

**OLD METAIRIE COMMISSION (OMC) MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 9:00 a.m.**

**In Attendance**

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

**Planning Department**

Brooke Tolbert, Assistant Director  
Carrie MacKay, East Bank Supervisor  
Cinthya Chacon, Typist Clerk III  
Logan Dougherty, Planner II  
Shakeeb Shariff, Planner II

**Others**

Hanlon deVerges, Sr. Asst. Parish Attorney  
Rick Hawkins, Dept. of Building Permits

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

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

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**OM-8-23     312 Friedrichs Ave.,** A request replace the driveway with a legislative exception to lot coverage requirements on Lot 14-A, Square 9, Friedrichsruhe Subdivision, Jefferson Parish, LA, bounded by Northline St., Stella St., and Avenue E, zoned R-1B Suburban Residential District/OMNCD Old Metairie Neighborhood Conservation District. (Council District 5)

Per Ms. MacKay the Planning Department requested a motion for deferral while they await some revised plans from the applicant. Ms. MacKay stated they may be maintaining the variance.

Ms. Lafaye made a motion to recommend deferral for OM-8-23. Dr. Monica seconded the motion.

Ms. Chacon called the roll on the motion:

<b>OMC Member</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b><u>Nay</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
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 deferral approved.

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**OM-24-23 416 Betz PI**, A request to build a new single-family residence on Lot 6A, Sq. A, Betz Place Subdivision, Jefferson Parish, LA, bounded by Betz PI, Geranium St, Hector Ave, and Duplessis St, zoned R-1B Suburban Residential/OMNCD Old Metairie Neighborhood Conservation District. (Council District 5)

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

**Approval** for the following reasons:

- The proposal meets all requirements for R-1B and OMNCD development, including the review criteria for proposals within the OMNCD of Sec. 33-3.65.7.1 – Review Criteria.

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

Ms. Lafaye made a motion to recommend approval of OM-24-23 for the construction of a new residence. Mr. Webber seconded the motion.

Ms. Chacon called the roll on the motion:

<b>OMC Member</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b><u>Nay</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
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.

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**OM-25-23 313 Bella Dr.**, A request to amend OM-5-00 to install a generator in the required side yard on Lot 19-A, Sq. B, Metairie Golf View Subdivision, Jefferson Parish, LA, bounded by Frisco Ave., Cuddihy Dr., & Falcon Rd., zoned R-1B Suburban Residential District/OMNCD Old Metairie Neighborhood Conservation District. (Council District 5)

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

**Denial** for the following reasons:

- There is ample space behind the house in the buildable area or in the required rear yard to relocate the generator to meet all setback 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.

Dr. Monica made a motion to recommend denial of OM-25-23 to install a generator in the required side yard. Mr. Waring seconded the motion.

Ms. Chacon called the roll on the motion:

<b>OMC Member</b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b><u>Nay</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
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.

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**OM-27-23 5 Shadow Ln.**, A request to build a new single-family residence with a variance to the tree preservation requirements on Lot 5, Shadow Lane Subdivision, Jefferson Parish, bounded by Orpheum Ave, Fairview Ct, Friedrichs Ave, and Metairie Rd, zoned R-1B Suburban Residential/OMNCD Old Metairie Neighborhood Conservation District. (Council District 5)

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

**Approval** for the following reasons:

- The proposal meets all requirements for R-1B and OMNCD development, including the review criteria for proposals within the OMNCD of Sec. 33-3.65.7.1 – Review Criteria.

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

Dr. Monica made a motion to recommend approval of OM-27-23 for construction of a residence. Ms. Lafaye seconded the motion.

Ms. Chacon called the roll on the motion:

<b><u>OMC Member</u></b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b><u>Nay</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
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.

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## **Minutes**

Ms. Lafaye made a motion to adopt/approve October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Dr. Monica.

Ms. Chacon called the roll on the motion:

<b><u>OMC Member</u></b>	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b><u>Nay</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Abstain</u></b>
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 0 absent and 1 abstaining. Motion of adoption approved.

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## **Administrative Approvals & Follow-up of previous cases.**

Administrative approvals.

- **OM-9-23        601 Northline**, Alteration to the previously approved plans for changes to the facades, roof, paving around the pool, and mechanical equipment location
- **OM-22-23    328 Avenue A**, Alteration to the previously approved plans to reflect as-built conditions

Follow-up on previous cases:

- **OM-21-23     212 Stella St,** A request demolish an existing structure and to build a new single-family residence, pool, and pool house on a portion of Lot 36, Lot 37, and a portion of Lot 38, Vincent Subdivision, bounded by Stella St, Avenue E, Vincent Ave, and Geranium St, zoned R-1B Suburban Residential/OMNCD Old Metairie Neighborhood Conservation District. (Council District 5)  
**Planning:** Approval  
**OMC:** Approval 10/5/23  
**BZA:** n/a  
**Council:** Approval 10/18/23

Mr. McAlister asked if there was any additional business to come before the commission. Ms. Tolbert reminded the Commission that the December meeting will include the election of officers for 2024 as well as the adoption of the hearing calendar for 2024.

Dr. Monica made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Waring. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.