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617 Frances Street Variance Request

Attn: Key West Planning Board

We will be moving to Key West as full-time residents following our retirements in 2024 and are proposing to renovate a historic property to create a home for ourselves and my disabled 80 year-old father, Jack, who will be residing with us for several weeks each visit and up to 4 months per year.

As part of the renovations, we are proposing to incorporate features to accommodate my father's spinal cord injury and mobility needs. Unfortunately, when raising the house from 24" to 39" to accommodate the new FEMA maps, our ability to create a porch and pool deck at the same level with the floor height of the structures on the property is eliminated without a Variance. The Coverage Variance we are requesting enables a zero step interior/exterior design that removes tripping hazards – we are NOT creating a larger than allowable home footprint with this Variance, simply a no-step deck and pool above the 30" limit. We hope that this request will be seen in similar light as the allowance provided to add to overall building heights when accommodating FEMA structure elevations.

In support of this request, I am providing a high level medical summary screen shot (next page), as well as a short video of Jack in one of his rehab sessions:

<https://cemtriggers.sharefile.com/d-sed2a21431f0a45b7bcdaa87e0e64511f>

While my father has a caregiver during the day when staying with family to assist him with stairs and uneven surfaces, the safest environments are those that have zero steps and no thresholds - - especially because he has slight cognitive impairments that lead him to believe that he is able to navigate hazards without assistance.

If you have any questions, you may reach me by phone at (847) 849-0013 or via e-mail to tjgosline@gmail.com. I look forward to meeting you at the Planning Meeting later this week.

Sincerely, Tom Gosline (& Bill Fritz)

2 Attachments

Health Profile

The information provided below reflects the information in the electronic medical record. Medications and Allergies show only current information - they do not display past medications or allergies.

JOHN GOSLINE

Health Issues

Central cord syndrome Learn more about this	Status: Active
Abnormal gait Learn more about this	Status: Active
Impaired mobility and ADLs Learn more about this	Status: Active
Decreased strength Learn more about this	Status: Active
Lack of coordination Learn more about this	Status: Active
History of fall Learn more about this	Status: Active