

**MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CONDUCTED ON  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011 AT 5:30PM IN THE IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
300 IBERIA STREET, NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA 70560**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dana Dugas determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bruce Dupray, Tommy Granger, Lanie Borel, Jane Braud, Ronald Fremin, Dana Dugas , Barbara Laviolette, Perry Judice and David Fangue

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dean Wattigny, Julie Armentor, and John Raines

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tommy Granger made a motion to approve the January 20, 2011 Minutes which was seconded by Ron Fremin; the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Raines requested that the Agenda Sequence be altered to allow Carmen Judice, Office Manager, to address the Planning Commission on proposed administrative changes to the Iberia Parish Building Codes. The Planning Commission agreed.

**TEXT ADMENDMENT #2:** Consideration of Adoption of Updated Building Codes – Carmen Judice addressed the Commission and explained that every so often the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council will adopt a new building code and recently a new book came out which is the International Building Code 2009 and was adopted by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code and became effective January 1, 2011. She explained that our building codes needed to be updated. She sent our building codes to the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council for them to review ours and they requested we add the books that are needed into our codes. They took out plumbing, mechanical, electrical codes chapters from the International Code Book. When the chapters were taken out they included the Books themselves. She stated that they are listing the International Building Code, International Existing Building Code, and several other code books. These are all the code books that our inspectors use out in the field and this is what our permit office stands upon when we have to make decisions regarding building construction. Carmen asked for the Commission's approval to include the administration part of the code book. Prior to bringing the change to the Planning Commission, Carmen had Dana Dugas who is with the Teche Area Builders Association, John Hammons with Parish Inspections, and our legal counsel, Dean Wattigny review and make comments. All changes were made and final presentation was made to Commission.

David Fangué made a motion to approve and Ron Fremin seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW I:** The first development review was Academy of Training Skills of Acadiana located at the Southwest intersection of Northwest Bypass/W. Washington St. The applicant is requesting preliminary and final approval to erect the Academy of Training Skills in an area zoned Industrial (I-1). John Raines explained that the site was zoned Industrial and the proposed development was a permitted use in that Zoning District. Mr. Raines provided a brief overview of the evolution of the project's appearance before the Commission and explained that the applicant and his Legal Representation were available to answer more questions and/or provide clarification.

Jefferson Moss, Legal Representation for the applicant, explained that the proposed development was not an incarceration program but was a voluntary program offered to selected offenders as an alternative to a jail sentence.

Dale Broussard, applicant, also addressed the Planning Commission reiterating the comments of Mr. Moss and then introduced Lee Mallet, who explained in detail the day-to-day operations of the proposed facility and answered questions from the Planning Commission.

Several area property owners/concerned citizens addressed the Planning Commission requesting information on the operational aspects of the facility or elaboration of the details provided by Mr. Mallet. Patrick Norris, Zachary Lacoste, Jennifer Bellamy, and Amy Galley commented on the proposed development and expressed their viewpoints. Jimmy Landry addressed the Planning Commission objecting to the proposed possible abandonment of an utility/drainage easement.

After accepting public input and due deliberation, Jane Braud made a Motion to defer pending receipt of comments from the referring agencies on the program, with special emphasis on the input from Iberia Parish Sheriff and the District Attorney, Phil Haney, which was seconded by David Fangué. The vote was unanimous.

**TEXT AMENDMENT #1:** Clarification of Warranty Period for Subdivision Final Plat Approval - No action taken at this time.

**TEXT AMENDMENT #3:** Adoption of Subdivision Regulations – No action was taken at this time.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Dana Dugas asked if there was any other business; there being none, a motion was made to adjourn by Tommy Granger and seconded by Bruce Dupray; the vote was unanimous.

Submitted by John R. Raines  
Director of Permitting, Planning and Zoning Department