

**HOUMA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
**Official Proceedings**  
of  
**January 26, 2021**

**Houma Civic Center**

The Chairman, David Tauzin, called the January 26, 2021 meeting of the Houma Board of Adjustments to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Matthew Chatagnier
2. Upon Roll Call, those members present were, Mr. Matthew Chatagnier, Mr. David Tauzin and Mr. Joe Harris. Also present was Mr. Christopher Pulaski, TPCG Planning Director. Absent were Mr. Pete Konos, Mrs. Natalie Lirette and Mr. Willie Newton.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE
4. Approval of Minutes of December 21, 2020:  
**MOTION** was made by Mr. Joe Harris; **SECONDED** by Mr. Matthew Chatagnier, to **APPROVE** the minutes of the December 21, 2020 meeting.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**YEAS: Tauzin, Chatagnier, Harris**  
**NAYS: NONE**  
**ABSTAINED: None**  
**NOT VOTING: None**

5. Old Business: NONE
6. New Business:

a. Structure Variance: Structure height variance to allow for the accessory dwelling unit and shed to be 4' above the height of the existing residence, located at 203 Harding Drive.

Chair recognized Mrs. Shelly Cranford who stated that they want to build a shed in their back yard and were told that they need a variance to build it to specifications regarding height.

Chair recognized Mr. Chris Pulaski who stated that the applicant is requesting a structure height variance to allow for the accessory structure consisting of an accessory dwelling unit and shed to be 4' above the height of the existing residence in an R-1 zoned district. Article IV; Sect. 28-73(d) of the Parish Zoning Code states that no accessory structure shall exceed the height of the main structure. The existing home is older and is a single story with a low roof line. Additionally, since this area was not zoned until 2007, there are a number of properties in this district which have accessory structures that are taller than the main structure, therefore, the exception would not seem to alter the essential character of the district.

A site visit was performed and all property owners adjacent to and within a 250' radius of the subject property have been notified. Staff received no calls regarding the request. Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the request.

Matthew Chatagnier made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE**, seconded by Mr. Joe Harris.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**YEAS: Tauzin, Chatagnier, Harris.**  
**NAYS: NONE**  
**ABSTAINED: None**  
**NOT VOTING: None**