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**METROPOLITAN SHREVEPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
September 20, 2023**

A regularly scheduled public hearing was held by the Metropolitan Shreveport Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., at Government Plaza Chamber, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA. Members met in the MPC Conference room prior to the hearing for case manager presentations.

Members Present

Alan Berry, Chair
Michael Brannan
JaCoby Marshall
Bernie Woods

Staff Present

Alan Clarke, Executive Director
Adam Bailey, Community Planning & Design Manager
Kamrin Hooks, Executive Assistant/Planner 1
Stephen Jean, Deputy Director
Reginald Jordan, Zoning Administrator
Jomari Smith, Planner 1
Emily Trant, Land Development Coordinator
Tanner Yeldell, City Attorney's Office

Members Absent

Durwood Hendricks

The hearing was opened with prayer led by Mr. Berry. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Berry.

The meeting was called to order & the procedure for hearing the applications on today's agenda was explained. Speakers were asked to clearly state their name & mailing address. 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 Zoning Board of Appeals are subject to appeal to the District Court. Appeals must be filed within 10 days from the date a decision is rendered by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

► **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Woods, to approve the minutes of the August 16th, 2023 public hearing as submitted.

The motion was adopted by the following 4-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. BERRY, BRANNAN, MARSHALL, & WOODS. Nays: None. Absent: HENDRICKS.

► **PUBLIC HEARING**

CASE NO. 23-26-BAC VARIANCE

Applicant: Randall Martin
Owner: RANDALL ROBERT AND JEANNIE OGDEN MARTIN
Location: 814 MONROVIA ST (n side of Monrovia St., approx. 145' west of Line Ave)
Existing Zoning: R-1-7
Request: Setback variance
Proposed Use: carport

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**Representative &/or support:
Randall Martin 814 Monrovia Street, Shreveport, LA, 71106**

Martin informed the board that the current placement of the garage was odd and made it difficult for him to turn into the garage. He also stated that the garage was too low for his truck and with the approval of this variance he could have an inside space to park his truck.

Martin then stated that one of his neighbors have a current garage that sits 8in from their property line as well as another neighbor who has their drainage line on their property line.

Martin concluded by saying that the approval of this request would make his garage more usable.

No discussion was had between the support and Board members.

Jeannie Martin 814 Monrovia Street, Shreveport, LA, 71106

Martin expressed to the board that with the variance, she would be able to unload and reload her vehicle in the garage, which would make for a safer environment. Martin stated the action was not currently possible because of the odd angle of the garage and inability to turn into it to park.

No discussion was had between the support and Board members.

Opposition: None.

A motion was made by Mr. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Woods, to

The motion was adopted by the following 4-0 vote: Ayes: Messrs. BERRY, BRANNAN, MARSHALL, & WOODS. Nays: None. Absent: HENDRICKS.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

▶ **OLD BUSINESS**

▶ **NEW BUSINESS**

MR. CLARKE informed the chairman that he would need to appoint a nominating committee for officers.

▶ **OTHER MATTERS TO BE REVIEWED BY THE ZBA**

▶ **CHAIR / BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

MEETING ADJOURNED 3:28 p.m.

Alan Berry, Chairman

Secretary