

**BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2007**

BZA MEMBERS PRESENT: Harold Brown, Larry Campbell, Stanley Headrick, Rob Walker, Gordon Wright

The minutes from the May 3, 2007 meeting were read and a motion was made by Stan Headrick to approve the minutes. A second was made by Larry Campbell.

The members voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the last meeting.

**CASES BEING HEARD AND ACTIONS TAKEN:**

**1. SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS: TWO**

**2. VARIANCE: ONE**

***Special Exceptions:***

1. David Perry has requested a special exception for a family commercial enterprise of indoor shooting range to be located at Harrisdale Street.

Property is zoned C.

--David Perry spoke of plans for shooting range.

--John Anderson voiced concerns due to Harrisdale Street at this location being a gravel driveway. Kent Everett (property owner) answered that Harrisdale will be paved at this location.

--Shooting range to be located in underground basement. A gun store is to be located on main level.

A motion was made by Harold Brown to *approve* this request for special exception. Gordon Wright made a second.

Vote:	Harold Brown	YES
	Larry Campbell	YES
	Stanley Headrick	YES
	Rob Walker	YES
	Gordon Wright	YES

The special exception was *approved* by a unanimous vote.

2. Albert Pope has requested a special exception for a family commercial enterprise of a stained glass studio to be located at 403 Luther Jackson Drive.

Property is zoned S.

--Jill Pope stated that there would also be furniture built.

--Paul Vicars requested clarification for the special exception if the work was classified as a hobby and not a commercial venture. The family will have a business license.

--Charles Copley asked how revenue will be generated. Mrs. Pope responded that it is mostly a word-of-mouth business.

--Larry Story requested specifications regarding the type of building that will be built.

--Jean Jacobs voiced concerns regarding additional traffic.

--Faye Crisp voiced opposition.

--Julie Cagle questioned whether the business would be expanded.

--Patty Pope explained nature of business.

--Janice Bethel questioned why the structure couldn't be attached to house instead of a separate structure. Roger Fields explained that this process would still have to be gone through due to the nature of the classification.

--Bill Cagle questioned whether there were other special exceptions for the neighborhood.

--Question was raised of how to appeal any decision that is made by the Blount County Board of Zoning Appeals.

--Commissioner Steve Samples requested a delay of one month due to requests from citizens.

--No on-site sales, no advertising, no soliciting.

--Bob Patterson voiced concerns.

--Christine Copley voiced concerns.

A motion was made to *deny* this request for special exception.

Gordon Wright made a second.

Vote:	Harold Brown	YES
	Larry Campbell	YES
	Stanley Headrick	YES
	Rob Walker	YES
	Gordon Wright	YES

The special exception was *denied* by a unanimous vote.

***Variance:***

1. Shirley Loftis has requested a variance to allow a seven (7) foot setback from the right of way of Gourley Drive. The property is located at 5817 Gourley Drive in the Top-O-the-World community.

Property is zoned R-1.

A motion was made by Gordon Wright to *approve* this request. Larry Campbell made a second.

Vote:	Harold Brown	YES
	Larry Campbell	YES
	Stanley Headrick	YES
	Rob Walker	YES
	Gordon Wright	YES

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED