

MINUTES
HOUMA-TERREBONNE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (HTRPC)
ZONING & LAND USE COMMISSION
MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2010

- A. The Chairman called the meeting of August 19, 2010 of the HTRPC, convening as the Zoning and Land Use Commission, to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Dr. L.A. “Budd” Cloutier, Jr. and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Marsha Williams.
- B. Upon Roll Call, present were: Mrs. Beryl Amedée; Mr. Daniel Babin, Chairman; Dr. L.A. “Budd” Cloutier, Jr., 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 were Patrick Gordon, Director, Department of Planning & Zoning and Laddie Freeman, Legal Advisor.
- C. Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mrs. Williams: “THAT the HTRPC, convening as the Zoning & Land Use Commission, accept the minutes, as written, for the Zoning and Land Use Commission for the regular meeting of July 15, 2010.”

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. COMMUNICATIONS: None.

Mr. John Navy arrived at the meeting at this time – 6:04 p.m.

- E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Preliminary Hearings:

- a) Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mrs. Amedée: “THAT the HTRPC, convening as the Zoning and Land Use Commission, call a Public Hearing to rezone from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) to R-2 (Two-Family Residential District) Lot 1, Block 18, Crescent Park Addition to the City of Houma, 302 Crescent Boulevard; Pete G. Konos, applicant, for September 16, 2010 at 6:00 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. Navy, Mr. Ostheimer, and Mrs. Williams; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: None. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

- b) Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mrs. Amedée: “THAT the HTRPC, convening as the Zoning and Land Use Commission, call a Public Hearing to rezone from R-1 (Single-Family Residential District) and O-L (Open Land) to O-L (Open Land) and C-2 (General Commercial District) a portion of Tract A and Tract B; Barker Holding Company, LLC, applicant, for September 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.”

- (1) Mr. Ostheimer requested that the plat be revised to depict the proposed extension of Westside Boulevard right-of-way by the Public Hearing.

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. Navy, Mr. Ostheimer, and Mrs. Williams; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: None. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

- F. STAFF REPORT:

1. The Chairman called to order the discussion and possible action with regard to changes proposed by the Houma Board of Adjustments to the Major Corridor Overlay District sign regulations with relation to pole signs.
- a) Mr. Gordon discussed the request and stated the Board of Adjustments has been faced with several variances from sign regulations along the Martin Luther King Boulevard corridor. He stated the Board of Adjustments prefers monumental signs rather than pole signs and would like the regulations to state the same and remove pole signs out of the regulations. Mr. Gordon recommended this as well.

- b) Discussion was held with regard to a 10-year limitation on existing pole signs as written in the regulations.
- c) The Chairman recognized David Blum, Board of Adjustments member, 607 Columbus Street, who stated he helped with the wording and revisions with regard to the signage changes to the overlay district and wanted to ensure the commissioners had the latest revision to the proposed changes.
- d) Discussion was held with regard to the Zoning and Land Use Commission considering these proposed changes and sending off to the Council if they agree with the proposed changes.
- e) Mr. Ostheimer discussed his disagreement in prohibiting pole signs, their inexpensiveness, having to take them down after 10 years, and it being unnecessary.
- f) Dr. Cloutier discussed making the area more progressive and similar to other communities but disagreed with having to take down the signs after 10 years and should only require if a natural disaster or if the business owner wishes to upgrade that they require monumental signs.
- g) Mr. Ostheimer moved, seconded by Mr. Erny: "THAT the HTRPC, convening as the Zoning & Land Use Commission, indefinitely table the discussion and possible action with regard to changes proposed by the Houma Board of Adjustments to the Major Corridor Overlay District sign regulations with relation to pole signs."
- h) Dr. Cloutier offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Elfert: "THAT the HTRPC, convening as the Zoning and Land Use Commission, table the discussion and possible action with regard to changes proposed by the Houma Board of Adjustments to the Major Corridor Overlay District sign regulations with relation to pole signs until the next regular meeting of September 16, 2010 in order to have a chance to look at it and possibly remove the requirement of 10 years forcing everyone to take their pole signs down."

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

G. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

- 1. Planning Commissioners' Comments: None.
- 2. Chairman's Comments: None.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1. Mr. Gordon used this time to inform the Commission that Jennifer was at a Smart Growth Summit put on by the Center for Planning Excellence in Baton Rouge and stated it was one that the Commissioners needed to attend next year.

- I. Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mrs. Amedée and Mr. Erny: "THAT there being no further business to come before the HTRPC, convening as the Zoning and Land Use Commission, the meeting be adjourned at 6:23 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. Navy, Mr. Ostheimer, and Mrs. Williams; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: None. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

Daniel J. Babin, Chairman
Zoning & Land Use Commission

Becky M. Becnel, Minute Clerk
Zoning & Land Use Commission

CERTIFICATION

**CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ZONING AND LAND USE COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2010.**

**PATRICK GORDON, DIRECTOR
PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**