

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE SERVICES

Housing Appeals Board Minutes

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HEARING DATE: Wednesday December 18th, 2010

LOCATIONS: 806 Bluemont, basement
820 Colorado, basement

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Muir, Mary Roberts, Gene Wiley

STAFF PRESENT: Jim McDiffett, Code Services Officer

OWNERS/ AGENTS PRESENT: Gene Warren, Owner of 806 Bluemont
Debra Kluttz, Owner of 800 Colorado

The Housing Appeals Board members first met at 806 Bluemont Ave. at 10:00 AM to reconsider a variance request for the head height of the stairs to the basement that was tabled at the November 10th, 2010 meeting. The owner, Gene Warren, was present. The board viewed the basement stair. The owner had removed the trim above the stair as requested for the Board to view. The current height is 5'5". Discussion followed with a consensus that the main support beam could not be compromised by any additional modification or cuts. Gene Wiley moved to conditionally approve the request to remain at 65" with the addition of padding to prevent injury. Mary Roberts seconded the motion which passed 3-0.

The board finished by convening at 820 Colorado, basement unit. The owner, Debra Kluttz, was present. The current clear head height of the stairs to the basement is 65" and the piping of 74" in the landing area. After brief discussion Mary Roberts moved to conditionally approve with the addition of padding at the lowered areas. Gene Wiley seconded. The motion was conditionally approved 3-0. A second variance request of the shower ceiling height of 72" was also viewed. After brief discussion Mary Roberts moved to approve. Gene Wiley seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

With no further items to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 AM by Chairman Muir.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McDiffett,
Code Services Officer
Acting Board Secretary