On the 21st day of January, 2020, Gilbert Austin, agent for property owner Juan A Mejias ("Applicant") appeared before the Zoning Hearing Examiner ("ZHE") requesting a permit to allow for a carport extension in the front yard setback ("Application") upon the real property located at 4600 Hilton Ave NE ("Subject Property"). Below are the ZHE’s findings of fact and decision:

**FINDINGS:**

1. Applicant is requesting a permit to allow for a carport extension in the front yard setback.
2. The City of Albuquerque Integrated Development Ordinance Section 14-16-6-6(L)(3)(d) states;
   a. The proposed carport would strengthen or reinforce the architectural character of the surrounding area.
   b. The proposed carport would not be injurious to adjacent properties, the surrounding neighborhood, or the larger community.
   c. The design of the carport complies with the provisions in Subsection 14-16-5-5(F)(2)(a)2 (Carports).
   d. No carport wall is a hazard to traffic visibility, as determined by the Traffic Engineer.
   e. The carport is not taller than the primary building on the lot.
3. The Applicant bears the burden of ensuring there is evidence in the record supporting a finding that the above criteria are met under Section 14-16-6-4(N)(1).
4. All property owners within 100 feet and affected neighborhood association were notified of the application.
5. The subject property is currently zoned R-1C.
6. Based on evidence submitted by Agent, the proposed carport would strengthen or reinforce the architectural character of the surrounding area, because it would be in line with existing architectural elements of the residence.
7. Based on evidence submitted by Agent, the proposed carport would not be injurious to adjacent properties, the surrounding neighborhood, or the larger community. No evidence to the contrary was submitted.
8. Based on evidence submitted by Agent, the design of the carport complies with the provisions in Subsection 14-16-5-5(F)(2)(a)2 (Carports). No evidence to the contrary was submitted.
9. Based on evidence submitted by Agent, no carport wall is a hazard to traffic visibility, as determined by the Traffic Engineer. No evidence to the contrary was submitted. The City Traffic Engineer had no objection to the application.
10. Based on evidence submitted by Agent, the carport is not taller than the primary building on the lot. No evidence to the contrary was submitted.
11. The ZHE finds that the proper “Notice of Hearing” signage was posted for the required time period as required by Section 14-16-6-4(K)(3).
12. The ZHE finds that the Applicant has authority to pursue this Application.

DECISION:

APPROVAL of a permit to allow a carport extension in the front yard setback.

APPEAL:

If you wish to appeal this decision, you must do so by February 20, 2020 pursuant to Section 14-16-6-4(U), of the Integrated Development Ordinance, you must demonstrate that you have legal standing to file an appeal as defined.

Successful applicants are reminded that other regulations of the City must be complied with, even after approval of a special exception is secured. This decision does not constitute approval of plans for a building permit. If your application is approved, bring this decision with you when you apply for any related building permit or occupation tax number. Approval of a conditional use or a variance application is void after one year from date of approval if the rights and privileges are granted, thereby have not been executed, or utilized.

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