

## HOUMA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

### Official Proceedings

of

December 17, 2012

### *Government Tower 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room*

1. The Chairman, Ms. Katie Sims, called the December 17, 2012 meeting of the Houma Board of Adjustments to order at 2:11 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mr. John Tipton, Jr.
2. Upon Roll Call, those members present were Ms. Katie Sims, Mr. Joe Harris, Mr. Pete Konos, Mr. John Tipton, Jr., Mr. Willie Newton and alternate member Ms. Trudy Hebert. There were no members absent. Also present was Mr. Patrick Gordon, Planning & Zoning Director and Mr. Christopher Pulaski, Senior Planner for Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
  
The Chairman recognized Mr. Pulaski who commented on the 2013 meeting dates of the Houma Board of Adjustments.
4. AGENDA ITEM 4, APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 19, 2012.

It was moved by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Harris, that the minutes of the November 19, 2012 meeting be approved. THERE BEING NO OPPOSITION, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Structure Variance: side yard setback variance from required 5' to 3'-6" to construct 16'x35' detached garage over existing concrete driveway, property located at 105 Maria Circle (R-1, Single-Family Residential Zoning District), *Mark & Stephanie Corso, applicant.*

The Chairman recognized Mrs. Stephanie Corso of 105 Maria Circle who stated that they wish to construct a detached garage on an existing slab at 105 Maria Circle.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Pulaski who stated that the applicant recently received a permit to construct a driveway and slab to park their boat so the proposed structure would be placed over the existing concrete slab. He stated the applicant indicated that they would be placing gutters and downspouts on the proposed detached garage. He stated that the downspouts would be positioned to direct water to either the rear or front of the property. He stated that a site visit was conducted, adjacent property owners were notified, and no calls were received regarding the request. He stated that Staff recommends approval of the variance request.

Subsequent to discussion among the members of the Board, Mr. Konos moved, seconded by Mr. Harris, "THAT the Houma Board of Adjustments approve the request".

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Newton, Konos, Harris, and Tipton

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

NOT VOTING: Sims

ABSENT: None

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED AND THE APPLICATION APPROVED.

b. Structure Variance: side and rear yard setback variances from required 5' to 1' and 20' to 1' to construct open equipment storage racks with roof along rear and sides of existing commercial structure, property located at 1131 Barrow Street, (C-2, General Commercial Zoning District), *Bluewater Rubber & Gasket Co., Inc. applicant.*

The Chairman recognized Mr. Gene Milford of Milford & Associates at 1538 Polk Street who is represented the applicant.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Pulaski who stated that currently equipment is stacked in piles along the rear and side of the property. He stated that the applicant wishes to construct the racks to allow for more efficient and safer storage of the equipment while keeping it from being directly exposed to the weather. He stated that a site visit was conducted, adjacent property owners were notified, and no calls were received regarding the variance request. He stated that Staff recommends approval of the request.

Subsequent to discussion among the members of the Board, Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Tipton, "THAT the Houma Board of Adjustments approve the request".

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Newton, Harris and Tipton

NAYS: Konos

ABSTAINED: None

NOT VOTING: Sims

ABSENT: None

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION ADOPTED AND THE APPLICATION APPROVED.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012:

a) CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Tipton "THAT Ms. Katie Sims be nominated for Chairman of the Houma Board of Adjustments". THERE BEING NO OPPOSITION, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b) VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Tipton, "THAT Mr. Willie Newton be nominated for Vice Chairman of the Houma Board of Adjustments". THERE BEING NO OPPOSITION, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

c) SECRETARY:

Mr. Tipton moved, seconded by Mr. Konos and Mr. Newton, "THAT Mr. Joe Harris be nominated for Secretary of the Houma Board of Adjustments". THERE BEING NO OPPOSITION, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next scheduled Board of Adjustments meeting will be held on January 14, 2013.

8. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBER COMMENT: None

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

10. Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Newton, "THAT, there being no further business to come before the Houma Board of Adjustments, the meeting be adjourned at 2:32 p.m." NO OPPOSITION, MOTION CARRIED, CHAIRMAN DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED.



Joe Harris, Secretary-Treasurer