

**OLD METAIRIE COMMISSION (OMC) MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
May 4th, 2023 9:00 a.m.**

In Attendance

<u>Old Metairie Commission Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Thomas McAlister, Chair	√	
David Webber, Vice-Chair	√	
Dr. Monica Monica	√	
Peter Waring	√	
Adele Lafaye	√	

Planning Department

Bess Martin, Director
Brooke Tolbert, Assistant Director
Carrie MacKay, East Bank Supervisor
Cinthya Chacon, Typist Clerk III
Shakeeb Shariff, Planner II
Ian Conrardy, Planner II

Others

Hanlon deVerges, Sr. Asst. Parish Attorney
Rick Hollier, Dept. of Inspection and Code Enforcement
Bryan Parks, Director of Parkways

Mr. McAlister, Chairman, introduced himself, other members of the Commission, and the Parish staff.

The Old Metairie Commission (OMC) conducted the May 4th, 2023 Public Hearing at the Joseph S. Yenni Building in the Council Chambers, located on the 2nd Floor, 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Jefferson, LA 70123. Mr. McAlister proceeded to the agenda and opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

OM-2-23 574 Woodvine Ave., A request to amend OM-21-22 to construct a detached garage and assorted site changes with variances to the height requirements and the area requirements of the R-1D Rural Residential/OMNCD Old Metairie Neighborhood Conservation District, and with a legislative exception to the OMNCD massing angle regulations, on Lot 14, Square P, Metairie Club Gardens Subdivision, Jefferson Parish, LA, bounded by Metairie Golf Club & Golf Course and Falcon Rd., zoned R-1D/OMNCD. (Council District 5)

Mr. Shariff reported the updated findings of the case. The Planning Department recommends the following:

Denial for the following reasons:

- There is enough room on site to redesign the garage in the rear yard to meet all requirements.
- The request does not meet the requirements of Sec. 33-3.65.7.6 OMNCD Exceptions and Variances.

The Public Hearing was opened. One person spoke in favor; no one spoke in opposition.

Mr. Stirling read the letter of support from Mr. Ludwig, his abutting neighbor.

Mr. Webber made a motion to recommend approval of OM-2-23 for the 17.83 ft. height variance of an accessory structure for the garage. Ms. Lafaye seconded the motion.

Ms. Chacon called the roll on the motion:

OMC Member	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Thomas McAlister, Chair	√		
David Webber, Vice-Chair	√		
Dr. Monica Monica		√	
Peter Waring		√	
Adele Lafaye	√		

The ayes have it by a vote of 3 to 2 With 0 absent. Motion of approval approved.

Mr. Webber made a motion to recommend approval of OM-2-23 for the 0 ft. setback variance from the side property line for the garage. Ms. Lafaye seconded the motion.

Ms. Chacon called the roll on the motion:

OMC Member	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Thomas McAlister, Chair	√		
David Webber, Vice-Chair	√		
Dr. Monica Monica		√	
Peter Waring		√	
Adele Lafaye	√		

The ayes have it by a vote of 3 to 2 With 0 absent. Motion of approval approved.

Mr. Webber made a motion to recommend approval of OM-2-23 for the legislative exception to the side yard massing angles for the penetration by the garage. Ms. Lafaye seconded the motion.

Ms. Chacon called the roll on the motion:

OMC Member	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Thomas McAlister, Chair	√		
David Webber, Vice-Chair	√		

<u>OMC Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Dr. Monica Monica		√	
Peter Waring		√	
Adele Lafaye	√		

The ayes have it by a vote of 3 to 2 With 0 absent. Motion of approval approved.

Mr. Webber made a motion to recommend approval of OM-2-23 for the construction of a garage and assorted site changes. Ms. Lafaye seconded the motion.

Ms. Chacon called the roll on the motion:

<u>OMC Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Thomas McAlister, Chair	√		
David Webber, Vice-Chair	√		
Dr. Monica Monica	√		
Peter Waring	√		
Adele Lafaye	√		

The ayes have it by a vote of 5 to 0 With 0 absent. Motion of approval approved.

OM-4-23 525 Hector Ave., A request to demolish the existing structure and construct a new two-story residence with a variance to tree preservation requirements on Lot 40A, Plot 10, Metairie Suburb Realty Company Subdivision, Jefferson Parish, LA, bounded by Avenue E, Betz Ave., and Geranium St., zoned R-1B Suburban Residential District/OMNCD Old Metairie Neighborhood Conservation District. (Council District 5)

Mr. Conrardy reported the updated findings of the case. The Planning Department recommends the following:

Denial of the tree removal request for the following reasons:

- The proposal includes a request to remove two protected trees located in the front yard.
- The proposal does not meet the requirements of Sec. 33-3.65.7.6 OMNCD Exceptions and Variances.

Approval of the demolition of the residence and construction of a new two-story residence for the following reasons:

- The proposal meets all remaining requirements of the R-1B/ OMNCD

Ms. MacKay stated at the beginning of the meeting the applicant had provided them with packets for each of them, which include the letter Planning Department had mailed out to them before and copies of letters of support from a couple of neighbors.

The Public Hearing was opened. Two people spoke in favor; no one spoke in opposition.

Mr. Waring made a motion to recommend approval of OM-4-23 for the variance to the tree preservation requirements to allow the removal of the bald cypress and replace it onsite with a sweetbay magnolia tree. Ms. Lafaye seconded the motion.

Ms. Chacon called the roll on the motion:

OMC Member	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Thomas McAlister, Chair	√		
David Webber, Vice-Chair	√		
Dr. Monica Monica		√	
Peter Waring	√		
Adele Lafaye	√		

The ayes have it by a vote of 4 to 1 With 0 absent. Motion of approval approved.

Mr. Waring made a motion to recommend denial of OM-4-23 for the removal of the Magnolia with the requirement that a tree preservation plan be submitted and adhered to. Dr. Monica seconded the motion.

Ms. Chacon called the roll on the motion:

OMC Member	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Thomas McAlister, Chair	√		
David Webber, Vice-Chair	√		
Dr. Monica Monica	√		
Peter Waring	√		
Adele Lafaye	√		

The ayes have it by a vote of 5 to 0 With 0 absent. Motion of denial approved.

Ms. Lafaye made a motion to recommend approval of OM-4-23 for the demolition of the existing structure and construction of a new two-story residence with associated site changes. Mr. Waring seconded the motion.

Ms. Chacon called the roll on the motion:

OMC Member	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Thomas McAlister, Chair	√		
David Webber, Vice-Chair	√		
Dr. Monica Monica		√	
Peter Waring	√		
Adele Lafaye	√		

The ayes have it by a vote of 4 to 1 With 0 absent. Motion of approval approved.

Commission member, Mr, Webber had to leave prior to the meeting being adjourned due to an emergency.

Minutes

Mr. Waring made a motion to adopt/approve April 6th, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Dr. Monica.

Ms. Chacon called the roll on the motion:

<u>OMC Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Thomas McAlister, Chair	√			
David Webber, Vice-Chair			√	
Dr. Monica Monica	√			
Peter Waring	√			
Adele Lafaye	√			

The ayes have it by a vote of 4 to 0 With 1 absent. Motion of adoption approved.

Administrative Approvals & Follow-up of previous cases.

Administrative approvals:

- **OM-23-22 619 Iona St.**, Continuous from permit 22-306593 (interior work only). Phase 2. New two stops elevator; enclose existing 2nd floor north balcony with lattice screen; New 2nd floor mechanical roof, existing east sundeck; New 2nd floor open sky screened balcony on existing south sundeck off master bathroom; New AC systems as per drawings; New Generator.

Follow-up on previous cases:

Legislative Cases:

- **OM-18-22 328 Avenue A**, A request to construct a pool house and detached garage with a waiver for lot orientation on Lot D1, Square 5, Metairie Suburb Realty Company Subdivision, Jefferson Parish, LA, bounded by Hector Ave., Avenue B, and Iona Ave., zoned R-1A Single-Family Residential District/OMNCD Old Metairie Neighborhood Conservation District. (Council District 5)
Planning: Approval
OMC: Approval 4/6/23
Council: Approval 4/26/23

Mr. McAlister asked if there were any additional business to come before the commission.

Dr. Monica made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Waring. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 am.