

**MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT COMMISSION MEETING
CONDUCTED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012 AT 5:30PM 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Dupray, Dana Dugas , Perry Judice, Ronald Fremin, David Fangué, Barbara Laviolette and Tommy Granger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lanie Borel and Jane Braud

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacque Cousin, Charles Rader and Julie Armentor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dana Dugas made a motion to approve the February 16, 2012 minutes which was seconded by Bruce Dupray; the vote was unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Anastatia's Childcare Center requested a reduction in required parking spaces to allow for state required playground – located at the corner of Import Drive and Crown Drive.

Charles Rader addressed the Commission and stated he would like the applicants to present themselves first.

Mr. John Martin spoke and said he was going to be co-owner of Anastatia's Childcare Center. He stated that the reason they were here today was because the Zoning requirements that were adopted in March required that day care facility parking were to have 200 square feet of gross floor area needed per one parking space. Mr. Martin said that their building was going to be 5, 000 square feet which would mean at least 25 parking spaces and due to the lot size of 25 parking spaces that would decrease the regulated space for playground. He also said that his employees will be taking up 7 parking spaces. Mr. Martin went on to explain that he did a study on other daycares and quite a few day care centers had less parking spaces that were required. He gave quite a few examples of daycares and the percentages of their parking spaces.

Mr. Martin explained that the reason they were at the meeting was to increase the amount of enclosed play area for the children to meet the requirements from the state.

Ronald Fremin asked if it was possible to add additional four spaces in the front on the side of their drive thru which would give him additional parking spaces. Mr. Martin said that could be an option.

Ms. Bridget Leleux, owner of New Height Gym, said she was concerned about the parking for her area. Ms. Leleux said when they have a big event they do overflow in their parking spaces. She said the only thing she was concerned about was if the daycare did not have enough spaces where were the people going to park to pick up their kids. She said this was the busiest time for the gym and would not want them to park in the gym parking spaces. She said they would be willing to work together with them on the parking spaces.

After further deliberation, Ronald Fremin made a motion to approve the request if Mr. Martin could maximize the four more spaces in the front of the building so he would have at least eighteen (18) parking spaces instead of fourteen (14) parking spaces. The motion was seconded by Bruce Dupray and the vote was unanimous.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Dana Dugas made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Bruce Dupray; the vote was unanimous.

**Submitted by Charles C. Rader
Director of Permitting, Planning and Zoning Department**