

# Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission

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**May 11, 2023, THURSDAY**

**3:30 P.M.**

**TPCG Planning & Zoning Conference Room  
7836 Park Avenue, Houma, Louisiana**

### **A • G • E • N • D • A**

1. Review minutes from Meeting of April 13, 2023
2. Old Business
  - a) Discussion of subdivision lot drainage issues (post development)
3. Adjourn

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Minutes of  
April 13, 2023

The meeting started at approximately 3:35 pm in the Terrebonne Parish Planning & Zoning Department's Conference Room at 7836 Park Avenue. In attendance were Ross Burgard, Rachael Ellender, Barry Soudelier, Chris Pulaski, Becky Becnel, and Drake Olivier, Duplantis Design Group, PC.

The minutes from the June 10, 2021 meeting were reviewed.

Discussions resumed about rear lot drainage that was also discussed at previous meetings.

Discussion was held regarding the history of altering drainage post development and problems resulting long after. Potential solutions could be requiring dirt work being done at the building permit stage or requiring permits for bringing in fill.

Mr. Burgard discussed examples of drainage issues with regard to air conditioning pads being allowed within 5' of property lines and not allowing flow of drainage from the rear to front and causing backyard flooding issues.

Mr. Pulaski discussed amounts of tolerance set up in initial drainage calculations and asking if additional fill will be brought in on the permit applications and requesting grading plans for said fill from the applicant, homeowner, or contractor. Letters of no objection for subsurface drainage could also be required.

Discussion was held regarding setting up guidelines and enforcement of those guidelines.

Mr. Olivier discussed a drainage technique used in Rienzi Subdivision, Thibodaux, of an open cement swale at the rear of the properties that catches incidental water flow that drains to the catch basin. Discussion ensued regarding the size of the swale as to accommodate drainage yet not large enough to take up a lot of property or allow for travel of automobiles, ATVs, golf carts, etc. Parameters could be set up as to concrete and slope standards that can withhold as well as maintenance of the concrete such as weeds in cracks, etc. and ensuring residents don't place sheds, junk, etc. on the concrete.

Mr. Pulaski stated he would reach out to Pat Matherne, Lafourche Parish Planning, to see if they have specific regulations or subdivision plans pertaining to this form of possible drainage resolution that was used in Rienzi Subdivision.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 3:30pm at the same location.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.