

BENTON PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, February 6, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
Benton Town Hall
105 Sibley Street, Benton, Louisiana

MEMBERS PRESENT

Martha Reyenga
Grace Jenkins
Shonta Neal
Steve Vercher
John Bokenfohr

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam Marsiglia
Carlotta Askew-Brown
Alderman Ronald Jones
Rebecca Coffman
Charlie Coyle

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

Martha Reyenga, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

(A) Carlotta Askew-Brown, MPC Assistant Director, called roll and stated a quorum was present.

(B) PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. BP-1-17 – The application of Ellis Pottery, Inc. for Temporary Use Approval to allow for temporary outdoor plant sales at 5604 Benton Road, Bossier Parish, LA.

Rebecca Coffman, of Ellis Home and Garden Center, was present to represent the application and stated these temporary plants sales would be the same as last year at this location.

As there were no questions from the board or the public, the chairman called for a motion. A motion to approve the temporary use request, from March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 was made by Shonta Neal and seconded by Grace Jenkins. A roll call vote was held and the motion carried unanimously.

2. BP-2-17 – The application of Linda Meeks for Preliminary Plat approval for a Partition of Survey for 80.797 acres located in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Charlie Coyle, of Coyle Engineering, was present to represent the application and stated the purpose of the plat was to divide an approximately 80 acre tract between four family members.

Steve Vercher, MPC member asked if the tract to be divided was 14 acres as stated on the agenda or 80 acres as shown on the plat.

Charlie Coyle confirmed it is an 80 acre tract, not a 14 acre tract.

As there were no further questions from the board or the public, the chairman called for a motion.

A motion to approve the Preliminary Plat was made by Shonta Neal and seconded by John Bokenfohr. A roll call vote was held and the motion was carried unanimously.

(C) PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

1. BP-3-17 – The application of G & H Development, LLC for a Preliminary Plat approval for Willow Creek at Benton a subdivision of 55.139 acres located in Section 24, Township 20 North, Range 14 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Martha Reyenga, MPC Chairman, stated she would be recusing herself from discussion of this application.

Sam Marsiglia, Director Benton MPC, stated the applicant had requested this application be removed from the February Benton MPC regular meeting.

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

Shonta Neal made a motion to remove BP-3-17 from the February agenda at the applicant's request. The motion was seconded by John Bokenfohr. A roll call vote was held and the motion to remove the item from the agenda carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Approval of Minutes

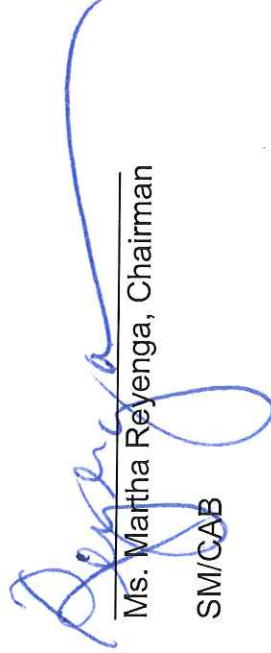
Discussion was held by the chair to consider approval of the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting. Grace Jenkins made a motion to accept the minutes as written and was seconded by Shonta Neal. A roll call vote to approve the minutes as written was held and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Old Business- None

3. New Business – Carlotta Askew-Brown discussed with the board possible future ordinances regarding Telecommunication Towers and Off-Premise signs and developing a procedure for issuance of Certificates of Occupancy.

4. Adjourn

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


Ms. Martha Reyenga, Chairman
SM/CAB