before. 21 MR. HARVEY: Yep. Fair enough. So 22 this is just a scatter graph showing where his lot 23 is as far as width. There's only -- out of the 32

1 houses on the street, there's only five that 2 are -- six or seven houses that are bigger lots, and there's only seven houses that have wider 3 If you take a look at his request for the 4 5 third floor, they haven't even identified what they're using it for. It's just empty space. 6 They got 1000 square feet over the garage and they 7 8 want another 1900. All he has to do is bring the 9 roof line down a little bit, make it a two and a 10 half story house. There's lots of two and a have 11 story houses. He doesn't need a variance for 12 I don't want to set a precedence that we're 13 building 8000 square foot three-story houses on 14 these lots that can't do it. Can't fit them. think he's trying to make the lot fit the house. 15 16 There's plenty of room to fit the house on this 17 lot. 18 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Harvey's nine 19 minutes, he's six minutes over. 2.0 Thank you very much. MR. HARVEY: 21 MR. CONDON: Dan, you were 28 minutes. 22 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Okay. I'm

Anybody would like to speak?

Page 34 1 MR. WILLIAMS: You'll be limited to 2 three minutes, Mr. Condon. 3 MR. CONDON: You had 28 minutes. 4 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Excuse me, 5 sir. Please. 6 MS. SAARELA: So let me just clarify. 7 The Applicant is not limited to three minutes. Public comment is limited to three minutes. 8 9 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you for the 10 clarification. 11 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Please spell 12 your first name and last name, and step up to the 13 podium. 14 MR. CONDON: My name is Michael, M-I-C-H-A-E-L, Condon, C-O-N-D-O-N. 15 16 MICHAEL CONDON, 17 having first been duly sworn, was examined and testified 18 on his oath as follows: 19 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you. 2.0 Please go ahead, sir. 21 MR. CONDON: I was instructed to go to 22 the City website by my attorney to find out if 23 this makes sense or not because to me, we're

1 setting new precedence here, a lot of them 2 individually, we've heard have been there, but not so many on one lot. The key in looking at this 3 whole thing and reading through this whole thing 4 5 is we all have expectations when we move on the lake, okay, and these are not being met. 6 property can be reasonably viewed -- built, okay? 7 8 The neighborhood conditions, these are not 9 general, okay? This is one of the top ten lakes 10 on the -- lots on the lake, and it's got 89 feet on the lake, okay, and it's going to alter the 11 12 character of the area. This is from the City's 13 website. And these are self-created by building a 14 monster house, a monster skyscraper, let me call it, okay? But when I look at this, I think we 15 16 need to give expectations, and this has caused a lot of problems on the lake because somebody like 17 18 me builds a house 12 years go with certain expectations because I follow the rules and 19 20 regulations of the City, okay, of what was there pretty much. Well, now all of a sudden I've got 21 thousands of dollars into windows that now I'm 22 23 going to have three-story nightmare that I'm going

1 to be looking at, okay? And so the bottom line, 2 proponent, and this is from City website, must meet all requirements set forth above before a 3 nonuse or area of variance can be granted. 4 5 are not met, okay, and that's what's so frustrating about the expectations. And I think 6 it's important to note when we look at this here, 7 8 when you look at the neighboring lots here, okay, 9 the neighboring houses and the neighboring decks, 10 okay, and these two neighboring decks are down on the ground, and the picture that showed, showed 11 12 all this deck but no railing on it. And they're asking to give this up, but then they're going to 13 14 move that out and already they're 28% over lot 15 coverage just for the house. So now they're going 16 to add five more feet because they said hey, we'll bring the deck back three foot, but we want to go 17 18 five foot out. And, you know, a lot of other 19 lakes have ordinances where you've got to keep the 2.0 house in line and the deck in line, and I think that's what the spirit which is addressed on the 21 City website, that's the spirit of what the ZBA is 22 23 here to do is to keep it realistic and keep it,

you know, there's options. There's storage 1 2 trusses that can be used to account for what they are requesting to do, okay, and by giving three 3 foot on the deck, they're still asking to increase 4 5 the lot coverage. But bottom line, okay, when you look at this, I think the key is, yeah, can some 6 side yard setbacks and maybe a little bit be done, 7 8 that's one thing, but I think Mike, which was 9 absent, I think last time he had the right idea. 10 Pull the deck back three and a half feet, okay, by taking the fourth car garage, and when you looked 11 12 at the pictures that were up here earlier, all the 13 other houses on the lake have a one-car garage and 14 then an angled roof up. There's is two-car, and 15 so it makes it look that much more abnormal for 16 the City, okay? And I think the key here is we're setting precedent issues that then somebody's 17 18 going to be coming here next month, next year and 19 saying hey, this was granted, I want this to be 20 granted, okay? And, you know, some of the 21 pictures had nice blue skies on one, not blue 22 skies on the other. But the point is, yes, if 23 you're going to grant, I'll wrap up here, if

1 you're going to grant, I guess I'd really be 2 wanting to know on what specific guidelines that you're given because in looking at the City's 3 4 website, it's very clear, okay? This is, this is 5 the City's website on what you need to be granted, and it says that, you know, the City, proponent 6 must meet all requirements. And there's been no 7 8 hardship. The irregular shaped lot is not really 9 a hardship because they're 89 feet at the lake, 10 which, as was mentioned earlier, most people would 11 die for that, okay? So yeah, I was the one that said, you know, hey, if it's not resolved at this 12 13 issue, I've got a big passion toward the lake, yeah, I'm going to look at taking it to the next 14 court level because I am vice president of the 15 16 homeowners association and we want to save the lake to be realistic, and that just put a bunch of 17 18 skyscrapers packing them in so tight on the lot. 19 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you, I appreciate it. I would like to request 20 sir. 21 one more time, as our City attorney mentioned, 22 Applicant can talk, not the public, but they can 23 only have three minutes, I repeat, please maintain

- 1 | the time. I really appreciate your cooperation.
- 2 | Thank you. Any other audience, please, before I
- 3 | move? Thank you. Looks like none. From City,
- 4 Larry?
- 5 MR. BUTLER: No comments from the City.
- 6 Just one comment, seems like the variance that he
- 7 | worked in the spirit of the variance that were
- 8 given before.
- 9 MS. SAARELA: I do have a statement.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Yeah. Go
- 11 ahead, please.
- 12 MS. SAARELA: Before you move on to the
- 13 | Board consideration, as you know, on July 12th you
- 14 | made findings of fact based on the standards in
- 15 the ordinance, full findings of fact based on the
- 16 six variances that were requested at that time.
- 17 As I've explained to you, there are only very
- 18 | limited circumstances in which you can reconsider
- 19 | variances that you've already granted based on
- 20 your findings of fact that were already made.
- 21 Those limited circumstances are controlled by not
- 22 only Michigan Law, Michigan Case Law, but also our
- 23 | current rules of procedure. In the case of

1 McDonald's Corp verse Canton Township, in order to 2 reconsider a case, you must have material change in circumstances in order to change your decision. 3 4 What that means is that the information provided 5 to you initially would have had to have been a decision that was hasty or ill-advised based on 6 7 erroneous information, or now we have a changed 8 situation, or there has been added information 9 that previously was not presented. Based on the 10 information that you've been provided today in 11 comparison to what was already presented at the July 23rd meeting, none of these circumstances 12 13 appear to be the case. There is not a material 14 change in the testimony that was presented today 15 from the testimony that was presented at that 16 time. 17 Based on what was presented, the 18 findings of fact that you already have in place 19 should be reaffirmed and the variances maintained 2.0 in place is already granted. 21 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you so 22 much. Anybody would like to speak?

MEMBER KRIEGER: For this case, the

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- 1 original 32 sent, zero returned, three approvals,
- 2 six objections. The rehearing, 33 three sent,
- 3 zero returned, 20 approvals, four objections.
- 4 Read them, or summarize?
- 5 MS. SAARELA: Summarize.
- 6 | MEMBER KRIEGER: The first one from Jim
- 7 | Bolz is similar to the previous acknowledging that
- 8 they just have an issue with the size and green
- 9 belt along the lake. The other one approval from
- 10 Kozlowski. Approval. Approval. Approval.
- 11 Approval. Approval. This one doesn't
- 12 say either way from David Wenner. Objection. My
- 13 response is unconditional objection height and
- 14 distance from Bruce Barnard. Question from
- 15 | Stephanie Spackman wondering about size.
- 16 | Approval. Lee Willer, approval. Tim Richardson.
- 17 David Dismondy, approval. Joe Bertera, approval.
- 18 | Approval from Xuan Tran & Hommy Doan. Support
- 19 | from Earl Elliot. Ron Johnston, approval.
- 20 | Support from Brian and Becky Kosaian. Support
- 21 | from Lonnie Ross. Support from Mike and Kim
- 22 Norris. The proposal will greatly enhance the
- 23 beauty of the lake from John and Marylou

Montville. And that's all of them.

CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you,
Linda. Any other people would like to speak? And
before speaking, on July 13 for this case and also
I was absent on the board meeting, they mentioned
to review what happened, because the people, I
don't know what happened there. Because of this
case, unfortunately, on October they did not show
up some reason and today called for this meeting
and to review this and that's my comment. And any
other people, any board member would like to speak
on this? Go ahead, Linda.

MEMBER KRIEGER: Considering that one of the people that spoke at the podium was part of a homeowners association and all the letters that I've gotten for approval I'm in question of that. Otherwise, as our City attorney explained, we stand with what was previously explained. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: We do the same thing. Any other board members?

MEMBER SANGHVI: I agree with the previous speaker.

Page 43 1 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you so 2 much. Advice for you from me. Do we have to make 3 any motion on this? 4 MS. SAARELA: Based on the discussion, 5 it sounds like you would be moving to affirm the 6 variance request already approved on July 12th. 7 MEMBER KRIEGER: T move. 8 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Anybody 9 second? 10 MS. SAARELA: Just a motion. 11 MEMBER KRIEGER: I move to approve what was previously spoken in July. That's the motion, 12 so I need a second. 13 14 MEMBER SANGHVI: I make a motion. 15 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Somebody make a second. You want to make a motion, go ahead, 16 17 sir. 18 MEMBER SANGHVI: Make a motion that in 19 case number PZ21-0022, Dan and Wendi Williams, 2.0 1419 W Lake Drive Parcel Number 50-22-03-204-021, the previously granted variances appear to be 21 in -- is correct and no new evidence has been 22 23 heard today to change my opinion. Thank you.

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1		MEMBER KRIEGER: Second.		
2		CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you.		
3	Okay. You	need to call for the roll call?		
4		MS. SAARELA: Yes. A roll call.		
5		CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Yeah, please.		
6		MS. LUTSEY: Chairperson Peddiboyina?		
7		CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Yes.		
8		MS. LUTSEY: Member Krieger?		
9		MEMBER KRIEGER: Yes.		
10		MS. LUTSEY: Member Malott?		
11		MEMBER MALOTT: Yes.		
12		MS. LUTSEY: Member Montague?		
13		MEMBER MONTAGUE: Yes.		
14		MS. LUTSEY: Member Sanghvi?		
15		MEMBER SANGHVI: Yes.		
16		CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you.		
17	Okay.			
18		MS. OPPERMANN: Motion passes.		
19		MEMBER KRIEGER: You're all set.		
20		MR. WILLIAMS: Can I ask a question?		
21		CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: You want to		
22	have a que	stion?		
23		MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.		

Page 45 1 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Please come 2 to the podium. 3 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you for your 4 re-approval. I appreciate that. Anticipating 5 that, I did want to ask a couple of questions. 6 MS. SAARELA: That wouldn't be 7 appropriate at this point. If you have any 8 additional questions regarding the variances 9 granted, you're free to call the Building 10 Department. 11 MR. WILLIAMS: I do. I very specifically regarding the process and the 12 13 variances granted, I just wanted to make sure that 14 the approval would be inclusive of my retracting 15 the one variance on the rear yard setback. 16 MS. SAARELA: The original variances are reaffirmed. The original variances from July 17 18 are in place. 19 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. So I suppose it 2.0 goes without saying then, if I want to just build within the envelope, that that's okay. 21 MS. SAARELA: You can build within 22

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MR. WILLIAMS: Perfect, because I think what we're leaning into is pulling that deck, again, nice guy Dan here, pulling that deck, the three feet off the lake and just build the house and hand deck within the envelope of what's allowed.

MS. SAARELA: You can build with any lesser variances. You don't have to use all the variances granted.

MR. WILLIAMS: I'm grateful for that.

MR. CONDON: But then you'll need a larger lot coverage approval.

MEMBER KRIEGER: Out of order, sir.

MS. SAARELA: So any further questions, you can feel free to follow-up with Larry in the building department.

MR. WILLIAMS: Any increases in lot coverage, I would just scooch the house a little closer to the lake. I'm grateful for that. Thank you. No additional variances will be requested.

CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you.

Move to next case. PZ21-0056 (Joseph Yono) 1401 E

Page 47 1 Lake Drive, West of Novi Road and South of 2 Fourteen Mile Road, Parcel 50-22-02-329-027. applicant is requesting a variance from The City 3 4 of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.32-10.ii. A, 5 for the building of a proposed 392 square foot shed on the waterfront (100 square feet allowed by 6 7 code, variance of 292 square feet). The variance 8 would accommodate the building of a new lakefront 9 accessory structure. This property is zoned 10 Single Family Residential (R-4). This case was 11 tabled from the October 12, 2021 meeting. 12 Applicant present. Okay. Please go ahead, your 13 first and last name. Please spell separately. 14 Linda, can you please take it? 15 MR. YONO: Joseph Yono, J-O-S-E-P-H, 16 Y-O-N-O. Raymond Schauer, S-C-H-A-U-E-R. 17 JOSEPH YONO, AND RAYMOND SCHAUER, 18 having first been duly sworn, was examined and testified 19 on their oath as follows: 20 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Please qo ahead, sir. 21 22 MR. SCHAUER: So we have tabled, you 23 know, as you guys remember from the last ZBA

meeting, and we reduced the overall cabana size by about 33%. We were 14 feet by 28 feet before and now we are going to be 12 feet by 22 feet. So, you know, I believe we're asking for a variance of about 142 square feet in addition to the 100.

We've drastically reduced the scope and size of the powder room, the entertaining and the shed so that it can kind of function is a flex space. If you want to be able to store something over the wintertime, whether that's a jet ski, canoes, kayaks, we have the ability to kind of move things around. It's a little more flexible.

Again, I would kind of bring it back to what we were talking about before. The reason why we want to build this structure and have it be across the road is for throughout the summer months when the weather's nice and we want to enjoy the water. The Yono family wants to reduce the amount of times that they need to cross the road to use the bathroom, to get a beverage, to go have lunch. This structure would allow them to stay on one side of the road theoretically, you know, on those summer days when you're outside

when it's nice out, and there's a lot to be said safety wise with that.

Also too, we feel like if you look at how this compares to the house that we're going to be starting construction on soon, it kind it ties in and it's going to enhance both the Lakeview and then also as you drive down East Lake Road, it will be kind of an estate feel, if you will. It's kind of a smaller version of the home.

We feel that the reduction that we've done here is more than adequate. You know, like I said, we're down to 32%. Before we were probably much higher and asking for too large. So I think I would respectively request that you guys approve this with this reduction.

CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Would you like to add anything?

18 MR. YONO: No, sir.

CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Anything to add speak, please. Anyone in the audience? Looks like none. Okay. From the City.

MR. BUTLER: No comments from the City.

CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you,

Larry. Secretary?

MEMBER KRIEGER: Thirty-four letters
were sent, seven returned, two approval, zero
objections. The first one is approval from Wayne
Tilmos on Paramount, and the second one is from
Lauren Pober, and she's on East Lake. That's it.

CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you,

Member Linda. Okay. Anybody would like to speak

on this case on the board? It's open discussion

to the Board. Member Sanghvi, go ahead.

MEMBER SANGHVI: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good evening.

MR. SCHAUER: How are you doing.

MEMBER SANGHVI: Thank you. Let me get it very clear in my mind. Have you got any new graphics for your change what you have done?

MR. SCHAUER: So this is, I printed out a version here. So this doesn't have the shading of brick but, you know, from the water side there would be a glass door wall, and then from the roadside there would be a small garage door to be able to bring in, you know, jet skis on a trailer, storing it securely, also bringing in kayaks and

Page 51 1 that sort of thing that we'd be able to store kind 2 of year round and have it function as that. And then along here would be like a 3 4 rollup drink ledge that you could come up and 5 entertain guests on. And then the way that we have the floor plan laid out is what we're trying 6 7 to make this function as multiple things with that 8 flex base, we also from inside the space we would 9 like to maintain the water views, so as you're 10 sitting in the center of the room, you have a 11 chair or couch or something, you could look out to 12 the water. 13 MEMBER SANGHVI: So how much exactly 14 have you reduced. SCHAUER: 32.7%, I believe. 15 MR. 16 Approximately 32%. 17 MEMBER SANGHVI: Square footage. 18 MR. SCHAUER: It's over 100 square 19 feet. I can do some quick math here. 20 MEMBER SANGHVI: So what's your new 21 variance request? 22 MR. YONO: We're now to 264 square feet

from 292.

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Page 52 1 MR. SCHAUER: We were 392 before, so we 2 are 264, and the last time we tabled it we were at 3 392. 4 MEMBER SANGHVI: Thank you. 5 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Any other 6 board member would like speak? 7 MEMBER MONTAGUE: How is the toilet? 8 Is there a sewer line out there that's going to 9 tie into or how does that toilet work? 10 MR. YONO: That's what we're hoping for, yeah, sewer city water. 11 12 MEMBER MONTAGUE: City sewer line? 13 MR. YONO: Yes. 14 MR. SCHAUER: And again, we're thinking about in practical terms. There's the traffic 15 16 along East Side Drive is increasing annually, people speed up and down all the time. On a given 17 18 summer day, your family could be crossing that 19 road dozens of times. So this would allow us to 20 stay on that side of the property little bit more frequently and have to cross less. 21 MR. MONTAGUE: I understand. 22 appreciate you making it smaller, but still kind 23

of concerning. You've got a mini house on the

2 other side with a toilet in it, kitchen. Those

3 are basically meant to be I think accessory sheds

there. It's not a living quarter, so it's a

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MR. SCHAUER: It definitely would not

be, you know, living quarters. It's not going to

be inhabited.

MR. MONTAGUE: No, it will be inhabited with a toilet and things, it's sort of like moving a piece of the house over there I'm afraid.

MR. SCHAUER: Much like a lot of the other homes along East Lake Drive that have the same cabana sort of there. Every other cabana on the street aren't ten by ten sheds.

MEMBER MONTAGUE: I don't know how many toilets are over there. I apologize. I don't mean toilets, but that kind of gives it a different kind of, kind of a feel than a cabana that has patios you can grill on, you can serve your pop and beer or whatever and store your stuff. It's a little different feel on this one.

MEMBER KRIEGER: Can I have a question

Page 54 1 through the Chair? 2 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Yeah. 3 MEMBER KRIEGER: The glass door is 4 going to be facing the water and the roll down 5 door is going to be facing the street? 6 MR. SCHAUER: Correct. 7 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Any other 8 questions, Member Krieger? Okay. Any other board 9 member would like to speak? Looks like none. 10 Okay. 11 MR. YONO: There's another one on East Lake Drive similar to what I've got there. 12 little bit more narrow and longer. It's about 13 14 four doors down, sits at level like I do. And 15 then if you go further down going towards 14, there's other ones that are a little bit lower 16 17 underground that have bathrooms, and kitchen, and 18 bars, and sinks. 19 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Okay. Thank 2.0 you. Anything you'd like to add? Okay. Looks like none. Member Sanghvi? 21 22 MEMBER SANGHVI: Can I just have a 23 question from the City?

Page 55 1 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Yeah, please. 2 MEMBER SANGHVI: Do you have the new 3 variance on the new plans which they are talking 4 about trying? 5 MS. OPPERMANN: They provided the new 6 plans. They were in the packet. They didn't 7 provide an updated application form notating the 8 specific reduction, but because it's smaller than 9 the original, we should be able to incorporate 10 that in a motion. 11 MEMBER SANGHVI: I don't remember 12 seeing it. MS. OPPERMANN: This plan that he's 13 14 showing now was on the packet. 15 MEMBER SANGHVI: Now it is. He's just 16 presented it today. 17 MS. OPPERMANN: No. This was in the 18 packet, this plan. 19 MEMBER SANGHVI: Thank you. 20 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Motion, 21 Sanghvi, make a motion. 22 MEMBER SANGHVI: May I make a motion? 23 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Yeah, please.

1 MEMBER SANGHVI: I move that we grant 2 the variance in case number PZ-0056 for Joseph Yono of 1401 E Lake Drive, Parcel 3 50-22-02-329-027. The applicant is requesting a 4 5 variance from The City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.32-10.ii. A, for the building of a 6 7 proposed accessory building on the waterfront and 8 has requested a variance of 292 square feet. 9 MEMBER KRIEGER: Wait a minute. 10 MS. OPPERMANN: If I could, it's a variance of 164 square feet. They're requesting 11 12 the building be 264 square feet. 13 MEMBER SANGHVI: Okay. Only 164 now. 14 MS. OPPERMANN: Yes. 15 Anyway, I stand MEMBER SANGHVI: Okay. 16 corrected. Thank you. And Petitioner has shown the practicality the need for requiring the need 17 18 for these variances. Without the variance, the 19 Petitioner will be unreasonably prevented the use 2.0 of this newly constructed accessory building 21 because they will have to take necessary space for 22 storage as well as for the kitchenette, and they 23 would frequent cross the East Lake Drive. And it

Page 57 1 also can be a hazard for doing this thing, 2 crossing the road very frequently. This property is unique because it is 3 on the waterfront, and Petitioner did not create 4 5 this condition. The relief granted will not 6 unreasonably interfere with the surrounding 7 properties because it will not have any effect on 8 the fresh air or ventilation. The relief is 9 consistent with the spirit and intent of the 10 ordinance. Thank you. 11 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you. 12 Lori can call for the roll? 13 MS. LUTSEY: Chairperson Peddiboyina? 14 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Yes, please. 15 MS. OPPERMANN: Do we have a second? 16 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Yeah. 17 MEMBER KRIEGER: Second. 18 MS. LUTSEY: Member Krieger? 19 MEMBER KRIEGER: Yes. 2.0 MS. LUTSEY: Member Malott? 21 MEMBER MALOTT: No. 22 MS. LUTSEY: Member Montague? 23 MEMBER MONTAGUE: No.

Page 58 1 MS. LUTSEY: Member Sanghvi? 2 Three passes and two fails. 3 MS. OPPERMANN: Motion passes three to 4 two. 5 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Okay. Thank 6 you. 7 MR. SCHAUER: Thank you. 8 MS. SAARELA: I have to check rules and 9 procedures. 10 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Can we move to the third case, please? 11 MS. OPPERMANN: Just a moment. Beth 12 13 needs to check on something. 14 MS. SAARELA: Motion to approve a nonuse variance require a minimum of four votes of 15 16 approval irrespective of the number members present, so it fails. So based on the fact that 17 18 it failed, someone should make a motion to deny. 19 He'll have to be informed, but someone should make 20 a motion to deny, since the motion to approve 21 failed. 22 MEMBER MONTAGUE: Yes. I quess I'll 23 make a motion.

Page 59 1 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Okay. Go 2 ahead. MEMBER MONTAGUE: I make motion that we 3 4 deny case PZ21-00-56. MS. SAARELA: Actually, you don't have 5 to make a motion to deny because you need four 6 7 votes. It wasn't a fail just because it was a 8 tie, so you didn't need to do it. That would only 9 be in the event of a tie. 10 MEMBER KRIEGER: So what do they have to do? 11 12 MS. SAARELA: They were denied, so in 13 order to come back, they would have to come back 14 for a different variance. 15 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Okay. And 16 the City is going to inform them. 17 MS. SAARELA: Correct. 18 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: I appreciate Thank you so much. Going to case number 19 it. 20 three. PZ21-0064 (Cambridge of Novi LLC/Terra), West of Beck Road and North of Eight Mile Road, 21 22 Parcel number 50-22-32-402-036. The applicant is 23 requesting an extension to a variance from the

- 1 | City of Novi Code of Ordinance Section 28-6 for a
- 2 temporary sign beyond 64 days. The sign is
- 3 located at the northwest corner of the
- 4 intersection at Eight Mile Road and Beck Road.
- 5 | The maximum display time of a free-standing
- 6 temporary signs is 64 days. The board previously
- 7 | approved this and one other, since removed sign,
- 8 on June 11, 2019, in case PZ19-0020 "for the
- 9 duration of two years or, if sooner, until 75% of
- 10 | Certificates of Occupancy have been issued". This
- 11 | property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-1).
- 12 Is Applicant present. Looks like he's not
- 13 | present.
- MS. SAARELA: You can put it to the end
- 15 and see if he shows up.
- 16 | CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: I will see if
- 17 he comes.
- 18 MS. SAARELA: Is there somebody here on
- 19 his behalf?
- AUDIENCE MEMBER: No. We're opposing.
- 21 You should keep on going. He doesn't show, I mean
- 22 | we have people here to speak against it.
- 23 | That's --

MS. SAARELA: We're not putting it on the to the next meeting, were just putting it to the end of the meeting to see if he shows up.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: No. That's inappropriate.

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MS. SAARELA: Well, that's not -- that's the decision of the Chair, not your decision.

CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Okay. Thank you so much. Okay. I'll make it for the -- I'll make this case in the last. If he shows, we'll And we're going to case number PZ21-0065 (Marc & Katherine Kennedy) 1201 S Lake Drive, West of Old Novi Road and South of South Lake Drive, Parcel 50-22-03-332-003. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 5.11 to install a fence in the front yard of a corner lot. By code, a fence shall not extend toward the front of the lot nearer then the minimum front yard setback. proposed new fence would be replacing an existing chain link fence in the same location. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

Page 62 1 Is the Applicant present? Please come to the 2 podium and speak -- tell your first and last name 3 for the court reporter and secondary. 4 MS. KENNEDY: Hi. My name is Katherine 5 Kennedy, K-A-T-H-E-R-I-N-E, Kennedy, 6 K-E-N-N-E-D-Y. 7 MEMBER KRIEGER: Are you a lawyer? 8 MS. KENNEDY: No. 9 KATHERINE KENNEDY, 10 having first been duly sworn, was examined and testified 11 on her oath as follows: 12 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Please go 13 ahead. MS. KENNEDY: So I apologize. I don't 14 15 have any material. I was informed that you have a 16 digital copy of the packet we sent in, so I hope that's the case. So we have -- just to quickly 17 18 clarify the description since we're requesting a 19 variance to install a fence in the front yard of 2.0 the corner lot, this is actually our backyard. We 21 are on a corner lot, though, so technically the 22 frontage. 23 MS. OPPERMANN: It's considered the

front yard because you are a corner lot, it's considered an exterior front yard because of the way it's set.

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MS. KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

MS. OPPERMANN: You can establish that for your vantage, it's the rear yard of your home.

MS. KENNEDY: Correct. Thank you. So I just wanted to make that clarification ahead of anticipating because we're a lakefront property some dissents in the mail, so I just want to kind of clarify that because the way it reads is a little confusing for people.

So we actually have a fence in our backyard already. It's a black chain link fence. It's been place for 40 years, as I understand it. It was grandfathered in, essentially the sidewalk that goes around the fence that's currently in place. That's how long it's been there. So this would be to replace the current fence that we already have. We're just asking to upgrade it and make it a privacy fence.

So where the lot is currently it's like we kind of live in a fishbowl. You can see the

- 1 back yard from all sides how it's positioned.
- 2 And, you know, there's a lot of foot traffic. We
- 3 | have, you know, people parking along the house to
- 4 | use the lake. There's new development coming in
- 5 the back of our neighborhood, and I anticipate
- 6 that that's going to actually increase traffic to
- 7 | the lake with the new development, more people
- 8 parking there, more people using that side part of
- 9 our yard to park.
- I have small children. We have a play
- 11 structure and toys in the back, so it's our
- 12 opinion that this would just give us some privacy.
- 13 We've spoken to the neighbors that this could
- 14 | potentially impact, right, our direct neighbors on
- 15 all sides, and they've told us that they are good
- 16 | with this. And again, we're just looking to get
- 17 | some privacy in our backyard. That's it.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Okay
- 19 | Audience, anyone who would like to speak on this
- 20 case, please, is the time to speak. Okay. Looks
- 21 | like none. From the City? Larry?
- 22 MR. BUTLER: The only comment would be
- 23 the consideration of because that is a corner and

you have oncoming traffic, they need to be in consideration of being able for cars that pull up to that fence be able to see around the corner seeing cars coming. Just want to make sure that there's going to be that clearance there for oncoming vehicles going to approach out onto the

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road.

MS. KENNEDY: Yeah. So I don't think that's going to create a hazard. Are you saying from our perspective?

MR. BUTLER: From both, your perspective and from drivers coming down the road. People want to pull out, you have cars coming up. There's a fence there. Is the fence going to be right out to the sidewalk, is it going to be back more towards the house a little bit so vehicles can pull up and see the oncoming traffic?

MS. KENNEDY: Yes. There's still quite a bit of room from where the fence line would be to the actual road, so much so that you can actually park the car and still have some extra space before the road traffic actually starts.

MR. BUTLER: Thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you,

2 Larry. Secretary?

MEMBER KRIEGER: 34 letters were sent, zero returned, one objection, four approvals.

Objection from M. Miller. The privacy fence is a good idea for the rear sides of the house. My concern is the safety for cars pulling onto South Lake from Henning. The fence all the way up to the bike path would block the view of eastbound traffic. Patricia Maniewski is we approve the variance for the fence. From Dorothy and Michael Duchesneau, approval per submitted plans, approve privacy fence for back yard only. Dorothy Duchesneau approval per submitted plans. Approve privacy fence for back yard only. Michael

17 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you.

18 Open to the board. Member Sanghvi, go ahead.

Duchesneau same thing.

MEMBER SANGHVI: Thank you. I came and visited your place a couple of days ago, drove around. You are on the corner lot, so technically you have two front yards.

MS. KENNEDY: Yes.

That's it.

Page 67 1 MEMBER SANGHVI: You already got a 2 fence there now. 3 MS. KENNEDY: Yes. 4 MEMBER SANGHVI: And you want to change 5 that fence and make it better looking. MS. KENNEDY: Correct. 6 7 MEMBER SANGHVI: It's a very narrow 8 street going down I think Henning, isn't it, the 9 street? 10 MS. KENNEDY: Yes. 11 MEMBER SANGHVI: The corner, and it's 12 very hard to turn around. I had a hard time 13 turning around coming in the side. But I think 14 you deserve some privacy in spite of all the other 15 things, and I can support your variance request 16 for the new fence. Thank you. 17 MS. KENNEDY: Thank you. 18 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you, 19 Member Sanghvi. Member Linda? 20 MEMBER KRIEGER: For the new fence you're going to have the enclosed fence. Is that 21 22 going to go up to the South Lake side? 23 MS. KENNEDY: No.

1 MEMBER KRIEGER: Toward the -- all the 2 way, or are you going to leave the old chain line fence? 3 4 MS. KENNEDY: Correct. So the front 5 yard will keep the fence that's currently there, 6 and then the privacy fence is going to stop on the 7 backyard side of our house, so it won't extend up 8 to South Lake. 9 MEMBER KRIEGER: Okay. So it will be 10 on Henning up to the house and that's it. So line 11 of sight for drivers will be okay. 12 MS. KENNEDY: Correct. 13 MEMBER KRIEGER: Thank you. 14 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Any other 15 board member like to speak before we make a motion? 16 17 MEMBER MONTAGUE: All right. I move 18 that we grant variance in case number PZ21-0065 19 for Marc and Katherine Kennedy requesting a 2.0 variance for a fence to extend into the front I believe without this variance, the 21 yard. 22 Petitioner is limited on the use of the property 23 because of the lack of privacy, and obviously has

Page 69 1 kids, play structures in the back yard and all 2 that I saw as well. The property is unique, as a lot of them are on a corner lot like that. 3 4 Petitioner did not create the condition. 5 property was on the corner when she bought it. 6 The relief granted I don't think will 7 unnecessarily interfere with any adjacent or 8 surrounding property. The fence is already there, 9 and the relief is consistent with the spirit and 10 intent of the ordinance because it adds to her safety for her children. 11 12 MEMBER SANGHVI: Second. 13 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you. MEMBER KRIEGER: Did you specify to how 14 she was talking that the chain link fence will 15 16 stay where it is on South Lake? 17 MR. MONTAGUE: I can put that in. It's 18 in her application here and she has a picture. 19 But yes. Assuming it's just on the Henning Street 2.0 side what you're calling the back of the house. MS. KENNEDY: Correct. It won't extend 21 22 beyond where our garage door is.

Right.

MEMBER MONTAGUE:

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1	CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Second is	
2	Sanghvi. Okay. Lori, can you call roll call	
3	please?	
4	MS. LUTSEY: Chairperson Peddiboyina?	
5	CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Yes, please.	
6	MS. LUTSEY: Member Krieger?	
7	MEMBER KRIEGER: Yes.	
8	MS. LUTSEY: Member Malott?	
9	MEMBER MALOTT: Yes.	
10	MS. LUTSEY: Member Montague?	
11	MEMBER MONTAGUE: Yes.	
12	MS. LUTSEY: Member Sanghvi?	
13	MEMBER SANGHVI: Yes.	
14	CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA:	
15	Congratulations.	
16	MS. KENNEDY: Thank you so much. I	
17	really appreciate it.	
18	MS. LUTSEY: Motion passes.	
19	MS. KENNEDY: Thank you.	
20	CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: PZ21-0068	
21	(Thomas Sebold & Associates) 21575 Equestrian	
22	Trail, West of Beck Road and North of Eight Mile	
23	Road, Parcel number 50-22-32-401-089. The	

Page 71 1 applicant is requesting the variance from The City 2 of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.2 for a rear yard setback of 19.93 feet (35 feet minimum 3 4 required, variance of 15.07 feet). 5 variances would accommodate the building of a new home addition. This property is zoned Residential 6 7 Acreage (RA). Please spell your first and last 8 name clearly for our secretary to record. And 9 Member Linda, can you please take it. 10 MR. PETOSKEY: Jeffrey Petoskey. J-E-F-F-R-E-Y, P-E-T-O-S-K-E-Y. 11 12 MR. YAGER: Mike Yager, M-I-K-E, 13 Y-A-G-E-R. 14 MEMBER KRIEGER: Are either of you 15 attorneys? 16 MR. PETOSKEY: No, ma'am. 17 JEFFREY PETOSKEY, AND MIKE YAGER, 18 having first been duly sworn, was examined and testified 19 on their oath as follows: 20 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Please go 21 ahead, Mike and Jeffery. 22 Thank you, Honorable MR. PETOSKEY: 23 Chair and esteemed members. We thank you for the

opportunity to bring forth this request for individual variance 21575 Equestrian Trail, property of the Lehmkuhls, who are actually here with us tonight. Michael is the architect on record for this project, and I am the director of operations for Thomas Sebold & Associates representing the general contractor.

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Quite frankly, we have a very unique cul-de-sac with large open areas between the properties. As you can see, the setbacks allow for the green space to be open. We have about a 15-foot request that we're here in the rear property for you guys here tonight. In perpetuity with the existing structures, there's an existing pool, hot tub, and a auxiliary outdoor living structure. As you can see, that runs exactly parallel to the rear of the project in which we're proposing here today. We believe it wants to be this type of project for what the intended use is for our client who does do a lot of entertaining for events and fundraisers, and they wanted to create a very unique courtyard with an indoor/outdoor living space, as well as add a

first floor living space to the home, which it does not currently have, for their, for their parents who are going to be in need of such egress.

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I don't want to spend a ton of your time. We did send you some photos. We did send you the preliminary plans in which we would like to continue dedicating our time and effort to improving so that we can come back for a building permit.

We were able to get the HO-8 to give us an approval on the process based on the plans that you were provided, as well as we have a signed letter from both property owners left and right of the project in question here today, who are both in favor of such. The project would take shape of primarily on the left side of the property where you see the left side owner. We do have the ability to fit the project into the rear setbacks, which would allow us to do such, but then may encroach a little bit on the views that we so much hopefully keep by doing the project this specific way.

Page 74 1 The architect is here. He is. 2 obviously, the professional with the mindset and 3 design intents that we're trying to bring forth. 4 So if there's any questions for he or I, we're 5 definitely here for as long as you need us. 6 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: 7 Anything you would like to add? 8 MR. YAGER: Not at this time. 9 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Okay. Thank 10 you. From the audience, anybody would like to speak on this case, please is the time to speak. 11 12 MR. PETOSKEY: Not unless there's a 13 question for us. 14 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Okay. Looks like none. City? 15 16 MR. BUTLER: No comments from the City. 17 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you. 18 Linda? 19 MEMBER KRIEGER: Nine were sent, one 20 returned, one objection, zero approvals. 21 Objection is from Greg Lehmkuhl, L-E-H-M-K-U-H-L. 22 MR. YAGER: That's the homeowner. 23 MEMBER KRIEGER: Never mind then.

1 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Okay. Thank 2 you, Secretary. Open to the board? Please go 3 ahead. 4 MEMBER SANGHVI: Good evening. Yours 5 is a gated community. I usually like to see every site. And it just so happened that somebody was 6 7 getting out and I sneaked into your place, and 8 found your place off the street I think further 9 down. Anyway, I was there and I looked at your 10 property. You have a beautiful home. You have a pie-shaped lot there, and behind you is almost 11 12 like woodlands and wetlands. There's no other 13 neighbors around there. 14

I also talked to one of your neighbors was around. I believe he's a cardiologist a couple of houses down from there, and considering everything from your application and everything, I have no problem supporting your request for the variance. Thank you.

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MR. PETOSKEY: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you,
Member Sanghvi. Any other board member, please.
Okay. Looks like none. Motion? Member Linda?

1 MEMBER KRIEGER: I move that we grant 2 the variance request for PZ21-0068 for Thomas Sebold & Associates for 21575 Equestrian Trail, 3 parcel number 50-22-32-401-089. Applicant is 4 requesting variances from the City of Novi Section 5 6 3.1.2 for rear yard setback of 19.93 feet, 35 7 required variance of 15.07 feet. Variances would 8 accommodate the building of a new home addition. 9 Property is zoned residential acreage. 10 petitioner will be unreasonably prevented or 11 limited with respect to the use of their property 12 because of its pie shaped, and it's unique because 13 of it being where it's at in that having a 14 woodland behind it and the topography of the site 15 itself. They didn't create the condition because 16 of that, and the relief granted will not unreasonably interfere with adjacent or 17 18 surrounding properties because it's in line with 19 the current home. So it would be seamless and the 2.0 two other homeowners, one on each side, had no objections to that, and there's approval from the 21 homeowners association. And this relief will be 22 23 consistent with the spirit and intent of the

Page 77 1 ordinance because of its minimum request. 2 MEMBER SANGHVI: Second. 3 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you. 4 Lori, please can call roll call. 5 MS. LUTSEY: Chairperson Peddiboyina? CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Yes, please. 6 7 MS. LUTSEY: Member Krieger? 8 MEMBER KRIEGER: Yes. 9 MS. LUTSEY: Member Malott? 10 MEMBER MALOTT: Yes. 11 MS. LUTSEY: Member Montague? 12 MR. MONTAGUE: Yes. 13 MS. LUTSEY: Member Sanghvi? 14 MEMBER SANGHVI: Yes. 15 MS. LUTSEY: Motion passes. 16 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Coming to PZ21-0064. Is applicant present? Looks like 17 18 none. Okay. I would like to --19 MS. SAARELA: So you have two options. 2.0 You can either deny it based on applicant not being here and not providing you the basis of 21 22 facts to base a variance on, or two, you can 23 postpone it to the December, is it 14th?

Page 78 1 MS. OPPERMANN: Yes. 2 MS. SAARELA: December 14th meeting. 3 So those are your two options. 4 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Okay. 5 MEMBER KRIEGER: What about public 6 input? 7 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Nobody. 8 MS. SAARELA: It would depend. So if 9 you're going to deny it, you don't need to have 10 public input. If you're going to postpone it, 11 that would be public hearing at the December 14th 12 meeting. 13 MEMBER KRIEGER: Okay. 14 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Okay. I 15 deny. Any other board members would like to 16 speak. Due to lack of evidence and due to absent, I am denying. Any other? Okay. Looks like 17 18 anybody second. 19 MEMBER MONTAGUE: I'll second. 20 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you. 21 And Lori, can you recall, please. 22 MS. LUTSEY: Chairperson Peddiboyina? 23 CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Yes.

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1	Page 79  MS. LUTSEY: Member Krieger?
2	MEMBER KRIEGER: Yes.
3	MS. LUTSEY: Member Malott?
4	MEMBER MALOTT: Yes.
5	MS. LUTSEY: Member Montague?
6	MR. MONTAGUE: Yes.
7	MS. LUTSEY: Member Sanghvi?
8	MEMBER SANGHVI: No.
9	MS. LUTSEY: Motion passes four to one.
10	CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you.
11	Okay. That brings today's all the cases and I
12	would like to just a couple of other nothing
13	else? Any other matters before I adjourn the
14	meeting?
15	MEMBER SANGHVI: I just want to thank
16	you all and wish you all a very happy
17	Thanksgiving.
18	CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Any other
19	matters before I adjourn? Okay. Anybody.
20	MEMBER KRIEGER: Motion to adjourn.
21	CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Second?
22	MEMBER SANGHVI: Second.
23	CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Say aye in

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1	favor.	
2	BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.	
3	CHAIRPERSON PEDDIBOYINA: Thank you.	
4	Motion passes.	
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4	COUNTY OF OAKLAND )
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6	Shorthand Reporter, a Notary Public in and for the
7	above county and state, do hereby certify that the
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