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To: BZA; DPD
Subject: Webinar on May 26--Sears variance

Good Afternoon,

I have been having trouble with the photos I wanted to send you. Here is my statement for the meeting. I will continue to work on getting the photos to you.

These comments and questions regard the fence variance sought by Brett and Alecia Sears.

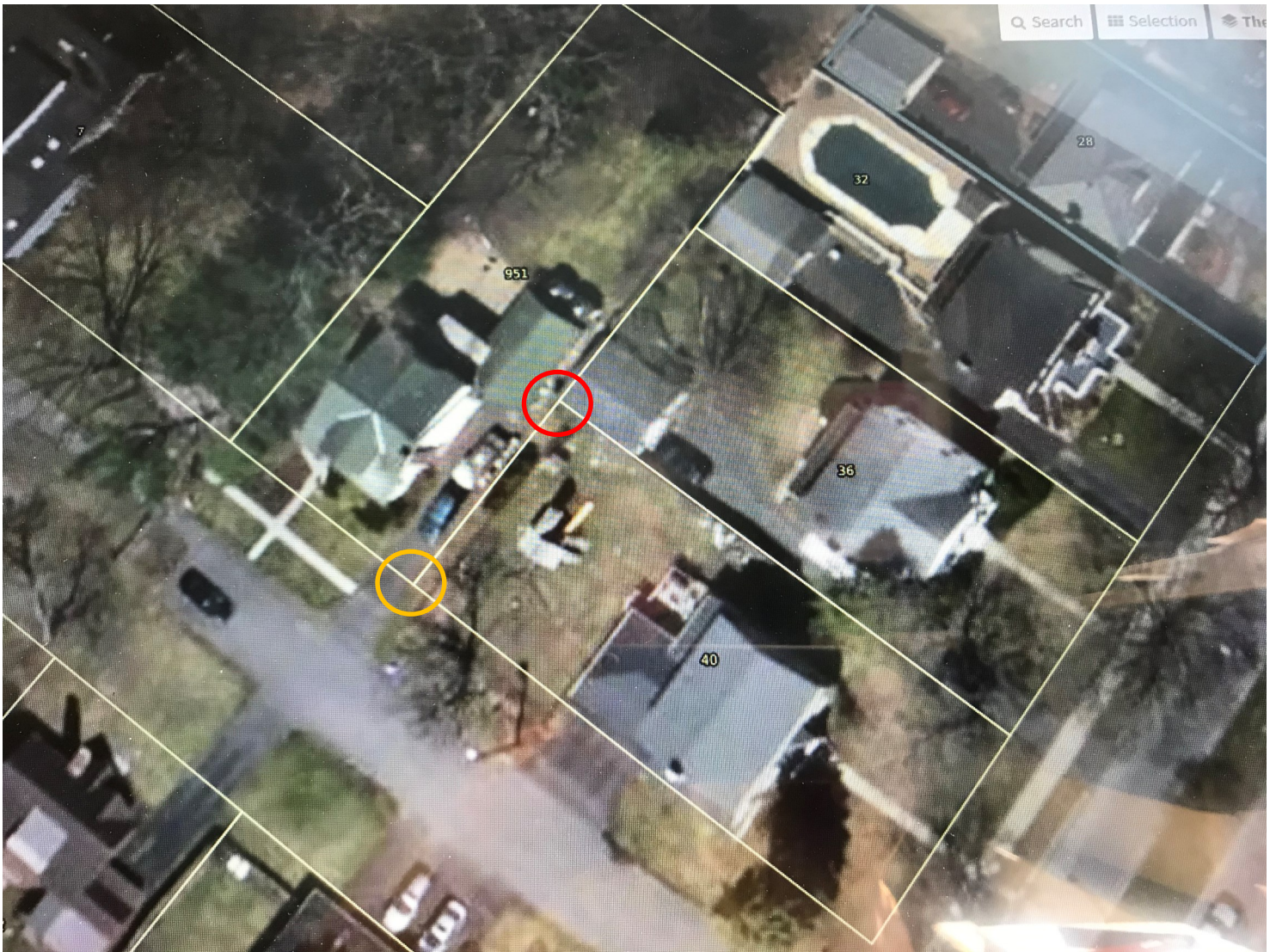
Currently, Brett and Alecia Sears of 40 South Manning have erected a fence on the west side of their property that extends almost 8 feet beyond their property line toward Myrtle Avenue. Is that in accordance with code? If so, will the fence they are seeking the variance for go from the extension? If not, will the fence go along their property line? The materials presented do not indicate how long the fence is to be along Myrtle Avenue.

The variance they are seeking is for an 8-foot opaque fence along Myrtle Avenue. The code specifies that fences along streets can be no more than 4 feet high and must be no more than 60% opaque. I believe that the city adopted this code to make our neighborhoods more attractive and inviting. An 8-foot opaque fence would not comply with this goal. It will have a negative effect on the character of our neighborhood, which now has an open aspect. Unless there are highly compelling reasons to grant a variance, I urge you to have any fence they put there adhere to the code. Some photographs are attached that illustrate the current situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

All best,
Edith Leet





The map shows a straight line along the east side of 951 Myrtle Avenue from the southwest corner of 40 South Manning to about two-thirds of the west side of 32 South Manning. However, within the red circle, surveys have established different points, and this discrepancy has not been resolved.

The yellow circle shows the lot lines of 951 Myrtle and 40 South Manning, but the owners of 40 South Manning have built a fence that extends from their lot line almost 8 feet toward the street.



36 S. Manning
Building

New
Fence

Lot Marker for
44 South Manning

Lot Marker for
951 Myrtle Ave.

Lot Marker for
40 South Manning



The photo above from the tax map shows the openness of Myrtle Avenue until now. The photo below gives an indication of how an 8-foot opaque fence along Myrtle would have a negative effect on the character of the neighborhood.

