

**MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH REGIONAL ZONING COMMISSION MEETING CONDUCTED ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010 AT 5:30 PM IN THE IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
300 IBERIA STREET, NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA 70560**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Tommy Granger determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE: Chairman Tommy Granger led the Commission in the Pledge.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tommy Granger, Barbara Laviolette, Bruce Dupray, Dana Dugas, Jane Braud, Perry Judice and Ronald Fremin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Guardia and Lanie Borel

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Wattigny, John Raines, Julie Armentor, Kevin Hagerich and Pres Marshall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dana Dugas made a motion to approve the January 28, 2010 Minutes which was seconded by Bruce Dupray; the vote was unanimous.

RECLASSIFICATION REQUESTS:

Agenda Item #1: Reclassification of the Michael J. and Delores Boutte property located at 5917 Avery Island Road from Mixed Residential (R-2) to Manufactured Mobile Home Park (R-4). John Raines explained the particulars of the reclassification request. Specifically, he indicated that the Legal Department had requested tabling until a more definitive method of conditioning the Commission's approval could be determined. He explained that Legal Counsel felt the better course of action would be to deny the existing request and approve the proposed site plan under the existing R-2 classification as a Special Use/Conditional Use which would allow the Boutte's to proceed with their proposed development plan, provided, however, that an agreement could be reached on the allowable length of stay. Mr. Raines explained that the Boutte's wanted to have long term tenants, whereas, by very definition, a recreational vehicle camp infers temporary stays. The Boutte's disagreed and indicated that several local campgrounds have permanent tenants. Mr. Raines indicated that those campgrounds had preceded the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Randy Gonsoulin addressed the Commission and explained the evolution of this reclassification request and indicated that the Boutte's were being treated inappropriately. The Commission, the Boutte's, Mr. Gonsoulin, and John Raines debated for the next forty five minutes the propriety of limiting the length of stay and the number of campers that would be allowed. Several proposed motions were offered in an attempt to resolve the situation, but they were unacceptable to the Boutte's and/or Mr. Gonsoulin. Mr. Raines suggested a Motion that the Commission was receptive to, but, Mr. Boutte wanted to expand the motion to not limit the number of approved trailers on the site.

Mr. Raines suggested as a compromise that a Motion be made to deny the requested R-4 classification and substitute it with R-2 Special Use/Conditional Use based upon the site plan presented by the Boutte's to the Commission; furthermore, Mr. Raines is to discuss with Danny Doerle the Board of

Health's assessment and definition of a camp ground; and thirdly, Mr. Raines is to research campground regulations throughout the country for "work camps, recreational camps" and the length of residencies allowed.

Jane Braud made a motion to approve with the limitations offered by Mr. Raines which was seconded by Bruce Dupray; the vote was unanimous.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Raines explained the two items. The first was the Public Notification Requirement which recently had been amended to delete the notification by certified mail and replaced it with first class mail to abutting property owners and placement of the "blue notification sign". Mr. Raines explained further that the Agendas were advertised and also appeared on the Iberia Parish Web Site.

Mr. Raines explained further that these items were on the Agenda at the request of a citizen who wished to receive all future Agendas via certified mail; Mr. Raines refused the request and advised the citizen that ample opportunities existed to review the Agenda. The citizen requested placement on the Agenda for discussion purposes. Unfortunately, the citizen was not in attendance.

Mr. Raines explained further that he had offered to place the citizen on the Agenda distribution list. The Agenda Distribution List is a service provided by the Department which insures that all Agendas would be e-mailed to anyone on the list at no charge. Mr. Raines explained to the citizen that this method would insure copies of each and every Agenda in the future. The citizen indicated that certified mail was a more appropriate notification process.

The Commission felt that the existing notification process was more than adequate and concluded discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Dana Dugas made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Barbara Laviolette; the vote was unanimous.

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