

BENTON PARISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, January 6, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

Benton Town Hall

204 Burt Boulevard, Benton, Louisiana 71006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Martha Reyenga  
Bryan Kauffer  
Ray Delia  
Grace Jenkins

OTHERS PRESENT

Carlotta Askew-Brown  
Sam Marsiglia  
Jeff Raley  
Cameron Collins  
Mayor Shelly Horton  
Alderman Wayne Cathcart  
Ms. Selias  
John Lee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Vercher

Martha Reyenga, MPC Chairman, called the meeting to order.

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

(B) PUBLIC HEARINGS

T-2-19 – The application of Raley and Associates requesting Final Plat approval for Lost River Estates South Unit 2 being 19.147 acres, more or less located in Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, LA.

Jeff Raley, of Raley and Associates, was present to represent the application and stated this is the same plat as the preliminary hearing and added all the easements and servitudes.

Martha Reyenga asked if the rear setbacks had been changed to 15’.

Jeff Raley stated they were changed and consistent with the other units.

Cameron Collins, Lost River resident, discussed the setbacks and HOA fees in Lost River Estates South and the differences between the north and south parts of Lost River as they are different types of subdivisions.

Alderman Wayne Cathcart discussed with the board his involvement with Lost River subdivision when he was Mayor of Benton, LA when the subdivision was started and the town’s process of plat review by the town’s engineer.

Cameron Collins stated that Lost River South did not have 0’ side yard setbacks.

Mayor Shelly Horton stated the proposed changes to the subdivision were only recently found out.

Jeff Raley discussed lot sizes in Lost River South and the differences from the original masterplan.

Martha Reyenga suggested the developer delay the application.

Carlotta Askew-Brown, Assistant MPC Director, asked the board to clarify what questions needed to be asked before the next meeting.

Sam Marsiglia, MPC Director, stated that the staff was not familiar with the original masterplan.

Jeff Raley stated he would delay the application and change the rear setbacks to 15'.

Ms. Selias, Lost River resident, discussed when their house was built they were buying into the original plan with all the amenities, but they haven't been built.

Unidentified speaker discussed home sizes.

John Lee, Lost River resident, discussed his opposition to the changes in the development and proposed gating of the subdivision.

Bryan Kauffer made a motion to delay the application at the developer's request. The motion was seconded by Grace Jenkins. A roll call vote was held and the motion carried unanimously.

#### (C) PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

None

#### REGULAR MEETING

##### 1. Approval of Minutes

As the minutes of the December meeting were not complete, no discussion for approval of the minutes took place.

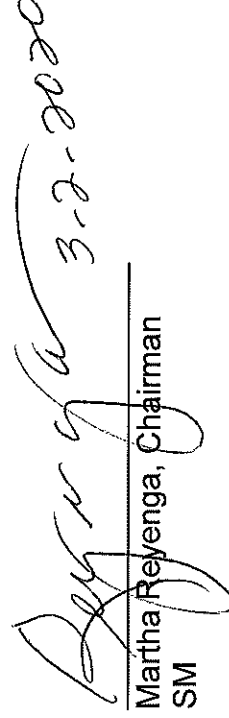
##### 2. Old Business – None

##### 3. New Business – Election of 2020 Officers was held. Martha Reyenga will remain as Chairman for 2020 and Steve Vercher will remain as Vice Chairman for 2020.

The 2020 Benton MPC meeting date calendar was approved.

##### 4. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn and the motion carried unanimously.

  
Martha Reyenga, Chairman  
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