

City and Borough of Sitka

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Planning and Community Development Department

AGENDA ITEM:

Case No:	VAR 18-07
Proposal:	Request for reduction in the front setback from 20 feet to 10 feet for construction
	of a covered deck
Applicant:	Andrew Callistini
Owner:	Andrew and Donna Callistini
Location:	106 Naomi Kanosh Lane
Legal:	Lot 14 Ashaak Subdivision
Zone:	R-2 MHP
Size:	8029 square feet
Parcel ID:	18573014
Existing Use:	Residential
Adjacent Use:	Residential
Utilities:	Existing
Access:	Naomi Kanosh Lane

KEY POINTS AND CONCERNS:

- Proposal is to construct covered deck within front setback
- Neighborhood harmony:
 - o Sitka General Code requires a 20 foot front setback
- Existing constraints:
 - Primary structure is already developed
 - \circ $\;$ Front setbacks and 10 foot utility easement on three sides

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the variance request for the reduction in the front setback from 20 feet to 10 feet for the construction of a covered deck at 106 Naomi Kanosh Lane.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Applicant Attachments Attachment B: Staff Attachments

BACKGROUND

The existing lot at 106 Naomi Kanosh Lane was created in 2000 through the Ashaak Subdivision. A house and two temporary structures (carport and greenhouse) are present on the lot. Greenhouse appears to encroach on the front setback. No variances on record for this property. Development of lot 14 is challenged by front setbacks and 10 foot utility easements on three sides.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposal is for a 20 foot by 14 foot covered deck to be constructed on the easterly side of the existing house. Proposed structure would encroach upon the 20 foot front setback by 10 feet.¹ Because of the existing 10 foot utility easement along the property line, the proposed structure could not be any deeper than requested, even with a variance.

ANALYSIS

Project / Site: The lot is 8029 square feet, exceeding the R-2 MHP minimum square footage of 8000 square feet. The lot accesses from Naomi Kanosh Lane, as do other properties in the subdivision. The property also has a frontage along Indian River Road, the frontage on which the proposed covered deck would be placed. The lot is bounded on three sides by 10 foot wide utility easements. The lot was legally platted in 2000. The majority of the lot is flat and developed as a single-family property. Proposed deck would not abut private property but the municipal right-of-way.

Zone: R-2 MHP: Intent. This zone is intended to provide for primarily for single-family and multiple-family residences at moderately high densities.²

Traffic: Properties in the subdivision access from Naomi Kanosh Lane and do not have access from Indian River Road. Location of proposed structure would be away from the intersection of Indian River Road and Naomi Kanosh Lane and would not impact motorist and pedestrian visibility.

Parking: Proposal does not increase parking requirements nor does it remove existing parking spaces. No concerns.

Noise: Reduced setbacks have the potential to increase noise by decreasing the buffer between

¹ SGC Table 22.20-1

² Section 22.16.060—R-2 MHP District

structures. In this case, the proposed deck would abut a public right-of-way, not other residential properties. A deck of less than 30 inches in height could be constructed without a variance and generate the same amount of noise, but this proposal requires a variance because of the roof. No concerns.

Public Health or Safety: Proposal will not negatively impact motorist and pedestrian visibility.

Habitat: No known wetlands on the property.

Property Value or Neighborhood Harmony: Variances are a deviation from code, and result in an inconsistency between this property and nearby properties. The addition of a covered deck could improve property values.

Alaska Statute 29.40.040(b)3 states that a variance may not be granted solely to relieve financial hardship or inconvenience.

Recommended Motions: (two motions - read and voted upon separately)

1) I move to approve the variance request for 106 Naomi Kanosh Lane in the R-2 MHP district. The request is for the reduction in the front setback from 20 feet to 10 feet for the construction of a covered porch. The property is also known as Lot 14 Ashaak Subdivision. The request is filed by Andrew Callistini. The owners of record are Andrew and Donna Callistini.

2) I move to adopt and approve the required findings for major structures or expansions. Before any variance is granted, it shall be shown:³

- a) That there are special circumstances to the intended use that do not apply generally to the other properties, *here, the lot is constrained by 10 foot utility easements and front setbacks on three sides;*
- b) The variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of use possessed by other properties but are denied to this parcel, *here, the economical development of a covered deck;*
- c) That the granting of such a variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property, nearby parcels, or public infrastructure, *here, placement of the deck will avoid utility easements;*
- d) That the granting of such will not adversely affect the Comprehensive Plan: *specifically, the variance is in line with* Comprehensive Plan Section 2.4.1 which states, *"To guide the orderly and efficient use of private and public land in a manner which maintains a small-town atmosphere, encourages a rural lifestyle, recognizes the natural environment, and enhances the quality of life for present and future generations," by allowing for the cost-effective development of a covered deck while preserving the integrity of existing utility easements and maintaining sight lines for motorists.*

³ Section 22.30.160(D)(1)—Required Findings for Major Variances

Attachment A

Applicant Materials

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		CONDITIONAL USE PLAT/SUBDIVISION		
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REQUIRED INFORMATION:

For All Applications:
Completed General Application form
Supplemental Application (Variance, CUP, Plat, Zoning Amendment)
Site Plan showing all existing and proposed structures with dimensions and location of utilities
Floor Plan for all structures and showing use of those structures
Copy of Deed (find in purchase documents or at Alaska Recorder's Office website)
Copy of current plat (find in purchase documents or at Alaska Recorder's Office website)
Site photos showing all angles of structures, property lines, street access, and parking – emailed to planning@cityofsitka.org or printed in color on 8.5" x 11" paper
Proof of filing fee payment
For Marijuana Enterprise Conditional Use Permits Only:
AMCO Application
For Short-Term Rentals and B&Bs:

Renter Informational Handout (directions to rental, garbage instructions, etc.)

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the property described above and that I desire a planning action in conformance with Sitka General Code and hereby state that all of the above statements are true. I certify that this application meets SCG requirements to the best of my knowledge, belief, and professional ability. I acknowledge that payment of the review fee is non-refundable, is to cover costs associated with the processing of this application, and does not ensure approval of the request. I understand that public notice will be mailed to neighboring property owners and published in the Daily Sitka Sentinel. I understand that attendance at the Planning Commission meeting is required for the application to be considered for approval. I further authorize municipal staff to access the property to conduct site visits as necessary. I authorize the applicant listed on this application to conduct business on my behalf.

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Applicant (If different than owner)

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REQUIRED FINDINGS (Choose ONE applicable type and explain how your project meets these criterion):

Major Zoning Variance (Sitka General Code 22.30.160(D)1)

Required Findings for Variances Involving Major Structures or Expansions. Before any variance is granted, it shall be shown:

a. That there are special circumstances to the intended use that do not apply generally to the other properties. Special circumstances may include the shape of the parcel, the topography of the lot, the size or dimensions of the parcels, the orientation or placement of existing structures, or other circumstances that are outside the control of the property owner, specifically,

THERE ARE THREE RONTS TO THIS PROPERTY WITH b. The variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right or

c. That the granting of such a variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property, nearby parcels or public infrastructure, specifically, ______

d. That the granting of such a variance will not adversely affect the comprehensive plan, specifically, (cite section and explain)_____

Minor Zoning Variance (Sitka General Code 22.30.160(D)2)

Required Findings for Minor Expansions, Small Structures, Fences, and Signs.

a. The municipality finds that the necessary threshold for granting this variance should be lower than thresholds for variances involving major structures or major expansions, specifically, _____

b. The granting of the variance is not injurious to nearby properties or improvements______

c. The granting of the variance furthers an appropriate use of the property, specifically, _____

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Platting Variance (Sitka General Code 21.48.010)

A variance from the requirements of this title may be granted only if the planning commission finds that:

- A. The granting of a platting variance will not be detrimental to the public safety, or welfare, or injurious to adjacent property, specifically,
- B. The tract to be subdivided is of such unusual size and shape or topographical conditions that the strict application of the requirements of this title will result in undue and substantial hardship to the owner of the property, specifically, _____

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

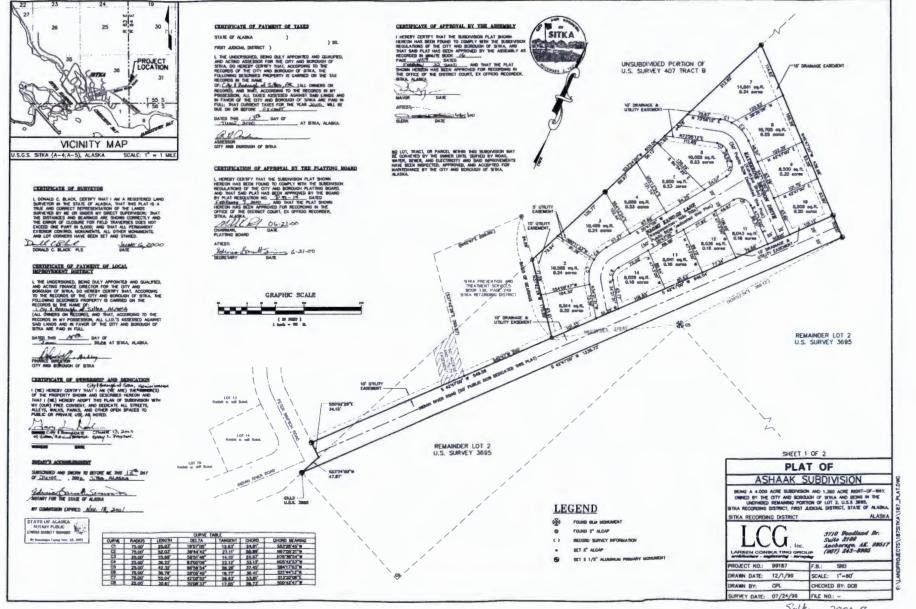
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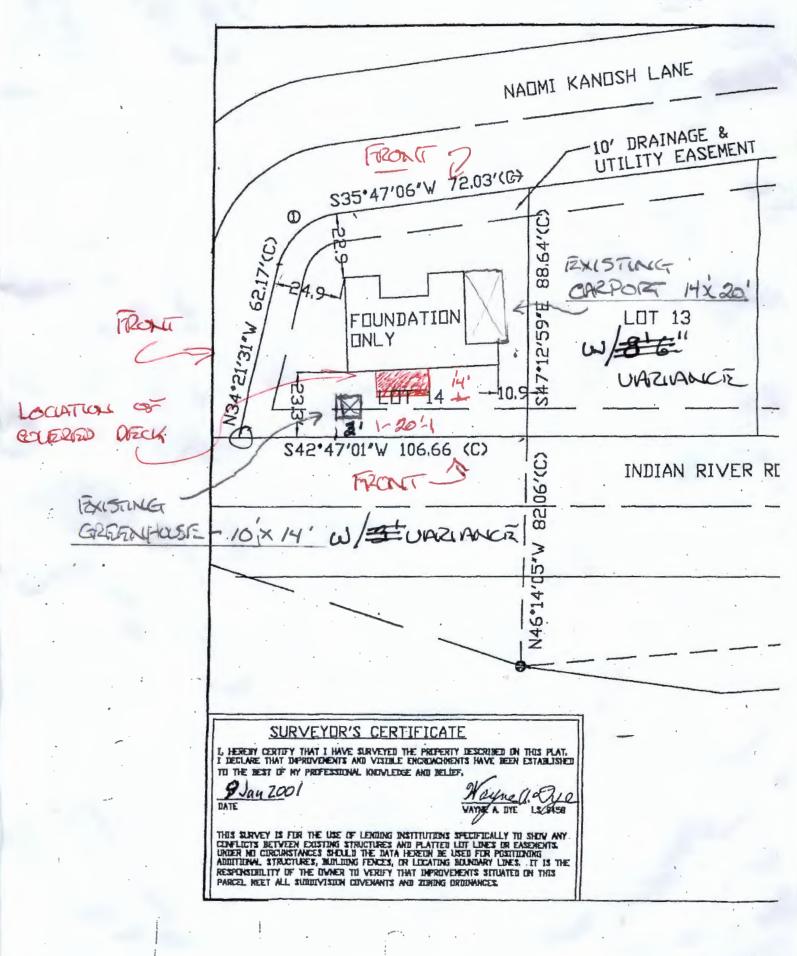
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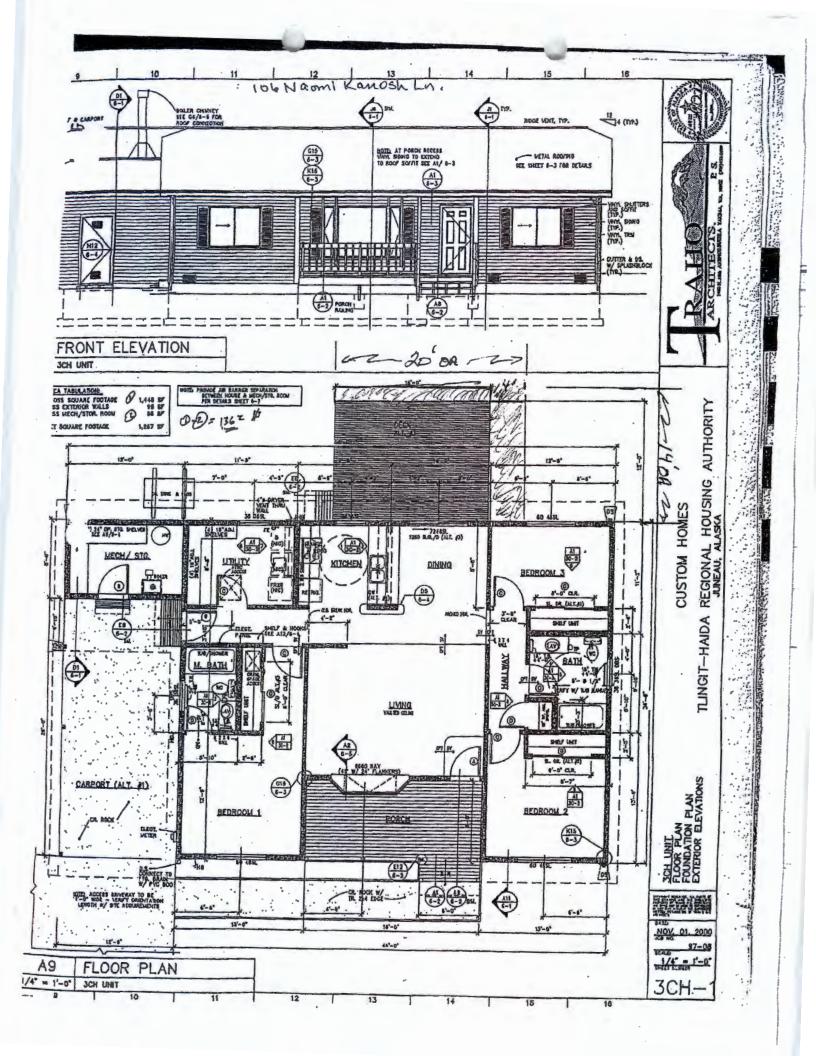


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Attachment B

Staff Materials

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