

June 18, 2012

The Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, met in regular session at its regular meeting place located at 500 N. Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana, at 5:30 p.m., on the 18th day of June, 2012, after full compliance with the convening of said meeting, with the following members present:

LENORE CARROLL, Land Use Commission District 1
TROY DARBY, Land Use Commission District 2
LAWRENCE DAVID, Land Use Commission District 4
GERRIT LAWRENCE, Land Use Commission of District 5

ABSENT: JOHNNY PEEL, Land Use Commission District 3

After the meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above results, prayer was led by Mr. Lawrence followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Carroll.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting. With no changes made, motion was made by Mr. Darby seconded by Mr. Lawrence that the minutes stand as written. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the agenda. With no changes made, motion was made by Mr. Darby seconded by Mr. Lawrence that the agenda stand as written. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda is a resolution granting a variance to James Stephens, 319 Ann Avenue, to allow for a carport to be located 17 feet from front property line rather than the required 30 feet. Mr. Stevens addressed the Commission and stated that he would like to build a canopy in his front yard. He's asking for a 13' variance but probably won't use that much. He wanted to ask for the maximum length rather than coming back and asking for more. Mr.

Lawrence stated that if this is built there will still be enough room on the side of the home to get to the rear if there is a fire. Mr. Darby asked how the City could be protected if he closes in the carport in a few years. Mr. Bruce stated that if the Commission grants the variance and 10 years down the road he decides to close it in, it will be hard for Inspections to catch this. The variance is allowing for a structure to built 17 feet from the front property line. Mr. Bruce also stated that he didn't recommend this variance since 50% or more of the street didn't have structures built this close to the road.

Motion was made by Mr. Darby seconded by Mr. Lawrence that the following amendment be made:

Change wording from – Article IV, Section 4 (4)

Change to – Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 (d)

Motion carried.

After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Darby seconded by Mr. Lawrence that the following resolution be adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION

Resolution granting a variance to James Stephens, 319 Ann Avenue, to allow for a carport to be located 17 feet from front property line rather than the required 30 feet.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Land Use Commission of the City of Sulphur, Louisiana, that they do hereby grant a variance to Article IV, Part 3, Section 1 (d) of the Land Use ordinance to James Stephens, 319 Ann Avenue, to allow for a carport to be located 17 feet from front property line rather than the required 30 feet.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Darby, Mr. David, Mr. Lawrence

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Peel

And the said resolution was declared duly adopted on this 18th day of June, 2012.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

LAWRENCE DAVID, Chairman

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

LAWRENCE DAVID, Chairman

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6:15 P.M.