



CITY OF CHARLESTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - SITE DESIGN

AGENDA OCTOBER 5, 2022

A meeting of the BZA-SD will be held on **Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room, 1st Floor, 2 George Street.**

The following written comments will be provided to the board members 24 hours in advance of the meeting and also be acknowledged into the record and summarized. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting in person to speak in order for comments to be fully heard.

Application information will be available at www.charleston-sc.gov/bza-sd in advance of the meeting. Please check the website on the meeting date to view any withdrawn or deferred agenda items.

For additional information, please contact:

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Board of Zoning Appeals - Site Design (BZA-SD)
Public Comments
October 5, 2022 Meeting

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Name	Address	Submitted Comment	Item Type	Item Description	Date/Time Submitted
Megan and Travis Garner	12 Stocker Drive	We are neighbors directly next door to 8 Stocker Drive. We hope to help preserve the unique charm and character of Old Windemere. We believe the preservation of the house at 8 Stocker is important. We also would like any new homes to be as consistent as possible with the neighborhood. When it comes to the oak in the backyard of 8 Stocker... if the tree has to be sacrificed to save the house, we prefer saving the house. The street oaks are the most important for our neighborhood's character.	4	8 Stocker Drive	Oct 2 2022 8:43PM
Brittany Lavelle Tulla	Charleston	If plans cannot be altered to retain the tree, a variance should be considered.	4	8 Stocker	Oct 3 2022 11:08AM
Ashton Finley	11 Jamaica Drive, Charleston, SC 29407	I support the variance for the removal of the grand tree in order to save the historic home at 8 Stocker Drive. As a preservation professional and neighborhood advocate I understand the importance of grand trees to the ecological health and sustainability of our historic neighborhoods, and the beauty and character that they add. However, in forced between choosing the tree or the house, I must choose the house. Historic 8 Stocker is an integral part of the architecture and character of Old Windemere and it's survival plays a vital role in future character protections for the neighborhood.	#B-4	8 Stocker Drive	Oct 4 2022 9:07AM

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Allisyn Morgan	Historic Byrnes Downs	<p>I support the variance regarding an oak tree in the back of the property at 8 Stocker Drive as long as the 08/24/22 demolition permit of the historic structure can subsequently be revoked. As a preservationist and resident of historic West Ashley, I am relieved to see that the new driveway plans protect the significant allée oaks along Stocker Drive, a key part of the neighborhood's character and streetscape. In this rare case, I see the reasons why the tree in the back of the private property must be removed to make full use of the property AND complete the task of rehabilitating the historic house. In the last few months I've witnessed immense interest in saving this historic house because it ultimately sets an important tone for the future of this neighborhood and beyond. Erasing this house would diminish future opportunities in preservation, even designation that this neighborhood is already eligible for, so it must be prevented. This shouldn't set a precedent for removing or neglecting grand oak trees without cause, this is simply a very specific exception for the sake of historic preservation. I have scrutinized this new plan and I'm convinced that any buyer who plans to save this historic house would ultimately face this variance request. I would like to see a new tree planted on the property as a sympathetic gesture. Saving the house is still the priority and despite the variances needed to accomplish such, this new plan does that effectively without negatively impacting the neighbors. If passed, this is an excellent example of how developers and preservationists can work together for the sake of Charleston and its unmatched history and preservation loyalty. -Allisyn Morgan</p>	4	8 Stocker Drive	Oct 4 2022 9:22AM