

MINUTES

HOUMA-TERREBONNE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (HTRPC)

MEETING OF MAY 21, 2009

- A. The Chairman, Daniel Babin, called to order the regular meeting of May 21, 2009 of the Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission (HTRPC) at 7:59 p.m. in the Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room with the Invocation led by Dr. Budd Cloutier and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Keith Kurtz.
- B. Upon Roll Call, present were: Beryl Amedée; Daniel Babin, Chairman; L. Arnold "Budd" Cloutier, Vice-Chairman; Richard Elfert; James Erny; Keith Kurtz; John Navy; and Alex Ostheimer. Absent at the time of Roll Call were: Marsha Williams, Secretary/Treasurer. Also present were Pat Gordon, Director, and Jennifer Robinson, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Zoning and Laddie Freeman, Legal Advisor.
- C. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:
1. Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mr. Erny and Mrs. Amedée: "THAT the HTRPC accept the minutes, as written, for the Regional Planning Commission for the regular meeting of April 23, 2009."

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, and Mr. Ostheimer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mrs. Williams. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.
 2. Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mrs. Amedée: "THAT the HTRPC accept the minutes, as written, for the Zoning & Land Use Commission for the regular meeting of April 23, 2009."

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, and Mr. Ostheimer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mrs. Williams. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.
- D. Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mrs. Amedée: "THAT the HTRPC emit payment for the May 21, 2009 invoices and approve the Treasurer's Report of April 2009."

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, and Mr. Ostheimer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mrs. Williams. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.
- E. COMMUNICATIONS: None.
- F. OLD BUSINESS:
1. The Chairman stated the next item on the agenda under old business was an application by Cypress Gardens Development, L.L.C. requesting conceptual and preliminary approval for Process C, Major Subdivision for Palm Gardens Subdivision (Phase A).
 - a) Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mr. Erny: "THAT the HTRPC remove Item F1 from the table to be considered at this time."

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, and Mr. Ostheimer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mrs. Williams. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.
 - b) Mr. David Waitz, David A. Waitz Engineering and Surveying, Inc., discussed the location and division of property.
 - c) Mr. Gordon discussed the Staff Report and stated photos were received indicating the style of homes proposed and stated the subdivision name was changed due to duplication. He stated Staff recommended conditional approval provided upon the submittal of utility letters.
 - d) Mr. Erny moved, seconded by Mr. Ostheimer: "THAT the HTRPC grant conceptual and preliminary approval of the application for Process C, Major Subdivision for Palm Gardens Subdivision (Phase A) conditioned upon the submittal of all utility letters."

- e) Discussion was held with regard to architectural controls for PUDs, site plans depicted on plats for PUDs, and the regulations as it pertains to PUDs.
 - f) The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. Erny. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Mrs. Amedée, Mr. Elfert, Mr. Erny, Mr. Kurtz, Mr. Navy, and Mr. Ostheimer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Dr. Cloutier; ABSENT: Mrs. Williams. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.
2. The Chairman stated the next item on the agenda under old business was an application by Kevin & Jenny Do requesting approval for Process B, Mobile Home Park for Four Seasons Mobile Home Park.
- a) Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mrs. Amedée: “THAT the HTRPC remove Item F2 from the table to be considered at this time.”

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, and Mr. Ostheimer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mrs. Williams. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.
 - b) Mr. Galen Bollinger, Charles L. McDonald Land Surveyors, Inc., discussed the location and division of property. He stated he revised the plat to allow for emergency vehicles and requested a variance of 5’ from the setback requirements and suggested a note on the plat stating any replacement of mobile homes comply with the setback requirement.
 - c) Mr. Gordon discussed the Staff Report and stated Staff recommended approval with the note on the plat and the variance was up to the Commission.
 - d) Discussion was held with regard to a designated place for garbage
 - e) The Chairman allowed Mr. Harold Monnier, 164 Oscar Court, to speak; whereas, he expressed opposition due to crowdedness and requested fencing.
 - f) Discussion ensued with regard to allowing the variance to be considered regardless of it being depicted on the agenda.
 - g) Mr. Freeman clarified that if no motion was made and no action taken, the mobile home park would be approved.
 - h) Mr. Ostheimer moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz: “THAT the HTRPC deny the application for Process B, Mobile Home Park for Four Seasons Mobile Home Park based on it not conforming to the regulations.”

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

G. APPLICATIONS:

- 1. The Chairman called to order the Public Hearing for an application by Charles W. Carter requesting approval for Process D, Minor Subdivision for the Division of Tract 43, Lot C of Greenwood-Oak Forest Plantation Estate into Tract 43, Loc C-1 and Lot C-2.
 - a) Mr. Brian Brunet, Leonard Chauvin P.E., P.L.S., Inc., discussed the location and division of property.
 - b) The Chairman recognized Ms. Tonya Givens, 5058 North Bayou Black Drive, who expressed opposition to the division of property due to parking for the proposed church and no fire hydrant present.
 - c) Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mrs. Amedée: “THAT the Public Hearing be closed.”

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, and Mr. Ostheimer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mrs. Williams. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

- d) Mr. Gordon stated the development was located outside of the zoning district and a fire hydrant was present. He discussed the Staff Report and stated Staff recommended conditional approval provided upon an approval letter from the Board of Health.
- e) Discussion was held with regard to the length of the roadway.
- f) Mr. Elfert moved, seconded by Dr. Cloutier: "THAT the HTRPC grant approval to the application for Process D, Minor Subdivision for the Division of Tract 43, Lot C of Greenwood-Oak Forest Plantation Estate into Tract 43, Loc C-1 and Lot C-2 conditioned upon an approval letter from the Board of Health."
- g) Discussion was held with regard to looking into the zoning issues in the Gibson area and possible land use regulations.

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

2. The Chairman called to order the Public Hearing for an application by Terrebonne Parish Fire Protection District #10 requesting approval for Process D, Minor Subdivision for the Survey of Tract A being a Division of the Property belonging to Mary Frederick, et al.

- a) Mr. Terral Martin, GSE Associates, Inc., discussed the location and division of property. He stated the Board of Health requested the development be held in abeyance until the existing house is demolished.
- b) No one was present from the public to speak.
- c) Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mr. Erny: "THAT the Public Hearing be closed."

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, and Mr. Ostheimer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mrs. Williams. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

- d) Mr. Gordon discussed the Staff Report and stated Staff recommended approval with no conditions.
- e) Discussion was held with regard to the creation of two (2) lots and requiring a servitude for drainage.
- f) Mr. Ostheimer moved, seconded by Mrs. Amedée and Mr. Erny: "THAT the HTRPC grant approval to the application for Process D, Minor Subdivision for Survey of Tract A being a Division of the Property belonging to Mary Frederick, et al conditioned plat be noted and corrected to show two (2) lots and that a servitude in favor of revised Tract A be shown over the adjoining property so that the runoff can get to a public ditch with no harassment."

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

3. The Chairman called to order the Public Hearing for an application by Remwood Park, L.L.C. requesting approval for Process B, Mobile Home Park for Remwood Mobile Home Park, Addendum No. 1.

- a) Mr. Ken Rembert, Keneth L. Rembert Land Surveyors, discussed the location and division of property.
- b) No one was present from the public to speak.
- c) Mrs. Amedée moved, seconded by Dr. Cloutier: "THAT the Public Hearing be closed."

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

- d) Mr. Gordon discussed the Staff Report and stated Staff recommended conditional approval provided he depict the trailers that would be allowed on each lot with setbacks and parking and he depict elevations on each of the lots that are in a flood zone.
- e) Mr. Ostheimer moved, seconded by Mr. Erny: “THAT the HTRPC grant approval to the application for Process B, Mobile Home Park for Remwood Mobile Home Park, Addendum No. 1 per Staff’s recommendations; conditional approval provided he depict the trailers that would be allowed on each lot with setbacks and parking and he depict elevations on each of the lots that are in a flood zone.”

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

- 4. The Chairman called to order the Public Hearing for an application by Olympian Machine, L.L.C. requesting approval for Process D, Minor Subdivision for the Survey of Tracts 3-A & 3-B, A Redivision of Revised Tract 3 belonging to Olympian Machine, L.L.C.

- a) Mr. Ken Rembert, Keneth L. Rembert Land Surveyors, discussed the location and division of property.
- b) No one was present from the public to speak.
- c) Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mrs. Amedée: “THAT the Public Hearing be closed.”

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, and Mr. Ostheimer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mrs. Williams. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

- d) Mr. Gordon discussed the Staff Report and stated Staff recommended approval.
- e) Discussion was held with regard to Tract 3B added to Tract 3-A administratively previously.
- f) Mr. Erny moved, seconded by Dr. Cloutier: “THAT the HTRPC grant approval to the application for Process D, Minor Subdivision for the Survey of Tracts 3-A & 3-B, A Redivision of Revised Tract 3 belonging to Olympian Machine, L.L.C.”

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

H. STAFF REPORT:

- 1. Mr. Gordon stated the status of the Master Plan and goals for the upcoming year for the 2008 Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission Annual Report and would stated more involvement from the Commission would take place next year.
 - a) Mr. Erny moved, seconded by Dr. Cloutier and Mrs. Williams: “THAT the HTRPC approve the 2008 Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission Annual Report and forward to the Parish President and Parish Council.”

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion offered by Mr. Erny. THERE WAS RECORDED: YEAS: Mrs. Amedée, Dr. Cloutier, Mr. Elfert, Mr. Erny, Mr. Kurtz, Mr. Navy, and Mr. Ostheimer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mrs. Williams. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.
 - b) Mr. Gordon read a letter from the Parish Council indicating that the Council overrode the Planning Commission’s decision to deny the conceptual and preliminary for Hollygrove and Concord Business Park [See ATTACHMENT A].
 - c) Mr. Gordon read a letter from Judy Quinilty to Senator David Vitter regarding Hollygrove and Concord Business Park concerning the proposed slip [See ATTACHMENT B].

- I. Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mr. Erny: “THAT the HTRPC acknowledge for the record the following Administrative Approvals 1-11.”
1. Survey of Revised Lots 6 & 7, Block 1, Eustice Pitre Subdivision and Tract A-B-C-D-E'-F'-A, Property of Ronnie J. Pitre, et al, Sections 87 & 88, T16S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA
 2. Survey of Revised Tracts "B" and 2, Property belonging to Jules Cenac, et ux, Section 63, T16S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana
 3. Plat showing Tract "D" belonging to Walter Land Company, Sections 5, 17, 18, 19, & 20, T17S-R18E, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana
 4. Survey of Revised Lots 6, 7, & 11 of Bernard Subdivision and Revised Lot 7, Block 1 of Addendum No. 1 - Phase "C" to Enterprise Commercial Place, Section 4, T17S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA
 5. Revised Lots 8 & 12, Addendum No. 1 to North Terrebonne Commercial Park
 6. Parcels 19, 20, 21, 22, & 23, Property of Matherne Realty Partnership, Sections 5, 101, & 102, T17S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA
 7. Tracts 1, 2, & 3, Property of Urbain J. Fournier, Section 26, T17S-R18E, Terrebonne Parish, LA
 8. Survey of Revised Lots 13 thru 16, Block 1 of Addendum No. 2, Terra Cane Heights Subdivision, Section 104, T17S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA
 9. Survey of Revised Lots "B" & "C" in Block 5 of Barrow Subdivision, Section 105, T17S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA
 10. Map showing Revised Tracts A & B of the Redivision of Property belonging to Acme Refrigeration Supplies, LLC, Section 101, T17S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA
 11. Map showing the Redivision of Tract No. 4 of the Partition of Property belonging to Alcee A. Allemand, Section 7, T16S-R17E, Terrebonne Parish, LA

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

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. The Chairman called to order the Public Hearing for the Subdivision Regulations Review concerning lot development on right-of-ways, altering drainage plan after development is completed, lapse between conceptual/preliminary approvals and engineering approval, and access to major subdivisions.
 - a) The Chairman recognized Mr. S.P. LaRussa, 120 Progressive Blvd., who stated he was representing the majority of developers in Terrebonne Parish. He stated he objected to the item regarding access to major subdivisions with a certain number of lots and it being an added expense to developers. He also requested public hearings be held for all future recommendations in the future.
 - b) Mr. Gordon stated that this was only the beginning of the subdivision regulations review process and more public hearings would be held at the Council level.
 - c) Discussion was held with regard to subdivisions with boulevards and costs to developers and other issues of the same.
 - d) Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mrs. Amedée: “THAT the Public Hearing be closed.”

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, and Mr. Ostheimer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mrs. Williams. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.
 - e) Dr. Cloutier moved, seconded by Mr. Ostheimer: “THAT the HTRPC accept all four (4) items of the HTRPC Subdivision Regulations Review Committee; lot development on right-of-ways, altering drainage plan after development is completed, lapse between conceptual/preliminary approvals and engineering approval, and access to major subdivisions; and forward to the Terrebonne Parish Council and table the public hearing on Planned Building Group Approvals until the next regular meeting of June 18, 2009.”
 - f) Mr. Erny requested a presentation on Planned Building Groups at the next meeting with regard to different types and what is actually being considered.

- g) Mrs. Robinson stated the next meeting of the HTRPC Subdivision Regulation Review Committee was on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, two (2) days prior to the regular meeting. She stated they may not have any new information prepared for the meeting but would present at the July meeting.

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

- 2. Mr. Gordon stated Mr. Black is still working on the preliminaries for the Comprehensive Master Plan Update and should be at the next meeting or in July.

- a) Mrs. Robinson also mentioned the citizen survey that Providence developed will be placed on the website in the near future. She also stated an invoice submitted by Providence needs to be reviewed and/or approved for payment.

- b) Mr. Erny moved, seconded by Mrs. Amedée: “THAT the HTRPC authorize payment of Invoice No. 0013317 by Providence Engineering and Environmental Group, LLC. in the amount of \$2,389.50.”

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

K. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

- 1. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS: None.

- 2. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS:

- a) Mr. Elfert discussed a meeting with a group of developers and engineering firms that would help with development in the parish. He discussed concerns of the engineering approval process and ongoing discussions/meeting.

- (1) Mr. Gordon stated Mr. Bush was presently working on researching other parish’s procedures and would keep the Commission informed.

- b) Mr. Ostheimer discussed lengthy meetings and applications at the end of the agenda not getting the same treatment as ones at the beginning.

- (1) The Chairman disagreed with Mr. Ostheimer’s viewpoint and felt all applicants were treated the same.

- (2) Mr. Erny suggested special meetings be held for any controversial items.

- (3) Discussion ensued with regard to there not being many meetings in the past that have lasted approximately 5½ hours.

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

- M. 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 8:13 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, and Mr. Ostheimer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Mr. Babin; ABSENT: Mrs. Williams. THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED.

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

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May 14, 2009

Mr. Danny Babin, Chairman
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RE: Hollygrove Subdivision
Concord Business Park Subdivision

Dear Mr. Babin:

As you know, the Terrebonne Parish Council conducted appeal hearings on the Planning Commission's actions to deny the conceptual and preliminary phases of the above referenced two developments. Although you were present at this meeting, I've attached certified copies of the two motions adopted by the Council, which over rode the Planning Commission's decision.

I believe the motions are self-explanatory, but please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Council's decision.

Sincerely,



PAUL A. LABAT

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Attachment

cc: Mr. Patrick Gordon (with attachment)
Mr. Laddie Freeman (with attachment)
Mrs. Becky Becnel (with attachment)
Mr. David Waitz (with attachment)

May 20, 2009

Dear Senator Vitter:

As another hurricane season approaches you are well aware of the problems in Terrebonne Parish with coastal erosion and hurricane protection. We are always pleading for state and federal dollars for these needs. The Terrebonne Parish Council (7 - 2 vote) has just approved a deliberate removal of what is the equivalent of 10 football fields of land. They approved development plans that would include a 100 foot canal coming off the Intracoastal Canal adjoining a 150 foot canal. The development will abut existing subdivisions. The 2 canals join to make a right angle 400 feet from Mulberry Elementary School (800 plus students). This intrusion into our land is in close proximity to the intersection of the Intracoastal Canal and the Houma Navigational Canal (our MRGO). This seems counterproductive to your efforts to keep us safe, and those of Senator Landrieu and our other elected officials.

I am aware of your reluctance to intervene in a local issue. I am afraid the credibility of Terrebonne Parish is a stake when our parish council allows this deliberate loss of land. We then turn around and expect you and our other representatives to ask for Federal and State money to stop coastal erosion and flooding in our parish. It seems to me this council decision would undermine these efforts. We would appreciate any help you could give us in getting the council to reverse this decision and save our land.

Thank you very much.



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