329 Peacon Lane Lawful Unit Determination Appeal

City of Key West

Board of Adjustment

September 14, 2023

329 Peacon Lane Background

- Purchased in 2017 as an undivided parcel with 3 units and two structures
- Subdivided in 2020, creating 1,535 SF lot with no dwelling unit allocations



Key Question:

Is there a body of evidence to support the claim that a dwelling unit existed in this structure around April 2010?



Documentation

- Photos of structure circa 2010
- Early 2000s building permits for gate, fence, and sewer line
- Directory entries
- FKAA record for meter established in 1945
- KEYS records for "723 Eaton St. Front"
- 2009 MCPA Property Card

Circa 1987 FKAA Meter Map





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Monroe County Property Record Card (185)

Apr 19 2002 12:00AM

Jul 7 2004 12:00AM

Oct 9 2003 12:00AM

Apr 15 2002 12:00AM

02-0884

04-2254

03-3588

02-0924

Aug 19 2002 12:00AM

Jun 16 2004 12:00AM

Dec 31 2003 12:00AM

Jun 16 2004 12:00AM

Alternate Key: 1003531

530 Residential

500 Residential

426 Residential

1,000 Residential

Roll Year 2009

ELECTRIC

TOP FLOOR

BACKYARD GATE

RENOVATION OF 2 OUT OF 4 RES UNITS ON

Effective Date: 10/26/2009 11:59:59 PM Run: 05/16/2017 09:45 AM

Building Sketch 185 206-70 188 1470-154 DPK 363 106 HA 364 88 1194 - 122 **Building Characteristics** 286 **Functional Obs** Building Type R3 **Building Nbr** 0.00 Depreciation % 0.19 Economic Obs 16 Condition Effective Age Special Arch Year Built Grnd Floor Area 2,282 Quality Grade 650 Inclusions: R3 includes 3 3-fixture baths and 3 kitchens. Foundation 2 Bedrooms 5 Heat Src 2 0 Heat Src 1 Roof Cover 2 Roof Type 4 Garbage Disposal 0 Security Vacuum Extra Fix Extra Features: 2 Fix Bath 4 Fix Bath 0 Compactor Intercom Fireplaces 0 7 Fix Bath 0 Dishwasher 0 5 Fix Bath 0 3 Fix Bath 0 Sections Area Sketch ID SOH % Basement % Finished Bsmt % # Stories Year Built Number Exterior Wall Type Type 0.00 1.194 000 100.00 0.00 1988 12:ABOVE AVERAGE WOOD 0.00 009 100.00 1988 N 0.00 1 10 12:ABOVE AVERAGE WOOD CBF 12:ABOVE AVERAGE WOOD FLA 10 012 100.00 1988 11 **Building Permits** Notes Amount Description Date Completed Number Date Issued ROOF Aug 1 1996 12:00AM 13.927 Residential Apr 1 1996 12:00AM 9601645 WOOD PICKET FENCE

- **Enclosed Finished Cabana**
- R3 = Residential 3 Units
- Permit #02-0924 is a City of Key West **Building Permit for 703 Eaton Street.** The inclusion on this property card is an error.

Site Visit



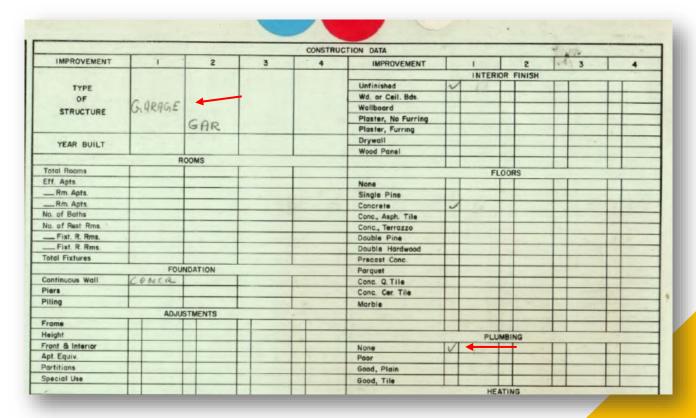






Appellant's Arguments + Addendums

- Asks City to disregard Code
- Internally inconsistent
- Inaccurate claims



Appellant's addendum says the structure has contained a unit since 1948 yet provides documentation that the structure was a garage with no plumbing in the 1970s.

108-991. Development not affected by [BPAS]:

- "Such development shall comply with all applicable sections of the city's land development regulations."
- Must demonstrate that the unit is or has been a legally permissible under the current or any former zoning requirements of the applicable district

122-31. Noncomplying lots or building sites of record:

If two or more adjoining lots or portions of lots in **single ownership on January 1, 1994**, do not meet the requirements for building site area, the land involved shall be considered to be an **undivided parcel**, and no portion shall be used or **sold** that does not meet building site area requirements, **nor shall any division of the parcel be made that leaves remaining any lot with substandard area...**

Section 122-1079. Lots of record less than a minimum size.

Any legally platted lot of record, which conformed with the regulations and procedures governing subdivision of lots [in July 1997] which contains less lot area or width than required... may be used for a use permitted in such district... However, if the substandard lot adjoins other land under the same ownership which if used could correct the nonconforming lot area or width:

- (1) The substandard lot shall **not be permitted a vested development right** unless the nonconformity is remedied; and
- (2) Any subsequent sale or ownership transfer of the substandard lot, adjoining lot, or portion thereof shall not result in a vested development right in the subject substandard lot unless the transaction corrects deficiencies in the substandard lot.

Summary of Evidence



Photos show structure existed



FKAA meter was for 723 Eaton St



KEYS records are for 723 Eaton Street



Phone directory entry was deemed insufficient, a determination which was further supported by appellant's letter on 9/9/23



Building permits don't show evidence of a dwelling unit



2009 Property Record card lists R3 for 3-unit residential, describes the subject structure as a Cabana



Other documentation provided wasn't relevant to 2010 date

Planning Department Findings

The evidence of record does not support the existence of a dwelling unit in the subject structure on or around April 1, 2010.

Therefore, the request for the City to recognize one market-rate dwelling unit at 329 Peacon Lane was denied.

Furthermore, the unit does not comply with applicable sections of the Land Development Regulations, as required by Sec. 108-991.