

**HOUMA BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Official Proceedings**

August 20, 2018

***Government Tower
2nd Floor, Terrebonne Parish Council Meeting Room***

1. The Chairman, Trudy Hebert, called the August 20, 2018 meeting of the Houma Board of Adjustments to order at 3:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Matt Chatagnier.
2. Upon Roll Call, those members present were Mrs. Trudy Hebert, and Mr. Matt Chatagnier, Mr. Pete Konos, Mr. David Tauzin and Mr. Willie Newton. Also present was Mr. Christopher Pulaski, TPCG Planning Director. Absent was Mr. Joe Harris.
3. Announcements: Mr. Pulaski announced that the building entry badges were available to each member. He also reminded members of the upcoming Planning Commissioner Training on August 25, 2018. He stated that it is mandatory for each board member to receive the training.
4. Approval of Minutes of July 16, 2018:
Motion was made by Mr. Willie Newton, seconded by Mr. Pete Konos that the minutes of July 16, 2018 be APPROVED. THERE BEING NO OPPOSITION, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Structure Variance : Rear yard variance from the required 25’ and 21’ for construction of a patio awning located at 118 Lewald Drive; Rene Clement, applicant.

Chair recognized Mr. Rene Clement who stated that he wishes to install an attached awning over his existing patio at his residence at 118 Lewald Drive.

Chair recognized Mr. Christopher Pulaski who stated that the applicant is requesting a Rear yard setback variance from the required 25’ to 21’ for an attached patio awning in an R-1 zoned district.

Applicant received a Stop Work Order and applied for a permit to construct the awning (2018-83374). It was at this time that he was made aware of the need for a variance.

Staff feels that the exception will not alter the essential character of the district in which it is located as several properties along this area have similar structures. The exception will not substantially or permanently injure the appropriate use of adjacent conforming property. The exception will not adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare 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 one call for more information regarding the request.
Staff recommends APPROVAL of the request.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Mr. Willie Newton seconded by Mr. Pete Konos.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Newton, Konos, Tauzin

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINED: None

NOT VOTING: Hebert, Chatagnier

- b. Structure Variance: Height variance of replacement pole sign to 25’ located at

of the subject property have been notified. Staff received a written statement of approval and support from the neighbor immediately adjacent to this property line and one call requesting more information.

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the request. Under the **CONDITION** that the applicant agrees to incorporate gutters and downspouts into the plans to direct water runoff to the street and away from the adjacent property.

After a brief discussion, a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** was made by Mr. Willie Newton seconded by Mr. Pete Konos.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Newton, Konos, Tauzin

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINED: None

NOT VOTING: Hebert, Chattagnier

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MOTION APPROVED.


6. Next Meeting Date: September 17, 2018

7. Board of Adjustment Member Comment: None

8. Public Comment: NONE

9. There being no further business, Mr. Willie Newton made the **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**, seconded by Mr. David Tauzin.

There being **NO OPPOSITION, MOTION CARRIED; Chairman declared MOTION ADOPTED** and the meeting **ADJOURNED**.



Mr. Willie Newton, Secretary