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Fwd: Variance V20-0001/O'Daly

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Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 3:44 PM

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Please see public comment for the Zoning Administrator meeting of September 2, 2020. Thank you.

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From: Lisa O'Daly <lodaly@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 3:36 PM

Subject: Variance V20-0001/O'Daly

To: planning@edcgov.us <planning@edcgov.us>, Melanie Shasha <melanie.shasha@edcgov.us>

Hi!

My response to the Notice of Public Hearing for September 2 is enclosed.

Thank you,

Lisa O'Daly
530-307-0124

 Variance Response.docx
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August 21, 2020

Re: Variance V20-0001/O'Daly

As applicant for the above-referenced variance, I wanted to clarify that the width of the paved portion of the proposed carport is 20 feet, consistent with Exhibit F. This pavement width is different from the 26-foot carport width described in the Staff Recommendation. Please note that I do not have the carport, itself, designed at this time and the footings, roof/rafters, BMPs, and any structural elements required for shear would be located outside of the 20' pavement footprint. While I assume this will fit in the 26' width described in the Staff Rec, I did not provide that number, and respectfully request your understanding on the record that the Conditions of Approval related to design may require additional flexibility due to engineering needs.

Applications for these discretionary County decisions to date have totaled over \$6,200, plus the cost of a surveyor to satisfy Liberty Utility's needs. Given a detailed carport design was not required for this stage of applications, I determined it financially prudent to not move forward with design and engineering of the carport beyond that level necessary to provide the basic parameters required by the agencies at this stage, such as roof height. If the variance is approved, my carport will be designed in a chalet style to match my home, with log details.

I also wanted to share what I did after the variance public notice went out. First, I chalked onto my driveway my proposed modifications to my existing two-car parking pad. The neighbors who stopped by were surprised that my property line begins 15 feet from the street edge and had assumed that my proposed carport was closer to the road given my "zero setback" request. Their confusion originated from the fact that there are five carports or garages located elsewhere on Delaware Street which appear nearer to the street than my proposal.

Second, I provided a copy of the notice to the owners of the home across the street from me, the Garcia's. Construction on their 2,861 square foot home with its 786 square foot garage was completed in 2020. I correctly assumed that the County Assessor's records had not reflected their recent purchase.

I purchased my 960-square foot 2-bedroom, 1-bath home in 1990, when I was 26 years old and had just received a permanent position with the Forest Service. I originally bought it using a Farmers Home Administration low-income first-time homebuyer loan. Fast forward 30 years and I am now retrofitting my home so that we can age in place! This requested variance and the carport that I would construct would vastly improve our quality of life as the years go by. Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa O'Daly, homeowner (P.O. Box 7429, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158)

