# AGENDA MEETING <br> ST. TAMMANY PARISH BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING <br> MAY ${ }^{\text {TH }}, 2024$ - 2PM <br> ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX BUILDING A <br> 21490 KOOP DRIVE, PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS <br> MANDEVILLE, LOUISIANA 

## CALL TO ORDER

## ROLL CALL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please silence all phones and electronic devices
- Appeals
- Speaker Cards
- Public Speaking - Ten (10) minutes each side and five (5) minutes for rebuttal
- Please exit the building


## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

## APPROVAL OF THE APRIL $2^{\text {ND }}, 2024$ MINUTES

## 1- BOA CASE NO. 2024-3734-BOA

Request by applicant in an A-4 Single Family Residential Zoning District for a variance to reduce the required rear yard setback from 10 ft to 9 ft
The property is located: 38356 North 2nd Avenue, Pearl River, Louisiana
Applicant \& Representative: Lynell Crawford
POSTPONED FROM APRIL $2^{\text {ND }}, 2024$ MEETING.

## 2- BOA CASE NO. 2024-3767-BOA

Request by an applicant in an A-2 Suburban District for an after the fact variance to reduce the required rear yard setback from 25 ft . to 23.5 ft . and the required side yard setback from 10 ft . to 6 ft . The property is located: 269 Magnolia Street, Mandeville, Louisiana
Applicant \& Representative: Roashawn Taylor
3- BOA CASE NO. 2024-3781-BOA
Request by applicant in an A-4 Single Family Residential District for a variance to reduce the required rear yard setback from 25 ft to 10 ft to allow for an addition to a single family residence The property is located: 126 East Ruelle, Mandeville, Louisiana Applicant \& Representative: Davis \& Suzanne Brister

4- BOA CASE NO. 2024-3782-BOA
Request by applicant in a HC-2 Highway Commercial District for a variance to remove three (3) existing trees located within the west side planting buffer.
The property is located: North side of LA Highway 1085, west of LA Highway 1077, Covington, Louisiana
Applicant \& Representative: Waffle House Inc. - Butch Baur for Northpoint Business Park LLC

5- BOA CASE NO. 2024-3783-BOA
Request by applicant in a HC-2 Highway Commercial District for a waiver of the required 10 foot side yard buffers and the required number of Class A \& Class B trees.
The property is located: 1701 and 1705 LA Highway 59, Mandeville, Louisiana
Applicant: CSP-NE Real Estates, LLC
Representative: Paul J. Mayronne
6- BOA CASE NO. 2024-3784-BOA
Request by applicant in an I-2 Industrial District for a variance to move the required street buffer on the north side of the proposed access road.
The property is located: north side of South Krentel Road, Lacombe, Louisiana
Applicant: I12 Holdings, LLC - Mark Sieverding
Representative: Paul J. Mayronne

OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

## ADJOURNMENT

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The April 2, 2024 meeting of the St. Tammany Parish Board of Adjustment was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Ballantine.

The roll was called as follows:

PRESENT: Mr. Ballantine, Mr. Swindell, Mr. Blache, Mr. Sanders \& Mrs. Thomas
ABSENT: Mr. Daly
STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Lambert \& Mrs. Couvillion

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Blache and seconded by Mr. Swindell to approve the March 5, 2024 minutes.

## MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

1- BOA CASE NO. 2024-3734-BOA
Request by applicant in an A-4 Single Family Residential Zoning District for a variance to reduce the required rear yard setback from 10 ft to 9 ft
The property is located: 38356 North 2nd Avenue, Pearl River, Louisiana
Applicant \& Representative: Lynell Crawford
Move to postponed to the end of the meeting.
Motion by Mr. Blache seconded by Mr. Swindell to postponed until the May 7, 2024 meeting.

## MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

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## 2- BOA CASE NO. 2024-3739-BOA

Request by applicant in a PUD Planned Unit Development Overlay for an after the fact variance to reduce the front yard setback from 25 feet to 9 foot 33 inches
The property is located: 225 Bon Temps Roule Mandeville, Louisiana
Applicant \& Representative: Jane Garden
Jane Garden: Had the addition built from a contractor that didn't pull a permit. Had to file a police report regarding contractor who build addition. Since then, we have been trying to do this the right way since we didn't realize he was not a real contractor. We hired Mr. Rockwell to come in, oversee the construction and bring structure up to code. Bought the house 10 years ago and it was very small. It is the first house in this neighborhood to become modern. My plan was to take this house, located in Franco's neighborhood, and modernized it. I added some hardy board to the addition to make it look pretty and all my neighbors love it. Neighbors are all very happy with it because it brings their property value up and I kept it in the style of the existing house.

Mr. Ballantine: You stated that another neighbor did a similar addition in close proximity?
Jane Garden: Correct, but my addition is with hardy board, which is more modern. The structure is about $90 \%$ completed. I have five no objection letters from neighbors.

Mr. Blache: Was any sort of inspection done? In regards to the foundation? Is the structure safe, does it meet code?

Mrs. Lambert: I'm not aware that we have done any inspections. No inspections will be taking place until the permit issued. Revised plans will have to be submitted.

Mr. Blache: Is there any sort of servitude located within the setback?
Mrs. Lambert: I am not aware of any servitude existing within the property.
Mr. Blache: The original contractor did not apply for a permit before beginning construction?
Jane Garden: No permit was applied for. My design was supposed to be followed by the plans from the architect. The plans were drawn by the architect up to code. Mr. Rockwell, new contractor, is going to take over the construction.

Mr. Swindell: I appreciate the fact that you said that you are responsible. I consider this as if you would have made the request prior to the construction took place. With all the letters of support, I would tend to vote in favor.

Mrs. Thomas: I think the fact that all of your neighbors are in favor (6 letters). I will support it as well.

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Moved by Mr. Swindell and seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve as requested.

## MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

## 3- BOA CASE NO. 2024-3740-BOA

Request by applicant in a PUD Planned Unit Development Overlay for a variance to increase the maximum allowable square footage for a directional sign from 4 square feet to 30.75 square feet The property is located: 66595 \& 66599 Wadsworth Blvd, Mandeville, Louisiana Applicant \& Representative: Love's Travel Stop - Brad Peck

Brad Peck: I am a real estate project manager for Love's Travel Stop. Home office is located in Oklahoma City. Cat scale is a scale for trucks to make sure they are legal when they get on the road. There are some legal requirements. The scale actually weighs each axle separately and gives them the opportunity to adjust and to distribute weight evenly so that the Department of Transportation doesn't pull them over and give them a ticket for destroying our roads. That's the purpose of a scale. The scale will be located on the back side of our facility, adjacent to our diesel base, where the trucks fill up. We will have a fueling canopy with eight bays for trucks to fuel and the CAT scale is proposed to be located next to the canopy.

The packet that I brought today is to show you some illustrations of the cat scale signage. The first page shows what we would build if the code would allow and what would it would look if we were to build it to the current code. The top of the sign is the actual indicator for the cat scale to enter on one side and do not enter on the other side. The sign that you see, which is about mid-pole, is actually a call box and an instruction box. When the truck pulls up and push the button, it calls the store and an attendant will walk them through the process and taking the weight. The attendant let them know when the weighting process is completed. The truck pulls out and comes inside to get a printed copy of their scale result. The second page shows the variance we are asking for so it shows the difference between what is code what we are asking for. The third page shows what type of sign is typically installed at a truck stop. We understand that there is a huge difference between what is allowed in St. Tammany Parish compared to what we usually install at truck stops. The CAT Scale sign indicates to the driver where the entry to the scale is located and how to align to get on the scale between the two poles. The larger sign will help the driver entering the property and show where the scale is located and align to pull onto the scale.

Mr. Swindell: I appreciate the fact that you have presented multiple options and you are attempting to comply with the Unified Development Code and what you are presenting is a compromise compared to the sign typically installed. I have voted a certain way since I have been on this board since the Parish adopted the Unified Development Code. I do not see the necessity for this sign to be bigger than what the Unified Development Code allows. The bigger sign can be for advertisement. I think it's important that we stick to the code. If we think that the size of the sign needed to be bigger, we should change the Unified Development Code. I think I'm going to vote to not support this.

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Mrs. Thomas: Is there a legal code in the state of Louisiana that mandates that truck drivers need to have awareness of where scales are located?

Brad Peck: I am not aware of any legal application in regards to the size of the sign. This will be our 12th location in the state of Louisiana. Other stores in the state and out of state have the larger sign as shown on the pages I presented to you. We are trying to increase it from the 4 Square foot total allowed to a larger sign to indicate where the scale. If you can imagine that you are entering a parking lot with moving trucks, moving cars and trying to identify where the scale is located. Sign is a valuable tool to a truck driver trying to get to the right place and to help them to see where they need to be.

Mrs. Thomas: If this Board is opposed to this, based upon our own Parish codes, how are you going to get the information out to the truck driver so that they know that the scale is available?

Brad Peck: We would construct the sign you see on the front page which is the what is currently allowed by your code.

Mr. Swindell: I just did a quick search on my phone just out of curiosity and if you type in "CAT Scale" it's quite obvious and it's a real easy search to find locations. Internally, it might be a little more challenging with the smaller sign to find the scale. But granted a 20 foot tall a truck drivers know where to go.

Mr. Ballantine: I am going to be in support of this request. I'm going back to history of this location when there was a contentious use at the parish council level for what was going to go in in the corner there at Highway 1088 and I-12 and it finally passed. It's going to be a huge trucking conglomeration and the trucks are going to be running late at night and early in the morning. The sign is going to be back and you are not going to see the sign from any place because once that other truck stop gets built it's going to be hidden back there. If the sign is a little bigger, it will help those trucks get in and out of there. It would be consistent with the needs of the parish, not having the trucks waiting around. I support the requested variance.

Mr. Blache: I support your request. Obviously there are certain codes and regulations that we are charged with following and I am $100 \%$ behind that. I believe that we are also placed on this board to use reason per the situation and considering how it is this going to affect this and what it does for safety. I don't think that it is going to compromise our sign package or create a precedent.

Mrs. Couvillion: Question for staff: is it considered as a directional sign, not a pole sign?
Mrs. Lambert: Correct, it is considered a directional sign.
Mrs. Couvillion: I just wanted to confirm because this Board cannot grant variances on pole signs.

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Mr. Swindell: I appreciate the effort here but if you look at where this scale is relative to where the trucks pull in they are going to see the small sign. It is being classified as a directional sign because they want the advertising. It is so close to the interstate that it is to be visible from the Interstate.

Mr. Blache: If I am correct, the sign is going to be in the rear of the site and it will not be visible from the Interstate.

Brad Peck: The sign will not be visible for the most part from the Interstate. It may be possible to see an aura at night from some of the lighting, which won't be much. We are aware of the requirements of directional lighting and we will keep parking lot lights at a certain minimum since we are not allowed to have overflow. Because of where the scale is located, not up adjacent to I12, there may be some visibility from Highway 1088. Obviously, the store will be seen from Highway 1088. The goal is to make sure that the drivers are seeing where they need to be going, towards the scale.

Mr. Ballantine: I am going to make a motion.
Mrs. Couvillion: You cannot make a motion, because you are the chairman.
Mr. Ballantine: I am the chairman and I can make a motion according to Robert's Rules.
Mrs. Couvillion: You cannot make a motion according to the BOA bylaws.
Motion by Mr. Blache seconded by Mrs. Thomas to approve the variance as requested.

## MOTION CARRIES

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## 4- BOA CASE NO. 2024-3742-BOA

Request by applicant in a HC-3 Highway Commercial Zoning District for a variance to increase the maximum allowable square footage of a single occupancy monument sign from 32 square feet to 61.7 square feet and to increase the maximum allowable height of the base of the sign from 24 inches to 30 inches.
The property is located: 61017 Highway 11, Slidell, Louisiana
Applicant: Quick Trip Corporation
Representative: Jones Fussell, LLP - Jeffrey Shoen
Jeff Shoen: Representing the owner petitioner and applicant Quick Trip Corporation which hopes to build a fueling facility at this location. I got to listen to the case before this. It is not a parallel but there are certainly some similar issues. Assuming you have the staff report in front of you, if you look at the second page you will see that this site is located on the west side of US Highway 11, north of I-12 at the Pearl River Exit. The site is currently occupied by a strip shopping center that was partially devastated by Hurricane Katrina and has been sitting partially vacant since. The southern portion of the site is proposed to be redeveloped with a Quick Trip Gas station. If you look on page 5 , in the packet, it shows the proposed sign. Asking for a variance and bringing something to the table by way of mitigation. Initial concern is the location of the gas station, away from the Interstate, and the size of the sign of the adjacent Exxon gas station sign. They fear that it just would not be easy for the public travelling on Interstate 12 to see them. Next to last page shows the location of the two monuments signs and where the signs would be erected, one on Highway 11 and the other one on Browns Village Road. Looking at that, I explained and we agreed that the need for extensive signage on Browns Village Road is not great. Browns Village Road is heavily traveled by business owners, customers and residents but the point is you have a captive audience from people that are back on Browns Village Road because $99 \%$ of them are going to be coming to Highway 11. Decision was made to forgo the sign on Browns Village Road and keep the character of the road but ask for an enhanced sign on Highway 11.

There are two issues to bring up: one is the maximum allowable height base and the maximum allowable height of the sign is 9 feet, but the proposed sign about 8 feet and 4 inches. Notice that the regulation allows for a base of a maximum of 2 feet. The request is to allow for an additional 6 inches bringing the total height of the base to 30 inches to give the sign a little more height and provide better visibility. I wanted to explain that we are doing sort of an offset and that we wanted to make sure that the sign does not go to the maximum allowable height of 9 foot tall. This allocation of needing six more inches on the base will actually allow our sign to be just a little higher.

We also made sure that the square footage of the single sign that we propose on Highway 11 is approximately, but just a little less than two times the face of the two signs, if we had one sign on Browns Village Road for 32 square feet and one sign on Highway 11 for 32 square feet. Is that perfect? No but at least I wanted you to see that there was some thinking as it relates to request to have a conditioned variance, meaning that we would only have one monument sign on Highway

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11. The total square footage is no different than if we had two signs. I think we accomplished something in the spirit of the Unified Development Code. The Code discourages the proliferation of signs. Rather than having two signs, we are requesting to have one sign, none on the Browns Village Corridor. From a height perspective, we have not requested that we go beyond the 9 foot maximum height.

In regards to the existing signage located in the area, attached to your staff report is examples of existing larger signs in the area such as Exxon, which is located immediately to the south and Circle K, McDonald's, Burger King and Waffle House located in the area. Also taking into consideration that some properties are inside the City limits of Slidell. I am not suggesting that we are subject to the same rules but that when this company comes in to redevelop this site, put the site back into commerce, and help themselves as a business and help the Parish, it is difficult for them to compete knowing that everyone else in that area have bigger signs. It is no one's fault the code is the code as Mr Swindell said in the prior case, there are reasons the code was put together. What hopefully I have demonstrated today is that maybe there are some mitigating factors that you might consider:

1. proliferation of signs, will have one rather than two signs
2. the distance of this property from Interstate 12. The site is not abutting I-12.
3. the fact that we are redeveloping a property that has been blighted for 20 years.
4. we have looked at the overall height and tried to stay within code, we are requesting to allocate six more inches for the base.
5. Last but not least in doing one sign rather than two we did keep the square footage of the face of the sign within an area of less than 64 feet.

With all those things having been said please consider granting a variance to Quick Trip as they look forward to being a part of our community and think this signage will help direct the public to their place of business, if they care to do business there. If any of you have any questions I will be glad to address them at the appropriate time.

Mr Swindell: Mr. Shoen, I think this is back in in December we had a very similar conversation with a group that was looking to develop a gas station. I appreciate your guidance to them, it is very smart to go from two signs to one sign and doing your best to compromise. The logic that you use and supporting arguments are good. I am staying strong to my stance where we have to start somewhere and if we don't and we only start with the places that don't have any grandfathered non-conforming signs then we are going to allow this argument for every companies to located near an exit to Interstate 12, that don't comply with our Unified Development Code. I think this is a great property and I think even with smaller signs they are going to stand and make a lot of money. As a group, we need to be strong enough to just say that there is a need to follow the Unified Development Code. Despite the effort and the good faith put into it, we have to start somewhere. And for me I started in December with the site on Highway 1088 and I'm going to vote no to this.

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Jeff Shoen: I certainly respect your view. The thing that I would offer about starting somewhere is that I am not sure that this is a step backwards if this variance is granted. If we were not sacrificing a sign opportunity on Browns Village Road or if we were exceeding the height of the sign and there could be a lot of other factors to consider. I think the real problem in my view is that maybe there is not enough flex in the Unified Development Code to accommodate. It is not your fault or mine and I am not suggesting that. I am only saying that the rigidity of the code make it difficult for every property to fit into a canned rule. I think that is why we have a Board of Adjustment. The last thing I will say is that it is really important to encourage out of state well accomplished business and investment into our Parish. Particularly where we are going to take a blighted property and make it more tax productive, make it more productive for consumers, make it nicer to the eye. There are a lot of good things happening on Highway 11 just to the north. As you may know, Chris Jean has developed a series of properties: Funeral Home, crematorium, business park and a variety of things that in my view are nice. Getting back to the comment, it's a good discussion and I hope we can provide this company its best opportunity to be successful.

Mr. Blache: I have a question for you regarding the base of the of the Monument sign that you are talking about. Has there been any conversation about providing any kind of planting around the base of the monument sign, just to kind of dress it up? Just before you even answer that, I will just also follow up with my comments and having seen a ton of these kind of cases in my past involvement with the City of Mandeville. City of Mandeville had really strict sign ordinances and got an even stricter. I will just tell you my first job out of school was for a national sign company and I understand and appreciate the importance of signage to a small business and even a larger business as well especially when you're competing against larger signs like this. The need to be seen is obviously important; however, as you know we cannot take that into consideration in terms of a monetary hardship. This has actually happened in the City of Mandeville, we have an Overlay District but we don't have an overlay District along the Highway 190 Corridor. Mandeville has certain rules and the parish has certain rules and they collide and it creates an unfair advantage. What I think is necessary here when we consider these things is that the parish be a partner with businesses and not see it as an adversarial type arrangement. A lot of times we throw too many strict rules on businesses and prevent them from being successful. At the end of the day as a Parish we are successful when they are. I would consider this very carefully and say that I love the idea that we are not increasing the amount of sign clutter. When the request is to go down to one sign versus two or three or whatever that you're allowed because the property is on a corner, that makes a difference to me. There is no increase in the footprint or size of the sign and limiting the clutter of signs. I think we need to look at this on the case by case basis. I am thankful that the property is coning back into commerce and I wans to give it every benefit that we can for it to be successful.

Mr. Sanders: I passed that building up and it was really trashed and it is great to bringing it back to commerce.

Mr. Ballantine: I took a few trips to the site to see the property and I think it is time to put it back into commerce. I'm going to be a yes vote.

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Mr. Swindell: I would like to add one thing and then I really have a question for staff. Nowhere does it say that if we don't approve this that they are not going to develop the property. I just don't want to confuse those two things. They are asking for us to approve a larger sign because they would like to have a larger sign. It is more visible and I get all the reason. Question for staff: if they are going to forgo the sign on Browns Village Road as a condition of this variance, what mechanism does the parish have to stop whether this owner or another in the future from applying for a permit to put a sign on Browns Village Road?

Mrs. Lambert: It is staff's responsibility to do the research and make sure that rules are applied correctly. In our permitting system, all the permits and variances are all joined together and it is possible to make a quick research.

Mr. Swindell: In that regard, it is good that there is a standard protocol to do some research.
Mrs. Couvillion: A new sign permit is required for each sign.
Mr. Blache: Also, a certain amount of square footage will be granted per location. At this point the maximum square footage of sign has been reached.

Mrs. Lambert: Correct.
Motion by Mr. Sanders seconded by Mrs. Thomas to approve the variance as requested.
Mr. Blache: Should a condition be added requiring some landscaping around the base?
Jeff Shoen: I am confident that if the variance is granted, we can do some landscaping around the base. There is no prohibition from providing landscaping around the base?

Mrs. Lambert: No prohibition. If Mr. Sanders wants to amend his motion.
Jeff Shoen: No issue to provide landscaping around the base if included in the motion.
Mrs. Lambert: What type of landscaping would be provided?
Jeff Shoen: We can provide low ground cover and a drawing showing what will be planted.
Motion by Mr. Sanders seconded by Mrs. Thomas to approve the variance as requested subject to providing landscaping around the base of the sign which would consist of low ground cover.

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## NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Thomas: Requested some information regarding process of appointment of the Board members coming up at the May Council meeting.

Mrs. Couvillion: All the terms of the Board members are expired. All the Board members are up for reappointment. Working on process where the Council would vote on the appointment of the Board members at the May Council meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT: MR. TOM BALLANTINE, CHAIRMAN

## CHAIRMAN

ST. TAMMANY PARISH BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
Disclaimer: These minutes are intended to represent an overview of the meeting and general representation of the testimony given; and therefore, does not constitute verbatim testimony or a transcription of the proceedings.

BOA STAFF REPORT
2024-3734-BOA

MICHAEL B. COOPER PARISH PRESIDENT

PLANNING \& DEVELOPMENT
Ross Liner
Director

985-898-2529 21454 Koop Drive, Suite 1B, Mandeville, LA 70471 $\quad$ stpgov.org/planning
Location: 38356 North 2nd Avenue, Pearl River, Louisiana, Ward 8, District 14
Applicant \& Representative: Lynell Crawford
Posted: April 19, 2024
$\mathbf{2}^{\text {ND }}$ Public Hearing Date: May $7^{\text {th }}, 2024$
Initial Hearing Date: April 2, 2024
Date of Report: April 30, 2024


## Variance(s) Requested:

Reduce the required rear yard setback from 10 ft to 9 ft

## Zoning of Property:

A-4 Single Family Residential District

## FINDINGS

According to the St. Tammany Parish Unified Development Code Section 130-2191. - Lot of record. (2) Rear yard setback a. Standard requirement. Twenty percent of lot depth or 25 feet, whichever is the lesser.

The request is to allow for the reduction of the required rear yard setback from 10 feet to 9 feet to allow for the placement of a 16 foot deep X 80 foot wide manufactured home on the property. While the property is only 50 feet in depth, no evidence of a practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship has been submitted to support the requested variance.

(Please state on the following lines below your specific request for a variance/appeal:)


## POWERS OF THE BOARD TO GRANT VARIANCES/APPEALS

The St. Tammany Parish Board of Adjustment is limited in its power to grant variance/appeal requests as mandated by State and Parish Law. The board must consider the following in order to determine if a variance/appeal is eligible for granting:

1. Is the variance/appeal request self-imposed?

Variances/appeals may not be granted by the board if the request is considered a "personal preference".
2. Does the variance/appeal request constitute a financial hardship?

Variances/appeals may not be granted by the board if the request is considered strictly a financial hardship.
3. Does the variance/appeal request present a practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship? If the applicant can prove through testimony and presentation of factual documentation and/or evidence to the board that a practical difficultly or unnecessary hardship would be imposed if a variance/appeal was not granted, then the board may consider granting the variance/appeal request.
4. Does the variance/appeal request impose an adverse effect on the adjacent neighbor's property or surrounding neighborhood?
If the variance/appeal request adversely effects an adjacent property owner and/or the surrounding neighborhood in general, and testimony is forthcoming from same that can be proven within reason that an adverse effect would be imposed, the board may decide not to grant the applicant's variance/appeal request.
5. Will the granting of the variance/appeal request constitute establishing a precedent? The board may deny the granting of a variance/appeal request which may result in the establishment of a dangerous or unfavorable precedent to the parish.

Per number 3 above, please use the lines below to state the practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship which constitutes the requested variance:


SIGNATURE OF OWNER/APPLICANT
DATE OF APPLICATION

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985-898-2529 21454 Koop Drive, Suite 1B, Mandeville, LA 70471 $\quad$ stpgov.org/planning
Location: 269 Magnolia Street, Mandeville, Louisiana, Ward 4, District 10

Applicant \& Representative: Roashawn Taylor
Initial Hearing Date: May 7th, 2024


Posted: April 22, 2024
Date of Report: April 30, 2024

## Variance(s) Requested:

After the fact variance to reduce the required rear yard setback from 25 ft . to 23.5 ft . and the required side yard setback from 10 ft . to 6 ft .

## Zoning of Property:

A-2 Suburban District

## FINDINGS

According to the St. Tammany Parish Unified Development Code Section 130-2191 - Lot of Record setbacks:

- The rear yard setback required for a lot of record is $20 \%$ of the depth of the lot or 25 feet, whichever is lesser
- The side yard setback required on a corner side is not less than 10 feet.

The subject property is developed with an existing 1000 square foot single-family residence and an existing shed located in the rear of the property. Both structures were constructed prior to the establishment of the Unified Development Code and any regulating setbacks for residential construction. The narrative explains that there is an existing 1000 square foot home on the property and a shed located in the rear of the property which currently house a washer and dryer. The applicant applied for a building permit to remodel the shed (2023-3682) which has been issued. The scope of work/remodel was to place the roof on the structure, add washer and dryer, new walls, concrete, electrical, and piping.

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The shed is currently located 23.5 feet from the rear property line and 6 feet from the northern corner side lot line. The requested variances consist of 1.5 feet for the rear yard setback and 4 feet for the corner side yard setback.

The objective of the request is to allow to amend the original remodel application to add a 13 ' x 28' covered breezeway to connect the two structures at the roof line, therefore making this an extension of the single-family residential structure.

Granting the requested variances from the Board of Adjustments will allow the applicant to revise their application to construct the breezeway connecting the primary residential structure and the existing shed and to ensure the shed meets all requirements of the International Residential Code (IRC).

The applicant has provided letters of no objection from the abutting neighbors to the west and the to the south. These are the only properties which directly abut the subject property.

## MANDEVILLE




I, Roashawn Taylor of 269 Magnolia St. in Lewisburg, LA feels as if my circumstance warrants a variance due to the unfortunate original placement of the existing garage/shed. I purchased this home 2 years ago after being abandoned and dilapidated for 5 years. After the remodel of the home, I was granted the permit to do a $\$ 60,000$ remodel to the shed due to it being a huge safety hazard. The original house and shed were built in 1929 prior to the current setbacks. The home is a little under 1000 sq. ft., leaving no room for laundry and storage. The laundry and storage is located in the shed which is 18 ft away from the back door of the home. An 13 'x 28 ' covered breeze way would connect the two structures at the roof allowing a clear dry passage to the laundry room making this an extension to the home. The setbacks for this property location is 25 ft from the rear property (East), but the original \& remodeled placement of the shed is 23.5 ft from the rear and 6 ft from the street side (North). This variance would allow me to build a sufficient breezeway connecting the two structures, for a dry passage, if allowed. Attached are 2 written letters of no objection by the (2) adjacent property owners.
1, ANTONINA SCARIANO, OF

265 MAGNOLIA STREET HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE HOME ADDITION OF A $13 \times 28$ COVERED BREEZEWAY AT 209 MAGNOLIA STREET.
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985-898-2529 21454 Koop Drive, Suite 1B, Mandeville, LA 70471 $\quad$ stpgov.org/planning
Location: 126 East Ruelle, Mandeville, Louisiana, Ward 4, District 4

Applicant \& Representative: Davis \& Suzanne Brister
Initial Hearing Date: May 7th, 2024


Posted: April 22, 2024
Date of Report: April 30, 2024

## Variance(s) Requested:

Reduce the required rear yard setback from 25 ft to 10 ft to allow for an addition to a single-family residence

## Zoning of Property:

 A-4 Single Family Residential District
## FINDINGS

According to the St. Tammany Parish Unified Development Code Section 130-509. - (b). (4) Rear yard. There shall be a rear yard having a depth of not less than 25 feet, plus one additional foot for every one foot in building height over 20 feet above base flood elevation.

The subject property is developed with an existing single-family residence located within the Beau Chene subdivision and abutting the golf course. The request is for a 15 -foot rear yard setback reduction which will allow the applicant to reconstruct an outdoor patio 10 feet from the rear property line.

Note that the request has been approved by the Beau Chene HOA and the applicant stated they received verbal support from their neighbors to the south.




105 Beau Chêne Blvd., Suite 102, Mandeville, LA 70471 Phone: (985) 231-6285 Fax: (985) 231-6286
Website: whom behormm

March 22, 2024
Davis and Suszanne Brister
126 East Ruelle
Mandeville, La. 70471
Re: Lot 530
Dear Davis and Suzanne:
The Environmental Control Committee has approved your application to install a patio. patio cover and outdoor fireplace at the above referenced location as per the approved plan. The ECC approved a 10 -foot variance on the rear for the patio cover based on the reasons noted by you as applicant: the appearance is attractive and blends with the home and nearby structures; the space between the lot and the course which is filled with trees; the location on the course with the cart path on the other side and the course owner's support and the neighbor"s support. In addition, staff noted to the ECC the neighbor was previously granted a 4 -foot variance for similar reasons. Also. it was observed that requiring the posts to be set back with greater overhang would not look good and would put posts into the usable areas of the slab.

Please contact me if you have any questions.


Copy of Approved Plan and Permit Enclosed

To the Environmental Control Committee,

We are the owners of the home on 126 East Ruelle Drive. We desire to reconstruct our outdoor patio. As part of the reconstruction, we want to expand the area a bit, which would require a variance.

Please consider our request to pour the outdoor patio slab such that it comes 20 feet from the house, and with the roof covering it such that the support posts are at the edge of the slab 20 feet from the rear. Thus, we are requesting an 10 -foot variance from the required 20 -foot rear setback for outdoor kitchens on golf course lots (per Guideline P of the ECC Guidelines).

Note that we are not building an actual kitchen. We are building a fireplace (pictures included) which will fall into our current set back and thus not require a variance.

We believe this outdoor area will modernize the back of our home, blend in with other outdoor structures along the golf course, as well as blend in with our home's interior, all of which was renovated and redecorated within the past five years.

Note that there is a lot of space between our properly line and the fairway. There is a large empty area with 10-12 pine trees that settles between the fairway and our property line. The cart path is on the other side of the fairway from us as well, and so we don't expect this expansion to interfere with golf play at all.

I have spoken with Mr. Chris Inman about our plans and he has given us his support. Our neighbors, Paul and Elizabeth Miller also fully support our plans. I have not been able to speak with my neighbor on the other side - Rick Schneider - as he and his family spend the majority of their time in Houston, coming to Mandeville only a handful of times per year.

Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions.

985-373-6045.

Sincerely,
Davis Brister


Bill Maier

## From:

Sent:
To:
Subject:
Attachments:

Lacey Hill [lacey@trigroupbuild.com](mailto:lacey@trigroupbuild.com)
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 1:43 PM
Bill Maier; davis brister
RE: Variance Follow Up
Plot Plan.pdf; Brister Foundation.pdf; Brister Survey_.pdf; Brister Plan.pdf

Bill,
Please see the attached drawings and plot plan needed for Beau Chene approval and variance.
The following materials will be used during construction:

1. Standing seam roof (Bronze or dark bronze to coordinate with existing roof)
2. Hardi board soffit and fascia board to match existing house
3. Beaded board ceiling-painted.
4. Brick and Post columns to match existing house (Brick at the bottom of post with 8 inch post.
5. Brick ledge surrounding patio
6. Ceramic outdoor tile layed on top of slab.

Please let me know if anything additional is needed.
Sincerely,
Lacey


From: Bill Maier [billm@bchoa.org](mailto:billm@bchoa.org)
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 5:50 PM
To: davis brister [davisbrister@hotmail.com](mailto:davisbrister@hotmail.com)
Cc: Lacey Hill [lacey@trigroupbuild.com](mailto:lacey@trigroupbuild.com)
Subject: RE: Variance Follow Up
Davis,
Thanks for your email. I was out this morning with a family situation and have been catching up all afternoon.
Hence the late reply.
If you move the fireplace within the current structure, then a you would not need a setback variance for the fireplace.

If you still want to pour the outdoor kitchen/patio slab such that it comes 20 feet from the house, and then put the roof over it such that the support posts are at on the edge of the slab 20 feet from the rear, then you will need an 8foot variance from the required 20 -foot rear setback for outdoor kitchens on golf course lots (per Guideline P of the ECC Guidelines). The slab itself doesn't need a variance because it is flatwork. But since it will be covered to create the outdoor kitchen that will need a variance. Again, the location of the posts determines the amount of variance needed. That is, for ex., if the posts were set at 18 -feet from the rear of the house (which is 32 feet from the rear line) and roof overhang covered the back part of the slab, then a 6 -foot variance would be needed.

The plot plan will need to reflect the location of the fireplace and the posts for the roof.

## Bill Maier

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:
Attachments:

Lacey Hill [lacey@trigroupbuild.com](mailto:lacey@trigroupbuild.com)
Friday, March 8, 2024 10:17 AM
Bill Maier; davis brister
RE: Variance Follow Up
Plotplanupdates3.8.2024.pdf; IMG_5506.jpeg

Hey Bill,
Please see the attached plot plan with the fireplace measurements. There will be no outdoor kitchen on the patio. The new fireplace will be within the existing variance and will be ventless. It will be a brick fireplace with no chimney, gas burning ventless with a 2 foot hearth. Please let me know if you need any additional details. I have attached a picture of the fireplace that we are envisioning for your reference.


From: Bill Maier [billm@bchoa.org](mailto:billm@bchoa.org)
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 3:06 PM
To: davis brister [davisbrister@hotmail.com](mailto:davisbrister@hotmail.com); Lacey Hill [lacey@trigroupbuild.com](mailto:lacey@trigroupbuild.com)
Subject: RE: Variance Follow Up
Davis,
I'm sorry I overlooked sending this reply earlier. Yes, you should write a letter /email with your reasons for the variance request.

Thanks,
Bill Maier
BCHOA Manager
105 Beau Chene Blvd, Suite 102
Mandeville, LA. 70471
Website:www.bchoa.org
Phone:985-231-6285

From: davis brister [davisbrister@hotmail.com](mailto:davisbrister@hotmail.com)
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 3:37 PM
To: Lacey Hill [lacey@trigroupbuild.com](mailto:lacey@trigroupbuild.com)
Cc: Bill Maier [billm@bchoa.org](mailto:billm@bchoa.org)
Subject: Re: Variance Follow Up
Bill,
Also - as mentioned - I'm flying blind so let me know if these details cover the variance request or if | should write a letter with that specific request.



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Article from LTK - Sep 24, 2021
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Location: North side of LA Highway 1085, west of LA Highway 1077, Covington, Louisiana, Ward 4, District 4

Applicant \& Representative: Waffle House, Inc - Butch Baur
Posted: April 22, 2024
Initial Hearing Date: May 7th, 2024
Date of Report: April 30, 2024


## Variance(s) Requested:

Remove three (3) existing trees located within the west side planting buffer

## Zoning of Property:

HC-2 Highway Commercial District

## FINDINGS

According to the St. Tammany Parish Unified Development Code Section 130-1977 - "Side and Rear Buffer Planting Area Requirements", b) Buffer planting area width, the side yard buffer planting area shall be a minimum of ten feet. Per Section 130-1975 - "Tree Preservation", all trees over six inches DBH shall be preserved within the required buffers.

The subject property is part of an undeveloped tract within Northpointe Business Park which is proposed to be developed with a restaurant.

The applicant is seeking a variance to remove three (3) trees within the western side yard buffer which consist of an 18 " pine, a $15 "$ pine, and an 8 " maple. The request is due to the extension of underground gas and electrical lines to connect to the cooking equipment which proposed to be located along the back wall of the building. The existing trees proposed to remain within the western side buffer provide 10 tree credits. The applicant is proposing to plant 12 new trees, therefore exceeding the planting requirements for the side yard buffer.

(Please state on the following lines below your specific request for a variance/appeal:)

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DUE TO UNDERGROUND GAS * ELECTRIC ENTERING THE WEST SIDE OF
THE BUILDING WE NEED TO REMOVE 3 EXISTING TREES IN WEST LANDSCAPE
BUFFER. WE ARE ABLE TO REPLACE 2 TREES BUT WIULSTILL BESHORT 4 TREES.
POWERS OF THE BOARD TO GRANT VARIANCES/APPEALS
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The St. Tammany Parish Board of Adjustment is limited in its power to grant variance/appeal requests as mandated by State and Parish Law. The board must consider the following in order to determine if a variance/appeal is eligible for granting:

1. Is the variance/appeal request self-imposed?

Variances/appeals may not be granted by the board if the request is considered a "personal preference".
2. Does the variance/appeal request constitute a financial hardship? Variances/appeals may not be granted by the board if the request is considered strictly a financial hardship.
3. Does the variance/appeal request present a practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship? If the applicant can prove through testimony and presentation of factual documentation and/or evidence to the board that a practical difficultly or unnecessary hardship would be imposed if a variance/appeal was not granted, then the board may consider granting the variance/appeal request.
4. Does the variancelappeal request impose an adverse effect on the adjacent neighbor's property or surrounding neighborhood?
If the variance/appeal request adversely effects an adjacent property owner and/or the surrounding neighborhood in general, and testimony is forthcoming from same that can be proven within reason that an adverse effect would be imposed, the board may decide not to grant the applicant's variance/appeal request.
5. Will the granting of the variance/appeal request constitute establishing a precedent? The board may deny the granting of a variance/appeal request which may result in the establishment of a dangerous or unfavorable precedent to the parish.

Per number 3 above, please use the lines below to state the practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship which constitutes the requested variance:

ALL OF OUR COOKING EQUIPMENT IS MOUNTED ON THE BACK WALL. WE
CANNOT RUN UNDER THE BUILDING WITA GAS ANDELECTRIC.


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BOA STAFF REPORT
2024-3783-BOA

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Location: 1701 and 1705 LA Highway 59, Mandeville, Louisiana, Ward 4, District 5
Applicant: CSP-NE Real Estates, LLC
Representative: Paul J. Mayronne
Posted: April 22, 2024
Initial Hearing Date: May 7th, 2024
Date of Report: April 30, 2024


## Variance(s) Requested:

Waiver of the required 10 foot side yard buffers and the required number of Class A \& Class B trees.

## Zoning of Property:

HC-2 Highway Commercial District

## FINDINGS

According to the St. Tammany Parish Unified Development Code Section 130-1977 - "Side and Rear Buffer Planting Area Requirements", b) Buffer planting area width, the side yard buffer planting area shall be a minimum of ten feet. and (e) Planting requirements in buffer planting areas. (1) the following minimum number of trees shall be planted in the buffer planting areas which are not encumbered by a servitude or easement: 1 Class A and 1 Class B trees per each 30 linear feet of the buffer planting area.

The subject property is developed with a gas station and a retail shopping center. While two distinct developments, these structures are located on a single parcel, being a 2.83 -acre tract. The owners of the property have submitted a concurrent minor subdivision application to subdivide the property and create two lots of record for each respective development.

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As can be seen in the minor subdivision survey attached here within, the proposed property line which separates Parcel A and Parcel B has generated the requirement for a 10 -foot side yard buffer area on each parcel and the required number of Class A \& Class B trees. While Parcel B is providing a roughly 14 ' side yard buffer along the common property line, Parcel A is not providing any buffer area due to the location of the existing drive isle on the retail shopping center site. As such, the applicant is seeking a waiver for the required 10 -foot side yard buffer and all associated plantings.

Should the Board be in favor of the requested variance, it should be subject to:

- Replacing the existing shrubs located within the parking islands, at the end of each parking row, with 1 Class A tree in each island for a total of 7 Class A trees.


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March 20, 2024

## VIA HAND DELIVERY

St. Tammany Parish
Department of Development
c/o Helen Lambert, Assistant Director
21490 Koop Drive
Mandeville, LA 70471

## Re: Variance Request for Side Lot Line Buffer

Dear Helen:
Please be advised that I represent CSP-NE Real Estate, LLC (the "Owner"), which is the owner of two parcels of property, measuring 2.83 acres and 0.25 acres respectively, located at the intersection of LA Hwy 59 and LA Hwy 1088 (the "Property"). As is described in more detail below, the Owner is proposing to resubdivide the Property into Parcel A and Parcel B, all as set forth on the proposed resubdivision plat prepared by Lowe Engineers (the "Plat") which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A." In accordance with the application to which this letter is attached, the owner is seeking a variance from the ten-foot (10') side lot line buffer requirement for the reasons more particularly set forth below.

In order to better understand the reasons for this variance request, it is important to understand the history of this Property. First, this property has been fully developed for decades. There is today, and has been for more than twenty (20) years, a strip shopping center and a gas station convenience store both located on the Property. These two distinct uses are owned and operated by different individuals.

The Property has historically been owned by the same family for more than thirty (30) years. However, last year, the family decided that it was in their best interest to sell. Accordingly, the owners of the two improvements jointly agreed to purchase the Property, with the intent of then resubdividing the Property into individual parcels so that each parcel could then be owner-occupied. In order to achieve the foregoing, the Owner has filed a resubdivision application to create Parcel A and Parcel B, as set forth on the Plat.

In preparing and submitting the resubdivision application, the Owner became aware of the fact that the current improvements on the Property, which have existed for decades, do not
allow for the ten-foot ( $10^{\prime}$ ) side lot line buffer between Parcel A and Parcel B. Upon recognizing that the current improvements on the Property prohibit the establishment of this buffer, it was determined that this variance would need to be needed and requested.

I respectfully suggest that the granting of this variance would have no detrimental impact on any of our surrounding neighbors or the community in general. In fact, it will simply allow the status quo to remain. The need for the variance arises out of the decades long improvements that have been in place on the Property and the current desire to create owner-occupied parcels out of the property. It is our sincere belief that having each of the proposed parcels being owneroccupied will produce better results for the community and our surrounding neighbors, as this will continue to encourage the proper maintenance and upkeep of each parcel. Moreover, new capital investments are proposed for the parcels, to upgrade them, if and when the individual ownership of each parcel can be achieved.

For the foregoing reasons, we respectfully request that a variance be granted relieving the Owner of the obligation to have the ten-foot ( $10^{\prime}$ ) side lot buffer area, along the new proposed lot line between parcels A and B, as set forth on the Plat.

Thank you for your assistance, and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.


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Enclosures


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| SIDE STREET: $100^{\circ}$, | BASIS FOR BEARINGS: | itle policy will be added hereto upon request, as surveyor has not performed any title search or abstract. |
| REAR: $25^{\circ}$ | COORDINATE SYSTEM (LOUISIANA SOUTH 1702) | NOTE: This is to certify that I have done an actual ground survey and found that no encroachments exist either way across any property lines except as shown. |

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS SURVEY WAS DONE UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL; AND THAT THE SURVEY WAS DONE ON THE GROUND AND IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR BOUNDARY BOUNDARY SURVEYS" AS ADOPTED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS FOR A CLASS c SURVEY.

A MINOR SUBDIVISION MAP OF
$\pm 2.83$ \& 0.25 ACRES INTO PARCELS A \& B situated in
SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 11 EAST
St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana
LARD OIL COMPANY

FLOODZONE NOTE: This is to certify that I have consulted the Federal Insurance Administration Flood Hazard Boundary Maps and found the property described is located in Flood Zone(s) "C" with a Base Flood Elevation of N/A in accordance with Community Panel


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Location: South side of South Krentel Road, Lacombe Louisiana, Ward 7, District 7
Applicant: I12 Holdings, LLC - Mark Sieverding
Representative: Paul J. Mayronne
Posted: April 22, 2024
Initial Hearing Date: May 7th, 2024
Date of Report: April 29, 2024


Variance(s) Requested:
Move the required street buffer on the north side of the proposed access road.

Zoning of Property:
I-2 Industrial District

## FINDINGS

According to the St. Tammany Parish Unified Development Code Section. Sec. 130-1976. Street planting areas. (a) Definition, (1) A street planting area is the area along the street or road along which a property abuts which is designated for the preservation of trees and for landscaping.

The requested variance is to allow for the placement of the required 30 -foot street planting buffer along the north of the access road rather than along the property line where it is currently required. As shown on the attached aerial, there is a portion of an existing dirt road which provides access to the existing cell tower site and the subject property from South Krentel Road. The existing road runs along the interstate where the street buffer is required to be. The variance to provide the street buffer to the north of the access road will allow the applicant to improve the existing dirt road to the required standards and extend the road to access the western portion of the subject property.


1. There is an existing roadbed on the property that has been in place for decades. It would be better for all involved if you were able to keep the new road within the existing road footprint.
2. The drainage for the site will work better if you are able to have the road along the property line. It will allow you to better capture all of the runoff from the site and direct it to your detention pond.
3. There is an existing greenbelt buffer alongl-12. If the variance is granted it will result in a buffer, road, and then another buffer which will result in an overall more attractive site.
4. The request is not about reducing the buffer. The required buffer will be provided. The request is only about the location of the buffer and we believe the proposed location is better then what is currently required by the Parish.



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