

BENTON PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, February 1, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
Benton Town Hall
105 Sibley Street, Benton, Louisiana

MEMBERS PRESENT

Martha Reyenga
Grace Jenkins
John Bokenfohr
Steve Vercher

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam Marsiglia
Neil Erwin
Rebecca Coffman
Keith Norwood
Reggie Lewis
Michael Kelsh

MEMBERS ABSENT

Shonta Neal

Martha Reyenga, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

(A) Sam Marsiglia, MPC Director, called roll and stated a quorum was present.

(B) PUBLIC HEARINGS

Martha Reyenga, Chairman, made a request to combine agenda items BP-2-16 and BP-3-16 the applications of the Bossier Parish School Board for street dedication of Roby Road.

1. BP-2-16 – The application of the Bossier Parish School Board for a street dedication plat for Roby Road, Bossier Parish, LA.

2. BP-3-16 – The application of the Bossier Parish School Board for a street dedication plat for Roby Road, Bossier Parish, LA.

Keith Norwood, Bossier Parish School Board, was present to represent the cases and discussed the reason for the two street dedication plats for Roby Road.

As there were no comments from the public, the chairman called for a motion.

John Bokenfohr made a motion to approve the above dedication plats for the Bossier Parish School Board. The motion was seconded by Grace Jenkins. A roll call vote was held and the motion to approve BP-2-16 and BP-3-16 carried unanimously.

3. BP-4-16 – The application of Ellis Pottery, Inc. for Temporary Use approval for outdoor plant sales at 5604 Benton Road, Bossier Parish, LA.

Rebecca Coffman was present to represent Ellis Pottery and discussed the Temporary Use application.

Steve Vercher asked the applicant how long the plant sales would be open.

Rebecca Coffman stated around June 1, 2016.

As there were no comments from the public, the chairman called for a motion.

John Bokenfohr made a motion to approve the Temporary Use application. The motion was seconded by Steve Vercher. A roll call vote was held and the motion to approve BP-4-16 from March 2016 to June 2016 carried unanimously.

(C) PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

1. BP-1-16 – The application of Twin Branches Real Estate, LLC to request Preliminary Plat approval for Water's Edge, Cypress, Phase II.
Michael Kelsh, of Raley and Associates, was present to represent the owner and discussed the preliminary subdivision plat application.
Steve Vercher asked if this was a new subdivision or Phase 2.
Michael Kelsh responded that it was Phase 2 of an existing subdivision.
Steve Vercher asked for information regarding the utilities and the mailbox locations.
Michael Kelsh responded to the question.
Martha Reyenga requested the applicant contact the Post Master regarding approval of the mailbox location.
As there were no comments from the public, the chairman called for a motion.
John Bokenfohr made a motion to place BP-1-16 up for public hearing. The motion was seconded by Grace Jenkins. A roll call vote was held and the motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Approval of Minutes

Discussion was held by the chair to consider approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2015 meeting. Grace Jenkins made a motion to accept the minutes as written and was seconded by Steve Vercher. A roll call vote to approve the minutes was held and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Old Business- None

3. New Business – Steve Vercher inquired as to the timing of the required state training for new board members.

4. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Grace Jenkins and the motion carried unanimously.



Ms. Martha Reyenga, Chairman
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