

**MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CONDUCTED
ON THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014 AT 5:30 PM IN THE IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED
AT 300 IBERIA STREET, NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA 70560**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dana Dugas determined there was a quorum and called the Meeting to Order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Fanguie, Perry Judice, Dana Dugas, Nathaniel Mitchell and Jane Braud

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ronald Fremin and Butch Bourgeois

OTHERS PRESENT: John R. Raines, Carmen Judice and Julie Armentor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jane Braud made a Motion to approve the June 5, 2014 Minutes which was seconded by Nathaniel Mitchell; the vote was unanimous.

ABANDONMENT REQUEST: Paul Matt and Sean Lalande - Abandonment of Lalande Street except Lot 1 Frontage and South of 150' of Lot 2.

John Raines explained the location of Lalande Street indicating that it was located north of East Admiral Doyle. He explained that Lalande Street had been "dedicated" in 1969 but never officially "accepted". The length of the original "dedication" was for a distance of approximately 650' but only the Lot 1 Frontage and the Southern 150 feet of Lot 2 were ever utilized; the remainder of the "dedication" was only used for access to agricultural fields. He added that the agricultural fields have other means of access as well.

Mr. Raines explained that the applicants were requesting abandonment of the unneeded portion to avoid confusion or difficulties in the future. The abandonment of the unneeded portion of Lalande Street would have no impact on any other property owners nor utilization of the nearby agricultural fields.

Chairman Dugas opened the Public Hearing and requested input; there being none, closed the Public Hearing and requested direction from the Commission.

Nathaniel Mitchell made a Motion to approve the abandonment request which was seconded by Jane Braud; the vote was unanimous.

SUBDIVISION ADMENDMENT: Department of Permitting, Planning and Zoning – Prohibition of Substantial Alterations to Open Ditch Subdivision Designs Standards.

John Raines explained that the Public Works Department requested that this alteration be put in the Ordinance and suggested the item be tabled until further discussion with Herman Broussard.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW: Department of Permitting, Planning and Zoning – Street Standard Modifications for Universal Parkway

Mr. Raines explained that Universal Parkway is an existing public street and is being reconstructed to return it to public street standards. The roadway has deteriorated greatly over the years and needs to be reconstructed to accommodate anticipated usage. In order to reconstruct the roadway correctly, the right-of-way would need to be expanded which would have required additional right-of-way from Burlington Northern San Francisco which the Parish Administration did not want to address. Therefore, the request is to shorten the length of Universal Parkway and provide for a larger cul-de-sac than currently exists; since this design is a deviation of the existing Universal Parkway, Mr. Raines was simply requesting a ratification/acceptance from the Planning Commission.

Chairman Dugas opened the Public Hearing and requested input; there being none, closed the Public Hearing and requested direction from the Commission.

Perry Judice made a Motion to ratify the shortened length of Universal Parkway and increase the size of the cul-de-sac which was seconded by Jane Braud; the vote was unanimous.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chairman Dugas requested a Motion to adjourn which was made by David Fanguie, seconded by Nathaniel Mitchell; the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted
John R. Raines