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TERREBONNE PARISH  
 CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

June 24, 2009  
 1<sup>st</sup> Review

**TO:** Pat Gordon

**FROM:** Gregory E. Bush, LTC, USA, Retired  
 Director of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Palm Gardens Subdivision Ph A;  
 Review of Engineering Approval

The Engineering Division of the Terrebonne Parish Department of Public Works has reviewed the plans, specifications and calculations for the above referenced subdivision. The revised plans, specifications and calculations fail to comply with Parish Ordinances and Subdivision Regulations in the following areas:

1. 24.5.3.3 No Specifications were received for this subdivision.
2. 24.7.6.2.2.i A cross section of the outfall ditch leading to the pond from the subdivision should be provided to ensure 40 foot drainage servitude is of adequate size.
3. 24.7.6.2.6 Does not conform to SDDM:
  - a. IV.A. Discharge should be limited to 10 year, 24 hour pre-development rate of runoff. No calculations were given on culverts draining the pond.
  - b. IV.F. Land Use was not shown on plans.
  - c. IV.G. No information given on Datum used.
  - d. V.A.4. Should show that the onsite elevation was determined from routing flows from the downstream tailwater elevation.
  - e. V.A.5. The typical roadway section should show 2 foot ditch bottom.
  - f. V.A.5.,24.7.5.4.1 Gas main with an inside diameter of 2 inches and depth of three feet should be shown on typical roadway section.
  - g. V.A.6. A portion of the roadside ditch connecting to the outfall ditch at the turning tee is not in a drainage servitude.
  - h. V.A.8. Cross sections at maximum 100 foot intervals must be given showing the following:
    1. Roadway
    2. Ditch
    3. Lot grades
  - i. V.C.2. Drain pipe leaving the pond should have minimum 70 year service life.
  - j. V.C.8. All drainpipes under roadway must be joined in conformance with LaDOTD Type 3 joints.
  - k. V.C.11. The ditch centerline can not be less than 12 feet from the edge of the roadway. The centerline of the ditch on Lots 1-3 are 10.5-11.5 feet from the edge of the road.

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1. V.C.14. Calculations must be submitted for the two outfall open channel ditches.
- m. V.C.15. The cross section of the roadside ditch on the drainage plan should show a 2 foot ditch bottom.
- n. VI.A.3. The pond should be designated as Raw Land.
- o. VI.A.4. Drainage Plan must show the following:
  1. Profile for pond.
  2. Design Volume of pond.
  3. Maximum Stage Elevation of pond
- p. VI.A.20. The pond must be designed with 1 foot of freeboard above the elevation of the design flood.
- q. VI.A.27. The final plat must have written restriction stating that no structure, fill or obstructions shall be located within any drainage easement or delineated flood plain.
4. 24.5.4.8.2,3. Must submit profile of the outfall ditch that drains the subdivision to the pond.
5. 24.5.4.8. Final Plat must show bearings and distances of all Drainage Right-of-Ways.
6. 24.5.4.6.7 No approval letter from the following:
  - a. Waterworks.
  - b. Gas Utility.
  - c. Electric Utility.
  - d. Department of Health and Hospitals.
  - e. TPCG Pollution Control.
7. 24.7.5.2. No plans were provided for Light Standards.
8. 24.7.6.4 Must show the following for benchmark:
  - a. Elevation
  - b. Datum used
  - c. Description.
9. 22-353(d) Copy of the Notice of Intent (NOI) must be submitted.

This review does not imply that this subdivision submitted complies with all other requirements of the Parish Codes. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

cc: Tom Bourg  
Brandon M. Arceneaux, P.E.  
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July 16, 2009  
 Agenda Item F-4

TO: Pat Gordon

FROM: Gregory E. Bush, LTC, USA, Retired  
 Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Ardoyne Plantation Estates, Add. No. 3;  
 Final Inspection

A final inspection of the above referenced subdivision was held by representatives of the Department of Public Works. The following punch list items remain and need to be addressed:

1. All roadside ditch banks should be re-established.
2. Sediment should be removed from the roadside ditches and near culverts in outfall ditch.
3. Two culverts in roadside ditch along Longdale Drive and Destrahan Drive should be moved so that the flow isn't obstructed by the road crossings.
4. Final Plat should show three point ties of all benchmarks.

Please feel free to contact Joan Schexnayder at 873-6720 if you have any questions or comments.

cc: Planning Commission  
 Arthur A. De Fraitcs, Jr., P.E., P.L.S.  
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July 9, 2009

Mr. Pat Gordon, Director  
Parish Department of Planning and Zoning  
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government

RE: Public Notice Sign

Dear Pat:

As you recall from last night's Council meeting, a speaker claimed that an application before the Planning Commission may not be proper because the developer did not place a sign advising the surrounding property owners of the public hearing. As stated in the attached letter, the speaker was referring to Section 24.5.1, item 7. I assume that this must be from the Planning Commission regulations, as Chapter 24 is currently "reserved" in the Parish Code Book.

Councilman Kevin Voisin asked that the Planning Commission review these claims and report back to the Council at the earliest possible time.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

PAUL A. LABAT

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Attachment

cc: Hon. Kevin Voisin (with attachment)  
Mr. Laddie Freeman (with attachment)



WE HAVE ENOUGH WATER, LLC

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Ms. Arlanda Williams, Chairwoman  
Terrebonne Parish Council  
8026 Main Street, Suite 600  
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Dear Ms. Williams,

I have not only a personal statement, but a statement to make on behalf of WHEW, LLC (We Have Enough Water). Since getting involved in the process of challenging a bad concept of developing the pasture behind Barrios subdivision by cutting extremely large canals into land to bring water closer to established residences, we the people, have felt something wasn't right. The planning commission who by one councilman's declaration knows 50 times more than the council denied the project, only to have people that know 50 times less overturn their decision in fear of a lawsuit. We the people felt the developers were shown favoritism by the Parish Council. After digging further into the process and taking time to educate ourselves, and by no means are we saying we know enough about the situation to declare we are absolutely correct, we are finding further evidence or perception of possible favoritism and bias given to this development and it's developers. We have been in touch with many, many organizations, government officials on many levels, and government departments on many levels. We even took time to read the parish ordinances that you are supposed to enforce or uphold. Section 24.5.1 item 7 of the Municipal Code declares in addition to other requirements "for all subdivisions that will hold a public hearing consisting of six (6) lots or more a 4' X 4' sign shall be erected by the developer at the

location of the proposed subdivision ten (10) days prior to the public hearing” and item 7 goes on to explain what information is required to be placed on the sign. The first hearing that was requested was March the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We can not find anyone in the area that has seen a sign as required by this law 10 days prior to that date or since that date. We would also refer you to a letter written by another developer that was supposed to have been read into record at the planning commission hearing referring to studies he was required to make that have not as of yet to our knowledge been required of this development. We would also ask you to remember the initial denial was made for concern for public safety. There are over six hundred signatures on a petition of people that fear for their safety and the safety of their property, not for fear of a lawsuit. And there is also a decision to deny this project by a commission formed to make those decisions. Besides the question of how many exceptions were made, whether or not they were real or perceived, for this development other new questions arise. Will this development and its developers be remanded to the conceptual phase since these requirements were not met? Will the penalties as provided by this ordinance be applied? Or will this council and administration continue to enable this project with the perception of violations of the law? If this project is remanded to the conceptual preliminary phase as we believe it should be, we have in our possession an independent legal research document that we believe may change the way some of you voted when you overturned the decision of the planning commission. We plan to present this document to the council chair this week, either by mail or through a personal meeting if one can be arranged. Thank you.

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