

**CITY OF WALKER
PLANNING
MEETING MINUTES**

July 8, 2013

6:00 PM

The City of Walker Planning Meeting was held on Monday, July 8, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Walker City Hall. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. William Webster and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were: Mr. Lavelle Craig, Mr. Richard Granger, Mr. Tim Kinchen, Mr. Herbert Raiford and Mr. William Webster. Staff members present were Department of Public Works Mr. Fred Raiford and City Attorney Mrs. Irys Allgood. City of Walker Board of Aldermen member Mrs. Scarlett Major was in attendance also.

A motion was made by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Granger, to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

Yeas: Craig, Granger, Kinchen, Travis and Webster

Nays: None

Absent: Forbes and Klier

Mr. Jerry Klier arrived for the meeting at 6:15 pm.

A public meeting was held on a variance request to the set back requirements for the addition on the back of the building located at 9360 Florida Blvd., for Mr. Tri Thuong Nguyen. Mr. Nguyen purchased the building years ago with a 24 X 10 covered addition area on the rear of it. The original building itself was permitted on October 4, 2001. The addition was brought to the cities attention. The Permit Department cannot find a record of the permit for the addition. After some investigating of the location, the city contacted Mr. Nguyen about the addition being within the setback requirements. The addition would have to be brought in compliance with the building codes to remain as it is. Before Mr. Nguyen spent money to bring the addition up to code, he needed to address the set back intrusion. Mr. Nguyen said that he would do whatever he needed to do to be in compliance with the cities ordinances to keep the addition there because the church uses it for storage right now but plans to hold their outside cooking events there. Pastor Justin Johnson of Kings Harvest Fellowship, who is renting the building from Mr. Nguyen, was present and stated that they also would like to keep the addition where it is. He stated that when they moved into the building, that area was just a covered patio like area. They put up the board to keep rain off the items that they had stored there. Mr. Johnson stated that he would be happy to make it look like the rest of the building if the boards they put up are a problem.

Mr. Fred Raiford stated that the city does not have utilities in that area of question. Mr. Raiford stated that we have enough room to put some drainage back there if the city decided to do so and it would not be in the way. Mr. Raiford stated that the city does not have any objections to the variance request but it is up to the board to make that decision.

A motion was made by Mr. Granger, seconded by Mr. Craig, to accept the variance request and forward to the board of Aldermen.

Yeas: Craig, Granger, Kinchen, Klier, Travis and Webster

Nays: None

Absent: Forbes

Mr. Tim Kinchen stated that he attended the four (4) hour Planning Commissioner Training Workshop on June 7, 2013 in Hammond, L.A.

Mr. Lavelle Craig, Ms. Deborah Forbes, Mr. Richard Granger, Mr. Jerry Klier and Mr. William Webster attended the four (4) hour Planning Commissioner Training Workshop on March 9, 2013 in Brusly LA.


Mr. Herbert Travis attended a four (4) hour Planning Commissioner Training Workshop on April 24, 2010. He will be attending another workshop as required by Act 859 sometime in the near future.

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Kinchen, seconded by Mr. Craig to adjourn and go into the Zoning Meeting.

Yeas: Craig, Granger, Kinchen, Klier, Travis and Webster

Nays: None

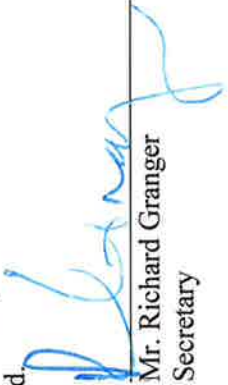
Absent: Forbes

Sincerely,


Mr. Herbert Travis
Chairman

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a minutes on the 8th day of July, 2013, by the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Walker, Louisiana, at a meeting held at the City Hall, Walker, Louisiana, on said date, at which meeting a quorum was present and voted unanimously in favor thereof and these minutes has not been revoked or rescinded.



Mr. Richard Granger
Secretary