

**OLD METAIRIE COMMISSION (OMC) MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
February 4, 2021 9:00 a.m.**

In Attendance

Old Metairie Commission Members

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Clifford Brown, Chair	√	
David Webber, Vice-Chair	√	
Dr. Monica Monica	√	
Thomas McAlister	√	
Cynthia J. Steward	√	

Planning Department

Brooke P. Tolbert, Assistant Director
Jay Hébert, Senior Planner
Nedra McKinney, Typist Clerk III

Others

Bess Renfrow, Parish Attorney
Rick Hollier, Inspection and Code Enforcement

Mr. Brown, Chairman, introduced himself, other members of the Commission, and the Parish staff. In light of the spread of COVID-19 and the on-going State of Emergency in Louisiana, the Jefferson Parish Planning Department held the Old Metairie Commission Public Hearing via teleconference on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 9:01 A.M. in compliance with La. R.S. 42:17.1.

OM-31-20, 36 Nassau Dr.,

A request to construct a single-family dwelling, detached garage, and swimming pool with an OMC exception to the design guidelines for a structure penetrating a massing angle on Lot 3-A-X, Square J, Metairie Club Gardens Subdivision, Jefferson Parish, LA, bounded by Northline St. and the Metairie Country Club; zoned R-1D Rural Residential District/OMNCD Old Metairie Neighborhood Conservation District (Council District 5)

Mr. Hebert reported the findings of the case.

The Planning Department recommends approval for the following reason:

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

Mr. Brown opened the floor for the applicant/representative to speak.

The applicant Ms. Alison Clark was in attendance to answer any questions. Her representative and Architect Patrick Melancon was also in attendance was also open for comments or questions.

Mr. Brown opened the floor for any proponents to speak. There were none.

Mr. Brown opened the floor for any opponents to speak. There were none.

Ms. Steward asked what was going on with the roof on the garage? The plans appear to show a hipped roof and the elevations show a flat roof. Mr. Melancon said it will be a low sloping roof with a flat parapet.

Mr. Webber stated we are intruding into the side setback on the garage and asked if this was permitted on the accessory building? Mr. Melancon indicated yes, that was what the Plan Reviewer expressed to them. So, to honor fifty (50) percent of the setback which was 15 feet, they stayed 7.5 feet off the property line.

Mr. Webber had one more question regarding the driveway. It looks like it's kind of close to that one tree, and those are very big trees. Would it benefit them more if they "skinny" the driveway up a little bit and flare it up as you go into the garage? Mr. Melancon stated they can explore that and when they met with the Bayou Tree Arborist on site, he said that as long as they air spaded the roots and built the driveway above grade, potentially straddling the roots, it would be okay. Mr. Melancon mentioned that they are opened to suggestions. Mr. Webber indicated that it was only a suggestion and that it may save them money on the concrete and drainage.

Mr. Brown asked what was the structure at the back of the property? Mr. Melancon stated it's a walled off mechanical yard. Mr. Brown asked about the setbacks for this structure and can it be abutted up to the property line like that? Hebert stated the equipment within the enclosure is set back 3 ft from the rear property line which is acceptable. Mr. Melancon added that it's an uncovered wall system to hide the generator. Mr. McAlister also added that it shows as a generator and pool equipment on the plan.

Mr. McAlister made a motion to recommend approval of OM-31-20. Seconded by Dr. Monica.

Ms. McKinney called the roll on the motion:

	Aye	Nay
Mr. Brown	<u> √ </u>	___
Dr. Monica	<u> √ </u>	___
Mr. Webber	<u> √ </u>	___
Mr. McAlister	<u> √ </u>	___
Ms. Steward	<u> √ </u>	___

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

Minutes

Dr. Monica stated that in the January 7, 2021 meeting she meant to say Susan Price was the Commissioner that had objected to 425 Betz Place, and that she may have said Sky Price in her comments.

Dr. Monica made a motion to adopt the minutes from January 7, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Webber.

Administrative Approvals & Follow-up of previous cases.

There was one case that was approved administratively.

- OM-29-20, 608 Iona St, Replace and enlarge a rear porch from the existing 114 sq. ft. to 165 sq. ft. with tree protection, zoned R1-D, was deemed to be a minor alteration and was approved by our Planning Department on January 15, 2021.

Dr. Monica made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. McAlister. Meeting adjourned at 9:19.