

# **Board of Zoning Adjustments**

# **MEETING INFORMATION**

## **LOCATION**

#### **City Council Chambers**

City Hall (1<sup>st</sup> Floor) 1300 Perdido Street New Orleans, Louisiana

#### TIME

10:00 a.m.

# **BOARD MEMBERS**

Candice M. Forest – Chair Todd C. James – Vice Chair José Alvarez Jaime Ramiro Diaz

Alfonso Gonzalez II

**Deborah Harkins** 

Mary Harper Malone

The general public cannot speak with the members personally.

# **Final Agenda**

# December 9, 2019

The Board of Zoning Adjustments consists of seven citizen members appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. The City Charter grants the Board the power to permit exceptions to or variations from the City's zoning regulations and to hear decision appeals from the Director of the Department of Safety and Permits in accordance with the principles, conditions, and procedures set forth in Article 4 of the City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. The decision made by the Board will be provided in the form of a resolution. The resolution should be produced by **December 19, 2019**.

#### **General Rules of Order**

Robert's Rules of Order govern the conduct of the meeting. Any member of the public may speak on any matter before the Board. If you wish to appear before the Board, please fill out a Speaker Card and place it in the box provided. When you are recognized by the Chairperson, state your name and address and speak directly into the microphone.

#### **Appeals**

Any person or persons, or any officer, department, commission, board, bureau, or any other agency of the City of New Orleans jointly or singularly aggrieved by any decision of the Board of Zoning Adjustments may present to the Civil District Court of the Parish of Orleans, within thirty (30) days after filing of the decision in the office of the Board, a writ of certiorari asking for such relief and under such rules and regulations as are provided for such matters in appropriate legislation of the State of Louisiana.

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Minutes, Communications, and Reading of Hearing Rules
- B. Variances Unfinished Business

ITEM 1 - Docket Number: 054-19

**Applicant or Agent:** Arbor Towne LLC, Studio WTA, Ross Karsen

Property Location:1800 Jefferson AvenueZip: 70115Bounding Streets:Jefferson Ave., Danneel St., Octavia St., S. Saratoga St.Zoning District:HU-RD2 Historic Urban Two-Family Residential District

Historic District:UptownPlanning District: 3Existing Use:Single-Family ResidenceSquare Number: 490Proposed Use:Single-Family ResidenceLot Number: 20

**Project Planner:** Emily Ramírez Hernández (erhernandez@nola.gov)

**Request:** This request is for variances from the provisions of Article 11, Section 11.3.A.1 (Table 11-2A) and Article 22, Section 22.11.B of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to permit an addition onto an existing single-family residence, resulting in insufficient corner side yard setback and insufficient rear yard setback, and a curb cut with excessive width.

#### **Requested Waivers:**

Article 11, Section 11.3.A.1 (Table 11-2A) - Corner Side Yard Setback

Required: 2 ft Proposed: 0 ft Waiver: 2 ft

Article 11, Section 11.3.A.1 (Table 11-2A) – Rear Yard Setback

Required: 15 ft Proposed: 0 ft Waiver: 15 ft

Article 22, Section 22.11.B - Curb Cuts

Permitted: 12 ft Proposed: 18 ft, 5 3/8 in Waiver: 6 ft, 5 3/8 in



ITEM 2 – Docket Number: 060-19

**Applicant or Agent:** Maymar Engineers & Contractors, LLC

**Property Location:** 2008 Poydras Street **Zip:** 70112

**Bounding Streets:** Poydras St., Interstate 10, S. Prieur St.

**Zoning District:** LI Light Industrial District

Historic District:N/APlanning District: 4Existing Use:Vacant LotSquare Number: 494Proposed Use:BillboardLot Number: 14

**Project Planner:** Rachael Berg (rberg@nola.gov)

**Request:** This request is for variances from the requirements of Article 24, Section 24.14.B.1 (Table 24-3), Article 24, Section 24.14.C (3), Article 24, Section 24.14.C (4), and Article 24, Section 24.14.C (5) to permit a one-sided billboard along an interstate highway within less than 1,000 linear feet of five billboards and with insufficient setback from the front and rear property lines.

## **Requested Waivers:**

Article 24, Section 24.14.B.1 (Table 24-3) – Permitted Billboard Locations (non-freeway roadways)

Required: 1,000 ft Proposed: 860 ft Waiver: 140 ft

Article 24, Section 24.14.C (3) – Billboard Standards (Distance)

Required: 1,000 ft Proposed: 860 ft Waiver: 140 ft

Article 24, Section 24.14.C (3) – Billboard Standards (Distance)

Required: 1,000 ft Proposed: 290 ft Waiver: 710 ft Article

24, Section 24.14.C (3) – Billboard Standards (Distance)

Required: 1,000 ft Proposed: 358 ft Waiver: 642 ft

Article 24, Section 24.14.C (3) – Billboard Standards (Distance)

Required: 1,000 ft Proposed: 607 ft Waiver: 393 ft **Article** 

24, Section 24.14.C (3) – Billboard Standards (Distance)

Required: 1,000ft Proposed: 530 ft Waiver: 470 ft

Article 24, Section 24.14.C (4) – Billboard Standards (Setback)

Required: 5 ft Proposed: 0 ft Waiver: 5 ft

Article 24, Section 24.14.C (4) – Billboard Standards (Setback)

Required: 5 ft Proposed: 0 ft Waiver: 5 ft

Article 24, Section 24.14.C (5) – Billboard Standards (Electronic Billboards)

Required: 1,000 ft Proposed: 607 ft Waiver: 393 ft



ITEM 3 – Docket Number: 064-19

Applicant or Agent: LSU Health Foundation New Orleans, JMH Realty LLC, USL-2101 Poydras, LLC

**Property Location:** 2123 Poydras Street **Zip:** 70112 **Bounding Streets:** Poydras St., S. Galvez St., Perdido St., S. Johnson St.

**Zoning District:** MS Medical Service District

Historic District: N/A Planning District: 4

Existing Use: Vacant Lot Square Number: 517

Proposed Use: Dormitory Lot Number: 086

**Project Planner:** Haley Delery (hdelery@nola.gov)

**Request**: This request is for variances from the provisions of Article 15, Section 15.3.A.1 (Table 15-2) and Article 22, Section 22.8.B.1 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of a dormitory with excessive building height, insufficient front yard setback, insufficient corner side yard setback, insufficient rear yard setback, insufficient interior side yard setback, and parking that is not located on the same lot.

#### **Requested Waivers:**

Article 15, Section 15.3.A.1 (Table 15-2) – Maximum Building Height

Permitted: 100 ft Proposed: 118 ft Waiver: 18 ft

Article 15, Section 15.3.A.1 (Table 15-2) – Front Yard Setback (Poydras)

Required: 20 ft Proposed: 0 ft Waiver: 20 ft

Article 15, Section 15.3.A.1 (Table 15-2) – Corner Side Yard Setback (S. Johnson)

Required: 10 ft Proposed: 0 ft Waiver: 10 ft

Article 15, Section 15.3.A.1 (Table 15-2) – Interior Side Yard Setback

Required: 10 ft Proposed: 5 ft Waiver: 5 ft

Article 15, Section 15.3.A.1 (Table 15-2) – Rear Yard Setback

Required: 10 ft Proposed: 5 ft Waiver: 5 ft

**Article 22, Section 22.8.B.1 – Permitted Vehicle Parking Locations** 

Required: on-site Proposed: off-site Waiver: on-site



ITEM 4 – Docket Number: 084-19

**Applicant or Agent:** NOLA Life LLC, Erika Gates

Property Location:1038 Milan StreetZip: 70115Bounding Streets:Milan St., Camp St., Gen. Pershing St., Chestnut St.Zoning District:HU-RD2 Historic Urban Two-Family Residential District

Historic District:UptownPlanning District:12Existing Use:Single-Family ResidenceSquare Number:24Proposed Use:Single-Family ResidenceLot Number:2 & 3

**Project Planner:** Haley Delery (hdelery@nola.gov)

**Request**: This request is for a variance from the provisions of Article 21, Section 21.6.A.8 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of an accessory structure located in front of the abutting structure's front building line.

#### **Requested Waiver:**

# Article 21, Section 21.6.A.8 – Accessory Structures and Uses (Corner Lots)

Required: Behind abutting structure's front building line Proposed: In front of abutting structure's front building line Waiver: In front of abutting structure's front building line



#### C. Variances – New Business

Item 5 - Docket Number: 105-19

**Applicant or Agent:** 1212 S Roman LLC

**Property Location:** 1212 S. Roman Street **Zip:** 70125 **Bounding Streets:** Milan St., Camp St., Gen. Pershing St., Chestnut St.

**Zoning District:** C-2 Auto-Oriented Commercial District

Historic District:N/APlanning District: 3Existing Use:Vacant LotSquare Number: 483Proposed Use:Mardi Gras DenLot Number: 14-A

**Project Planner:** Amos Wright (ajwright@nola.gov)

**Request:** This request is for variances from the provisions of Article 15, Section 15.3.A.1 (Table 15-2) and Article 22, Section 22.11.B.2 to permit the construction of a Mardi Gras Den with insufficient permeable open space, insufficient corner side yard setback, and excessive curb cut width.

#### **Requested Waivers:**

Article 15, Section 15.3.A.1 (Table 15-2) - Minimum Permeable Open Space

Required: 20% Proposed: 11.8% Waiver: 8.2%

Article 15, Section 15.3.A.1 (Table 15-2) – Corner Side Yard Setback

Required: 10 ft Proposed: 1 in Waiver: 9 ft, 11 in

Article 22, Section 22.11.B - Curb Cuts

Permitted: 24 ft Proposed: 30 ft Waiver: 6 ft

Item 6 – Docket Number: 106-19

Applicant or Agent: Joseph K. Martin, Edge Contractors, LLC

Property Location:3127 Orleans AvenueZip: 70119Bounding Streets:Orleans Ave., N. Lopez St., St. Ann St., N. Rendon St.Zoning District:HU-RD2 Historic Urban Two-Family Residential District

Historic District:Esplanade RidgePlanning District: 4Existing Use:Single-Family ResidenceSquare Number: 430Proposed Use:Single-Family ResidenceLot Number: 18

**Project Planner:** Joanna B. Farley (jbfarley@nola.gov)

**Request:** This request is for variances from the provisions of Article 21, Section 21.6.T, Article 21, Section 21.6.EE.1, and Article 21, Section 21.6.EE.3 to permit the construction of a swimming pool with insufficient setback from the interior side and rear lots lines, insufficient walk space on the exterior of the pool, and mechanical equipment with insufficient setback from an interior side lot line.

#### **Requested Waivers:**

Article 21, Section 21.6.T – Mechanical Equipment

Required: 3 ft Proposed: 1 ft, 7 in Waiver: 1 ft, 5 in

Article 21, Section 21.6.EE.1 – Swimming Pools (Distance from Interior Side Lot Line)

Required: 4 ft Proposed: 2 ft, 3in Waiver: 1ft, 9 in

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Required: 4 ft Proposed: 2 ft, 3in Waiver: 1ft, 9 in

Article 21, Section 21.6.EE.1 – Swimming Pools (Distance from Rear Lot Line)

Required: 4 ft Proposed: 2 ft, 3in Waiver: 1 ft, 9 in

Article 21, Section 21.6.EE.3 – Swimming Pools (Walk Space)

Required: 50% Proposed: 29.2% Waiver: 20.8%



Item 7 – Docket Number: 107-19

**Applicant or Agent:** GCH LLC, Rebecca Hurst

Property Location:8637-8641 Willow StreetZip: 70118Bounding Streets:Willow St., Leonidas St., Jeanette St., Monroe St.Zoning District:HU-RD2 Historic Urban Two-Family Residential District

Historic District:CarrolltonPlanning District: 3Existing Use:Single-Family ResidenceSquare Number: 716

**Proposed Use:** Single-Family Residence Lot Number: 9

**Project Planner:** Valerie Goines (valerie.goines@nola.gov)

**Request:** This request is for a variance from the provisions of Article 11, Section 11.3.A.1 (Table 11-2), in conjunction with Subdivision Docket 120-19, to permit the creation of a lot with insufficient interior side yard setback.

# **Requested Waiver:**

Article 13, Section 13.3.A.1 (Table 13-2) - Interior Side Yard Setback

Required: 3 ft Proposed: 3 in Waiver: 2ft, 9in

## D. Director of Safety and Permits Decisions Appeals – Unfinished Business

ITEM 8 - Docket Number: 030-19

Applicant or Agent: Karen Ocker, Jesuit High School, Mark Herman, Gayle V. Gagliano, Kim

Loubat, Elliot J. Weiner, Anita Sanchez-Giles, Lisa Gagliano-Dawson

Property Location: 4133 Banks Street Zip: 70119

**Bounding Streets:** S. Carrollton Ave., Banks St., S. Hennessey St., Palmyra St. **Zoning District:** HU-RD2 Historic Urban Two-Family Residential District

Historic District:Mid-CityPlanning District: 4Existing Use:Secondary Educational FacilitySquare Number: 781Proposed Use:Secondary Educational FacilityLot Number: 015

**Request:** This is an appeal of a decision of the Director of the Department of Safety and Permits as per Article 4, Section 4.8 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, as remanded by Orleans Parish Civil District Court, for further consideration of whether to reverse Director Zachary R. Smith's interpretation in Zoning Interpretation Memorandum Z-19-01 without evaluating the Director' decision with any heightened deference.



ITEM 9 - Docket Number: 104-19

Applicant or Agent: Erin Holmes, Vieux Carré Property Owners, Residents, and Associates

**Property Location:** 601-607 Chartres Street **Zip:** 70130

**Bounding Streets:** Chartres St., Toulouse St., Royal St., St. Peter St.

**Zoning District:** VCC-2 Vieux Carré Commercial District

Historic District:Vieux CarréPlanning District: 1bExisting Use:Subject of AppealSquare Number: 42Proposed Use:Subject of AppealLot Number: R

**Request:** This is an appeal of a decision of the Director of the Department of Safety and Permits as per Article 4, Section 4.8 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance regarding the determination that the subject use is a standard restaurant and not a fast food restaurant.

# E. Director of Safety and Permits Decisions Appeals – New Business

ITEM 10 – Docket Number: 108-19

**Applicant or Agent:** Monte C. Shalett

Property Location:6414 Cartier DriveZip: 70122Bounding Streets:Cartier Dr., Killdeer St., Oriole St., St. Bernard Ave.Zoning District:S-RS Suburban Single-Family Residential District

Historic District:N/APlanning District: 6Existing Use:Single-Family ResidenceSquare Number: 1Proposed Use:Single Family ResidenceLot Number: 5

**Request:** This is an appeal of a decision of the Director of the Department of Safety and Permits as per Article 4, Section 4.8 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance regarding the issuance of Building Permit No. 19-26848-ACCS allowing for the demolition and reconstruction of an existing, legal nonconforming carport.



# F. Adjournment