

HOUMA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Official Proceedings
of
May 18, 2015
Government Tower
2nd Floor, Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room

1. Chairman, Ms. Katie Sims, called the May 18, 2015 meeting of the Houma Board of Adjustments to order at 2:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mr. David Tauzin.
2. Upon Roll Call, those members present were Mr. Willie Newton, Ms. Katie Simms, Ms. Trudy Hebert, Mr. Joe Harris, Mr. Pete Konos and Mr. David Tauzin. Also present were Mr. Christopher Pulaski, Senior Planner and Zoning Administrator for Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and Mr. Patrick Gordon, Director, TPCG Planning and Zoning Department.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE
4. MINUTES: of April 20, 2015 Board of Adjustment meeting.
Two corrections were stated by Ms. Katie Sims. 1) The correct spelling of her name is Sims vs. Simms, and 2) Councilwoman's name should read as Mrs. Christa Duplantis Prather vs. Christa Duplantis.
It was moved by Mr. Pete Konos and seconded by Mr. Willie Newton that the minutes of the April 20, 2015 meeting be approved with notice to these corrections.
THERE BEING NO OPPOSITION, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Structure Variance: Request for addition of a balcony to an existing building located at 622 Barrow Street; Jacob Aucoin, applicant.

Chairman recognized Mr. Jacob Aucoin, 622 Barrow Street, who stated that he is requesting this variance for placement of a second story balcony to be added to his business. Mr. Aucoin stated that since his application he is also adding an enhancement which will be a new sidewalk to accommodate the weight of the balcony.

Chair recognized Mr. Christopher Pulaski who stated that the applicant is requesting a structure variance to allow for placement of a second story balcony with support posts over an existing public sidewalk at the corner of Barrow and High Street.

In February 2015, the applicant applied for and received a permit to renovate the former Lee's Education Supply building from a retail use to a restaurant. Since that time, the applicant has decided to place a balcony off of the 2nd floor over a portion of the sidewalk along Barrow which will also turn the corner and run along High Street. The applicant has prepared the required construction drawings for the building, plan review and is in the process of obtaining the necessary approvals from the Downtown Development Commission, TPCG Public Works and the LA DOTD. The width of the balcony and angled corner as well as the placement of the posts is similar to the structures with balconies along Barrow and Main (Fakier in 2000, The Balcony Club in 2003, JuJu's in 2009, and HTV10 in 2012). 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 one call for more information regarding the request.

Staff recommends APPROVAL of the request.

After a brief discussion, Chairman asked for a MOTION to APPROVE. Motion to APPROVE was made by Mr. Joe Harris and seconded by Mrs. Trudy Hebert

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Newton, Hebert, Harris, Konos

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

NOT VOTING: Sims, Chair

ABSENT: NONE

Chairman declared the request APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Structure Variance: building site variance from required 1 acre to 16,2000 sq ft. for new church construction at 223 and 225 Stovall Street; PTR Ministries, applicant.

Since there was no one in the audience representing this variance a motion was made by Mr. Joe Harris to TABLE, seconded by Mrs. Trudy Hebert. There being no opposition, the MOTION to TABLE was APPROVED unanimously.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next scheduled Board of Adjustments meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2015.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

8. Ms. Katie Simms stated "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Houma Board of Adjustments, the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m." NO OPPOSITION, MOTION CARRIED, CHAIRMAN DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED.



Mrs. Trudy Hebert, Secretary