

Commissioner Booth: Next item on the agenda 2019-4-SPU requested by Sheldon & Sheri Simoneaux for an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) with a waiver from the Zoning Ordinance at 224 Murray Hill Dr., Destrehan. Zoning District R-1A. Council District 1. Mr. Welker.

Mr. Welker: This is a special permit use request for an 854 sq. ft. accessory dwelling unit, it would be part of an addition to the existing residence at 224 Murray Hill Drive in Destrehan. The request comes with a waiver to the hard surface parking requirement. A portion of the front part of the driveway is shown as a limestone aggregate material, this is being proposed as an effort to not have to pour new concrete on top of an existing oak tree because they've had issues with the root system breaking up the existing concrete driveway and the simultaneously don't want to do anything negative to the tree. We did note and advise the resident that there are some aggregate materials if the waiver is granted could potentially harm or have harmful effects on trees so other options like pavers could be considered if the waiver is granted. The floor plan shows a living room, kitchen, laundry room, bathroom, bedroom and a 95 sq. ft. room with a window labeled storage, so it's now shown as a second bedroom, ADU's are limited to 1 bedroom, but the nature of the room, its size, location, all that stuff, it can be easily converted to a second bedroom which would go against what ADU's are required to have. We do recommend approval of the request with a waiver to requirement to dust free driveway surface contingent upon getting a revised floor plan showing that the potential for that room to be used as a bedroom be minimized.

Commissioner Booth: Thank you. This is a public hearing for 2019-4-SPU, Sheldon & Sheri Simoneaux for accessory dwelling unit, 224 Murray Hill Dr. in Destrehan. Anyone here to speak for or against this particular issue? State your name and address for the record please sir.

Sheldon Simoneaux, 224 Murray Hill Drive. This residence was my mother's residence, almost 50 years old now, and her partner passed away, so we're doing this for her, putting the mother in law suite on the side, she just couldn't handle this house by herself, it's a family house and it's not going to go anywhere. We got a lot of grandkids, I don't think we're going anywhere any time soon. I understand his point about that, but can you imagine her being in that house 50 years and not having to go over there so we had a little extra space we called it storage, considered it a bedroom, but I suggested we could take out the window if we have to.

Sheri Simoneaux, regarding the limestone with the pavers, I have pictures of what the driveway looks like now, there's roots from the tree in the driveway, so with pavers, the pavers are going to end up popping up too.

Commissioner Booth: Ok. Anyone else here to speak for or against this particular issue? Any questions from the Commission? Let's call for the vote.

Commissioner Granier: I grew up in this neighborhood and I still live in the neighborhood and I just wanted to say they are lifelong residents and I support this application.

Commissioner Booth: Thank you. Call for the vote.

YEAS: Gordon, Petit, Granier, Richard, Booth, Galliano

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Frangella

Commissioner Booth: That passes unanimous. Good luck.

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