

MINUTES

HOUMA-TERREBONNE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (HTRPC)

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2011

- A. The Chairman, Mr. Daniel Babin, called to order the regular meeting of February 17, 2011 of the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission (HTRPC) at 6:58 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Dr. L.A. "Budd" Cloutier and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Beryl Amedée.
- B. Upon Roll Call, present were: Mrs. Beryl Amedée, Mr. Daniel Babin, Chairman; Dr. L. Arnold "Budd" Cloutier, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Richard Elfert; Mr. James Erny; Mr. Keith Kurtz, Mr. Alex Ostheimer; and Mrs. Marsha Williams, Secretary/Treasurer. Absent at the time of Roll Call was: Mr. John Navy. Also present was Jennifer Robinson, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Zoning and Laddie Freeman, Legal Advisor.
- C. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:
1. Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mrs. Williams: "THAT the HTRPC accept the minutes, as written, for the Regional Planning Commission for the regular meeting of January 27, 2011."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Dr. Cloutier. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Mrs. Amedée, Dr. Cloutier, Mr. Elfert, Mr. Erny, Mr. Kurtz, Mr. Ostheimer, and Mrs. Williams; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mr. Navy. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.
 2. Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mr. Erny: "THAT the HTRPC accept the minutes, as written, for the Zoning & Land Use Commission for the regular meeting of January 27, 2011."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Dr. Cloutier. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Mrs. Amedée, Dr. Cloutier, Mr. Elfert, Mr. Erny, Mr. Kurtz, Mr. Ostheimer, and Mrs. Williams; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mr. Navy. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.
- D. Mrs. Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Cloutier: "THAT the HTRPC emit payment for the February 17, 2011 and approve the Treasurer's Report of January 2011."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mrs. Williams. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Mrs. Amedée, Dr. Cloutier, Mr. Elfert, Mr. Erny, Mr. Kurtz, Mr. Ostheimer, and Mrs. Williams; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mr. Navy. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.
- E. COMMUNICATIONS:
1. Mrs. Robinson read a letter from Turner Surveys, LLC, dated February 17, 2011, requesting to withdraw Item F1, Tracts 6A & 6B, A Redivision of Tracts 1-4 & 6 belonging to MobileTel (Verizon), as per the Developer's request and that they would resubmit once all matters are resolved with the Board of Health [See ATTACHMENT A].
 - a) Mr. Ostheimer moved, seconded by Dr. Cloutier: "THAT the HTRPC withdraw the application for Process D, Minor Subdivision for Tracts 6A & 6B, A Redivision of Tracts 1-4 & 6 belonging to MobileTel (Verizon) as per the request of the Developer [See ATTACHMENT A]."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. Ostheimer. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Mrs. Amedée, Dr. Cloutier, Mr. Elfert, Mr. Erny, Mr. Kurtz, Mr. Ostheimer, and Mrs. Williams; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mr. Navy. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.
 - b) The Chairman expressed concern for the neighbors continuing to come to the meetings unaware of the matter being tabled.
- F. OLD BUSINESS:
1. Withdrawn [See ATTACHMENT A]. *Tracts 6A & 6B, A Redivision of Tracts 1-4 & 6 belonging to MobileTel (Verizon)*
- G. STAFF REPORT: None.
- H. Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mrs. Williams: "THAT the HTRPC acknowledge for the record the following Administrative Approvals 1-4."

1. Revised Parcel F and Revised Lot 22R of Norby Estates Subdivision belonging to Leonard C. Chabert, Section 18, T18S-R18E and Section 48, T18S-R19E, Terrebonne Parish, LA
2. Redivision of Tracts "A" & "B" belonging to Jerry Cobb, Sections 59, 60, 61, & 72, T16S-R14E, Terrebonne Parish, LA
3. Redivision of Lot 2, Block 3 of Addendum No. 6 to Parick LeBlanc Subdivision, Sections 71 & 72, T15S-R16E, Terrebonne Parish, LA
4. Revised Tracts 1 & 2, Property belonging to Annie 1, LLC, Section 81, T15S-R16E, Terrebonne Parish, LA

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I. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Subdivision Regulations Review Committee: None.
 - a) Mr. Ostheimer stated they were waiting for the approval of the Master Plan update before considering any more revisions to the Subdivision Regulations.
2. Comprehensive Master Plan Update:
 - a) Mrs. Robinson stated they were under the contract negotiation stage with Providence Engineering and their partners.
 - b) Dr. Cloutier encouraged inclusion of the new drainage plans into the update of the plan.

J. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

1. Planning Commissioners' Comments:
 - a) Mr. Ostheimer discussed inspections done by the fire district in his business area that state you could be subject to a fine or jail time. He thought these matters were the State Fire Marshal's responsibility and believed it was a duplication of efforts and use of taxpayer money to do so that could go to drainage or schools. After research, the culprit is the Fire Rating Board at the state level that mandates a reduction of insurance in an area based on fire department size with an inspection department that inspects businesses every year.
2. Chairman's Comments:
 - a) The Chairman stated there was a lot of duplication of efforts and encouraged going to the legislation to address if they feel strongly about a certain issue.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. The Chairman recognized Mr. Ken Pitre, Schriever Fire Department, who clarified Mr. Ostheimer's concern. He stated the State Fire Marshal's office is responsible for inspections of the construction of buildings to meet life safety codes. He stated the Bayou Cane Fire Department's job is to ensure the businesses maintain the life safety code and therefore not a duplication of efforts. He stated for fire district areas with no inspection bureaus, the fire marshal never comes back and inspect those businesses to ensure businesses are maintaining the life safety code.
 - a) Mr. Ostheimer stated if he had an opportunity to vote to reduce the millage of the fire protection district, he would and allocate those funds to drainage or to the schools.
 - b) Mr. Pitre stated the only fire districts in the Parish with inspection capabilities are the Bayou Cane Fire Department and the City of Houma.
 - c) Discussion ensued with regard to fire districts, inspections, etc.

- L. Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mr. Erny: "THAT there being no further business to come before the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission, the meeting be adjourned at 7:09 p.m."

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Dr. Cloutier. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Mrs. Amedée, Dr. Cloutier, Mr. Elfert, Mr. Erny, Mr. Kurtz, Mr. Ostheimer, and Mrs. Williams; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mr. Navy. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

*Becky M. Becnel, Minute Clerk
Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission*

TURNER SURVEYS, LLC

Professional Land Surveyors

February 17, 2011

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Re: Process D, Minor Subdivision
Tracts 6A & 6B, A Redivision of Tracts 1-4 & 6
belonging to MobileTel (Verizon)
Section 101, T17S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA

Dear Ms. Becnel,

I request on the behalf of Verizon Wireless that the application for the above referenced Minor Subdivision be withdrawn at this time.

When the sewage issues for the house at 1208 1/2 Baratavia Ave. are resolved the application will be resubmitted.

Thank you, for all your help in this matter.

Respectfully,



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