

**OLD METAIRIE COMMISSION (OMC) MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
October 5<sup>th</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**

Carrie MacKay, East Bank Supervisor  
Cinthya Chacon, Typist Clerk III  
Logan Dougherty, Planner II

**Others**

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

Mr. Webber, Vice-Chairman, introduced himself, other members of the Commission, and the Parish staff.

The Old Metairie Commission (OMC) conducted the October 5<sup>th</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. Webber 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. 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 4 to 0 With 1 absent. Motion of deferral approved.

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**OM-18-23 601 Northline St,** A request to amend OM-35-21 to remove and replace a fence in the required corner side yard on Lot 2, Square K, Metairie Club Gardens Subdivision, bounded by Northline St, Woodvine Ave, Geranium St, and Iona St, zoned R-1D Rural 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 applicant already received approval for a fence in the corner side yard on the Iona St side of the property. The proposed variance is the minimum necessary to connect the previously approved fencing on the Iona St side to the fencing that is permitted by right along the rear lot line.
- The request meets the requirements of Sec. 33-3.65.7.6 (c) for OMNCD Exceptions and Variances.

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

Mr. Waring made a motion to recommend approval of OM-18-23 to replace a fence in the required corner side yard. Ms. Lafaye 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 4 to 0 With 1 absent. Motion of approval approved.

**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)

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.

Per Ms. MacKay, the Planning Department has received emails of support for this case.

Dr. Monica made a motion to recommend approval of OM-21-23 to demolish an existing structure. Mr. Waring 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 4 to 0 With 1 absent. Motion of approval approved.

Dr. Monica made a motion to recommend approval of OM-21-23 to construct a new single-family residence, pool, and pool house. Mr. Waring 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 4 to 0 With 1 absent. Motion of approval approved.

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## **Minutes**

Dr. Monica made a motion to adopt/approve September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Ms. Lafaye.

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 3 to 0 With 1 absent and 1 abstaining. Motion of adoption approved.

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

Administrative approvals.

- **OM-20-23 209 Avenue E.**, Demolition of a two-story residence deemed to be a dangerous building.

Follow-up on previous cases:

- **OM-3-23 215 Avenue E.**, A request to amend OM-13-21 to install a fence in the required front yard on Lot S, Square 12-B, Friedrichsrue Subdivision, Jefferson Parish, LA, bounded by Stella St., Geranium St., and Friedrichs Ave., zoned R-1B Suburban Residential District/OMNCD Old Metairie Neighborhood Conservation District. (Council District 5)  
**Planning:** Denial  
**OMC:** Denial 6/15/23  
**BZA:** Approval 7/17/23

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Mr. Webber asked if there was any additional business to come before the commission. There was none.

Dr. Monica made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Lafaye. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.