

**SHREVEPORT METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION OF CADDO PARISH
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 1, 2017**

A regularly scheduled public hearing of the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Commission of Caddo Parish was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. at Government Plaza Chamber, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA. The members met for lunch prior to the public hearing.

Members Present

Theron Jackson, Chair
Nancy Cooper, Vice Chair (Arrived at 4:50 p.m.)
Winzer Andrews, Secretary
Dale Colvin
Lea Desmarteau
Bessie Smith
Dr. Phillip Pennywell, Jr.
Alan Young
Ronnie Remedies

Members Absent

Nancy Cooper (Portion)

Staff Present

Mark Sweeney, Executive Director
Holly Phillips, Administrative Assistant
Diane Tullos, Office Administrator
Ebony Mapp, Planner 3
Stephen Jean, Deputy Director
Alan Clarke, Zoning Administrator

Others Present

Channel 3
Channel 6
Channel 12

The hearing was opened with prayer by **MR. ANDREWS**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **MR. REMEDIES**.

The meeting was called to order & the procedure for hearing the applications on today's agenda was explained. Speakers should speak clearly into the microphone & give their name & mailing address for further reference. Comments on any item not on the agenda will be limited to 3 minutes at the end of our public hearing.

All decisions rendered by the Metropolitan Planning Commission are subject to appeal to the appropriate governing body, either the City Council or the Caddo Parish Commission. Appeals must be filed within 10 days from the date a decision is rendered by the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

A motion was made by MR. ANDREWS, seconded by MRS. SMITH to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2017 public hearing as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Meses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comments Provided Upon Request For The Following Items:

CASE NO. SP-14-17: FINAL PLAT (MINOR)

PHIL & JULIA LANE
6844 Alvin York Lake (West side of Alvin York, 927' north of Bostwick Road)
R-A
1 Lot Residential Subdivision - J & P Acres Unit 1

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by MRS. SMITH to approve this application as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Meses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. SC-16-17: FINAL PLAT (MINOR)

MOHR & ASSOC INC
Mills & Co LLC
6200 blk Greenwood Road (SW corner of Greenwood Road & Pines Road)
R-A
3 Lot Commercial Subdivision - Zaxby's Pines Commercial Subdivision

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by MRS. SMITH to approve this application as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Meses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. SC-23-17: FINAL PLAT (MINOR)

DEPT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
City of Shreveport
1200 blk Milam (NW corner of Milam & Christian Streets)
R-3

1 Lot Commercial Subdivision - Milam & Christian Commercial Subdivision

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by MRS. SMITH to approve this application as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Mses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. SC-24-17: FINAL PLAT (MINOR)

POLARIS SERVICES
Southwestern Packing & Seals Co Inc
6905 Westport Ave (3750' east of W Bert Kouns Ind'l Loop)
I-2

1 Lot Industrial Subdivision - Westport Avenue Industrial Subdivision, Unit 2

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by MRS. SMITH to approve this application as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Mses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. SC-26-17: FINAL PLAT (MINOR)

MOHR & ASSOC INC
Y-S Partners LLC
8700 blk Youree Drive (West side of Youree, 220' north of Sophia Lane)
B-3

1 Lot Commercial Subdivision - South Broadmoor Subdivision, Unit 12

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by MRS. SMITH to approve this application as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Mses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. SC-27-17: FINAL PLAT (MINOR)

FERN MARKETPLACE LTD
6900 blk Fern Avenue (West side of Fern Loop, 500' north of E 70th Street)
B-3

2 Lot Commercial Subdivision - Fern Marketplace, Unit 11

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by MRS. SMITH to approve this application as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Mses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. SP-29-17: FINAL PLAT (MINOR)

JOSHUA PAUL JOHNSON
9675 Charis Road (South side of Charis Road approximately 2867' west of Gayle Levee Road)
R-A

1 Lot Residential Subdivision - Johnson Place

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by MRS. SMITH to approve this application as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Mses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. SP-30-17: FINAL PLAT (MINOR)

JOHN R BOWMAN & ASSOC INC
Casey Phillips & Grace Phillips
10000 blk Lasso Lane (South end of Lasso Lane)
R-A

1 Lot Residential Subdivision - Country Club Acres, Unit 3

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by MRS. SMITH to approve this application as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Mses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. SC-31-17: FINAL PLAT (MINOR)

JOHN R BOWMAN & ASSOC INC

Russell Scott Rothell

3949 N Market (East side of N Market approximately 200' north of Pine Hill Road)

R-A-E

2 Lot Residential Subdivision - Rothell Subdivision

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by MRS. SMITH to approve this application as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Mses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. SC-31-17: REPLAT (MINOR)

PROVENANCE DEVELOPMENT CO LLC

NW corner of Woodberry Avenue & Fairwoods Drive

R-2(PUD)

2 Lot Residential Subdivision - Provenance Phase I, Unit E-1

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by MRS. SMITH to approve this application as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Mses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. SP-34-17: FINAL PLAT (MINOR)

NORMAN PARKER III

8373 Moore Road (East side of Moore Road, 377' south of Idema)

R-A

1 Lot Residential Subdivision - Norman Parker Subdivision

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by MRS. SMITH to approve this application as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Mses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

CASE NO. D-1-17: DEDICATION

FORTE & TABLADA

Moffitt Investment Property LLC

300 blk Bert Kouns Ind'l Loop (North side of Bert Kouns approximately 1116' west of I-49)

B-3

Public Use Dedication - Brookwood Church Way

Representative &/or support:

Mr. Bob Basinger, Forte & Tablada (920 Pierremont Road, Suite 520, Shreveport, LA 71106)

There was no opposition present.

A motion was made by MS. DESMARTEAU, seconded by MRS. SMITH to approve this application as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 7-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Mses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER. Abstaining: Mr. YOUNG.

CASE NO. SC-25-17: PRELIMINARY & FINAL PLAT

LINWOOD DEVELOPMENT LLC

Christopher Trust & SSD Trust

400 blk Bert Kouns Ind'l Loop (North side of Bert Kouns approximately 835' west of Linwood)

B-3

8 Lot Commercial Subdivision - Aegean-Mijalis Subdivision, Unit 2

Representative &/or support:

Mr. Andy Craig, Mohr & Assoc (1324 N Hearne, Shreveport, LA 71107)

There was no opposition present.

A motion was made by MR. YOUNG, seconded by MRS. SMITH to approve this application as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Meses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. P-2-17: ZONING REQUEST & PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN

JOHN R BOWMAN & ASSOC INC

Silver Point LLC

1100 blk Silver Point Drive (Extension of Abbie Glenn Lane)

R-A to R-1B(PUD)

37 Lot Single Family Residential Subdivision

Representative &/or support:

Ms. Micah Holbrook, Coyle Engineering (3925 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA) No slip filled out

Mr. Michael Bowman, John R Bowman & Assoc (3833 Southern Avenue, Shreveport, LA) No slip filled out

Speaking in opposition:

Mr. D. Wesley Attaway, President Lakeside on Long Lake HOA (1138 Waters Edge Circle, Shreveport, LA 71106)

Mr. Mark Snow (1037 Abbie Glenn Lane, Shreveport, LA 71106)

Mr. Gabe ??? (7457 Camelback, Shreveport, LA 71106) No slip filled out

- All of these speakers stated that they were not actually opposed to this request – they just had some concerns & questions.
- Concerns that water lift station & sewage may not be adequate to handle the additional homes
- Since this property is anticipated to be annexed into the City Limits, request that the City assess the water & sewer facilities to prevent future issues
- Requested that erosion control measures be followed by the developer & the builders to keep sediment from entering the lake; maintain silt fencing
- Asked that alternative construction road / entrance be utilized to prevent construction traffic in the subdivision

Rebuttal: (Ms. Holbrook)

- The developer is working with the City Engineers on the lift station matter
- Erosion control measures will be utilized to keep sediment out of the lake
- An existing (private) gravel road on the developer's property will be used as a construction road

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by MS. DESMARTEAU to recommend that the Parish Commission approve this application subject to compliance with the following stipulations:

1. Development of the subject property shall be in substantial accord with the approved preliminary site plan
2. Approval of the requested ordinance relief along with the continued use of the lake & boat ramp as the required amenities, which have been utilized in previous approvals associated with this overall development.
3. Applicant shall receive City of Shreveport approval of the lift station & water main prior to the issuance of any permits. (It is anticipated that this property will be annexed into the City Limits of Shreveport.)

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Meses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. SP-33-17: PRELIMINARY & FINAL PLAT

JOHN R BOWMAN & ASSOC INC

Silver Point LLC

1000 blk Abbie Glenn Lane (SW end of Abbie Glenn Lane)

R-A

37 Lot Residential Subdivision - Silver Point at Lakeside, Unit 1

Representative &/or support:

Ms. Micah Holbrook, Coyle Engineering (3925 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA) No slip filled out

Mr. Michael Bowman, John R Bowman & Assoc (3833 Southern Avenue, Shreveport, LA) No slip filled out

Mr. Frank Dodson (333 Texas Street, Suite 1700, Shreveport, LA) No slip filled out

Speaking in opposition:

Mr. Mark Snow (1037 Abbie Glenn Lane, Shreveport, LA 71106)

- Concerned about proposed subdivision using the existing subdivision's covenants to ensure conformation to standards

A motion was made by MS. DESMARTEAU, seconded by MR. ANDREWS to approve this application as submitted, contingent upon final approval of the PUD zoning request & preliminary site plan (P-2-17) by the Parish Commission.

The motion was adopted by the following 7-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Meses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER. Abstaining: Mr. YOUNG.

CASE NO. P-3-17: ZONING REQUEST

POLARIS SERVICES

E & L Development Inc

8100 blk Blanchard Latex Road (South of Blanchard Latex, across from Quiet Acres Road)

R-A to R-MHS

15 Lot Residential Mobile Home Subdivision

Representative &/or support:

Mr. Ricky Wood, Polaris Services (3602 N Market, Shreveport, LA 71107)

There was no opposition present.

A motion was made by MR. YOUNG, seconded by MRS. SMITH to recommend that the Parish Commission approve this application as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Meses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. SP-22-17: PRELIMINARY & FINAL PLAT

POLARIS SERVICES

E & L Development Inc

8100 blk Blanchard Latex Road (South of Blanchard Latex, across from Quiet Acres Road)

R-A

15 Lot Residential Mobile Home Subdivision - Liv Anne Acres Subdivision, Unit 1

Representative &/or support:

Mr. Ricky Wood, Polaris Services (3602 N Market, Shreveport, LA 71107)

There was no opposition present.

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by DR. PENNYWELL to approve this application as submitted contingent upon the zoning request (P-3-17) being approved by the Parish Commission.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Meses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. C-12-17: ZONING REQUEST

HOME FEDERAL BANK

920, 924 & 934 Mitchell Street (North side of Mitchell, 280' west of Thornhill Avenue)

R-1D to B-1(SPI-6)

Bank

Representative &/or support:

Mr. Alan Dyson (732 Robinson Place, Shreveport, LA 71104)

There was no opposition present.

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by MR. ANDREWS to recommend that the City Council approve this application as submitted. A site plan & re-plat application is required for Executive Director review & approval prior to the issuance of any permits.

The motion was adopted by the following 8-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Meses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER.

CASE NO. C-13-17: ZONING REQUEST

MOHR & ASSOC INC
Mills & Co of LA et al
SW corner of Greenwood Road & Pines Road
R-A to B-3
Zaxby's Chicken

Representative &/or support:

Mr. Andy Craig, Mohr & Assoc (1324 N Hearne, Shreveport, LA 71107)

There was no opposition present.

A motion was made by MS. DESMARTEAU, seconded by MRS. SMITH to recommend that the City Council approve this application as submitted. The administrative review & approval of a site plan is required prior to the issuance of any permits.

The motion was adopted by the following 7-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Meses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER. Out of the room: Mr. REMEDIES.

CASE NO. C-14-17: ZONING REQUEST

JANICE ANTWINE
Lambert Development Co, Shelby Smith & Delton Harrison
9400 blk Ferrara Drive (East side of Ferrara, 355' north of Baird Road)
R-3 to B-2
Offices & Possible Daycare Expansion

Representative &/or support:

Mr. Joe Walker (1543 Grimmitt Drive, Shreveport, LA 71107)
Mrs. Janice Antwine (9409 Ferrara Drive, Shreveport, LA 71118) No slip filled out

There was no opposition present.

A motion was made by MR. REMEDIES, seconded by MS. DESMARTEAU to recommend that the City Council approve B-1 zoning with use approval for a daycare as an alternative to the applicant's request for B-2 zoning. A site plan is required for the review & approval by the Executive Director prior to the issuance of any permits.

The motion was adopted by the following 7-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Meses. SMITH & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. COOPER. Out of the room: Mr. COLVIN.

CASE NO. C-15-17: ZONING REQUEST & USE APPROVAL

DEPT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
City of Shreveport
1200 blk Milam (NW corner of Milam & Christian Streets)
R-3 to B-3 with Use Approval for a Reception Facility
Culinary Medicine & Kitchen Incubator

Representative &/or support:

Mrs. Candace Higgenbotham, Community Development (401 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101) No slip filled out
Mrs. Debra Seamster, Pres Allendale/Lakeside N'hood Assn (1417 Madison Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71103) No slip filled out

Speaking in opposition:

(A lady asked questions for clarification but her name & address were inaudible & she did not fill out a slip)

Mr. Steve Ramsey – No address given & no slip filled out
Mrs. Vicki LeBryn (725 Austin Place, Shreveport, LA 71101)
Mrs. Debbie Bryant (9640 Tammy Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71106)
Mr. Billy Wayne (6144 Farrington Court, Shreveport, LA) No slip filled out
Mr. Rob Broussard (451 Sandefur, Shreveport, LA)

- Complained that they just received notice about this case on Saturday (3 days prior) & had many questions that need to be answered
- Several property owners have invested large sums of money to improve these historic structures; they want this development to "fit into the fabric of this neighborhood"
- The residents want all Historic Preservation Committee requirements to be met

Rebuttal:

- Community Development has already applied to the State Historic Preservation Office for review &/or approval of this request
- The process includes a public participation hearing; it is a requirement that the facility be compatible with the neighborhood. They intend to get input from the neighborhood on what they prefer regarding design.
- This property is owned by the City. The facility has to be self-sustaining. This is NOT a social services activity – it has to pay for itself.

A motion was made by MR. ANDREWS, seconded by MR. YOUNG to recommend that the City Council approve this application as submitted. A site plan is required for the review & approval by the Executive Director prior to the issuance of any permits.

The motion was adopted by the following 9-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. COLVIN, REMEDIES, YOUNG, ANDREWS, JACKSON, Dr. PENNYWELL, & Mses. SMITH, COOPER, & DESMARTEAU. Nays: None. Absent: None. (Mrs. Cooper arrived at this point in the meeting.)

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

OTHER BUSINESS

- Master Plan Implementation Report

We will have a UDC public hearing on February 8th at 3 p.m. to review amendments; once approved by the MPC, we will forward these amendments to the City Council for final approval (anticipated) at their February 28th meeting & to the Parish Commission for possible vote on March 9th. We've had to move our implementation date to May 1st due to these delays.

- Other Staff Reports
- Items for Future Discussion

MR. REMEDIES asked that an item be placed on our March 1st meeting agenda to discuss staff immediately advising the Board Members when they are named in any lawsuit. When members' receive calls from the media asking questions about a lawsuit – the Board Members look very inept if they are not informed.

MR. YOUNG also asked that an item be placed on that agenda to discuss not renewing the Executive Director's contract & to have him be an "at-will" employee like the other directors. Mr. Sweeney is the only director who has a contract in the City/Parish. This has to be resolved by July 1st.

There was extensive discussion among the Board Members, the Chair, & Mr. Sweeney regarding what & how items are placed on our meeting agendas. The Chair prefers working "within a committee structure" to get their recommendation prior to placing an item on the agenda. However, he stressed that the Board has the authority to add items to an upcoming agenda with a unanimous vote. Our By-Laws & our MPC Policies & Procedures were debated. Some of the Board Members felt that they were being denied their right to place items on the agenda for consideration; others felt that we are very inconsistent on how we enforce our policy. Attorney Rick John will look into this matter.

CHAIR / BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

► The Chair asked Mr. Sweeney for the following travel information:

- In 2013, 4 staff members & 3 Board Members travelled to Chicago for the APA National Conference. The total travel budget for 2013 was \$33,000.
- In 2014, Board & staff attended only the State Conference. The total travel budget for 2014 was \$34,000.
- In 2015, 4 staff members & 3 Board Members attended the APA National Conference in Seattle. The total travel budget for 2015 was \$44,000.
- In 2016, 3 staff members & 2 Board Members attended the APA National Conference in Phoenix. The total travel budget For 2016 was \$41,000.
- In 2017, 5 staff members & 2 Board Members will attend the APA National Conference in New York City. The total travel budget for 2017 is \$31,000.

► **REQUEST BY CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON ITEMS NOT ON OUR AGENDA TODAY**

Mr. John Settle (33 Tealwood, Shreveport, LA)

- Although the Board Members are appointed to the Board (versus elected), they are charged with supervising the staff.
- Referring to an earlier discussion, Mr. Settle said he got the feeling that the Chair did not want any of the Board Members to question Mr. Sweeney or disagree with him.
- If the Board gives up their right to supervise the Director & employees, they are risking funding from the governing bodies.

- Why are people receiving late notices regarding cases scheduled for public hearing? The citizens said they received their notice on Saturday, with the public hearing being the following Wednesday. The MPC staff could do a better job than that. (**Response:** These notices are sent out as a courtesy only. Sometimes we run into problems & they are late. In this instance, they were mailed late.)
- Mr. Settle said he hopes that the Community Development case for the Culinary Medicine/Kitchen Incubator heard on today's agenda will have to be reviewed by & meet the requirements of the Historic Preservation Committee (unlike a recent case – “an eyesore” – that did not go before that committee.)
- Mr. Settle clarified that the issue with travel is not that 3 Board Members are going to New York City. The issue is that the MPC Executive Director told the City Council in their public meeting that he had to send 3 Board Members to this conference to maintain Board Certification. This is not true & concerns him as a taxpayer.

At this point, the Chair advised Mr. Settle that his 3 minutes were up.

MR. REMEDIES asked Mr. Settle what other concerns he has.

- Mr. Settle said his concern is the Executive Director's “false justification” to the City Council as to why he has to send 3 Board Members to the national conference in New York City. The credibility of the MPC's Executive Director is in question to the City Council in the future.
- Mr. Settle provided each Board Member with a copy of the lawsuit he filed against the MPC. He said that if he had received the information he had requested from Mr. Sweeney regarding Mr. Sweeney's record of \$3,000 expenditure on office furnishings versus another accounting he received from the City which was \$80,000, he wouldn't have needed to file the suit. He asked the Board Members to keep February 27th open on their calendars because that is the anticipated court date.

Mr. Rob Broussard, Broadmoor Neighborhood Assn (451 Sandefur, Shreveport, LA)

- There are 475 households in the Broadmoor Neighborhood Association
- When the Board makes decisions about economic development, the BNA wants the “dollars” to stay in Shreveport. (He was referring to a recent application that the Board approved wherein the applicant actually lives in Austin, TX.)
- Mr. Broussard & others have met with the Mayor & asked that the administration ask the legislature to make the MPC Board Members elected instead of appointed
- They have asked Councilman Flurry to cut the MPC's budget again. How can we send all those people to New York City for educational purposes, yet the Board can't even get their own By-Laws straight?

ADJOURN 6:05 p.m.

Theron Jackson, Chair

Winzer Andrews, Secretary