

**OLD METAIRIE COMMISSION (OMC) MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
April 4, 2019 9:00 a.m., Suite 604, Yenni Building**

In Attendance

Old Metairie Commission Members

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

Planning Department

Juliette Cassagne, Assistant Director
Jay Hébert, Senior Planner
Nedra McKinney, Typist Clerk III
Shakeeb Shariff, Planner II

Others

Ken Krobert, Senior Parish Attorney
Toni Hurley, Senior Parish Attorney
Liza Caluda, Assistant Parish Attorney
Tramone Chetta, Inspection and Code Enforcement
Sal Puleo, Inspection and Code Enforcement

Ms. Eastman, Chairman, introduced herself, other members of the Commission, and the Parish staff.

The Old Metairie Commission (OMC) conducted the April 4, 2019 public hearing at the Joseph S. Yenni Building in Suite 604, 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Jefferson, LA 70123. Ms. Eastman proceeded to the agenda and opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

OM-3-19 338 Hector Avenue (Deferred from March 7, 2019)

Ms. Eastman asked Mr. Shariff to report the facts of the case. The applicant had submitted revised plans which eliminated the previously requested variances.

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

- The demolition and construction of a new single-family dwelling would be a positive contribution to the OMNCD, and the proposed dwelling maintains the character of the streetscape as it shares many design elements with the existing dwelling.

Ms. Eastman opened the floor for applicant/owner to speak. No comments or questions.

Ms. Eastman opened the floor for any opponents to speak. There were none.

There were no comments from the commissioners.

Mr. McAlister made a motion to recommend approval of the current plans.
Seconded by Ms. Steward.

Ms. Eastman called the roll on the motion:

	Aye	Nay
Ms. Eastman	<u>√</u>	—
Mr. McAlister	<u>√</u>	—
Ms. Steward	<u>√</u>	—

The ayes have it by a vote of 3 to 0. (with Mr. Brown and Dr. Monica absent)

Minutes

Mr. McAlister made a motion to approve the minutes from March 7, 2019, with the correction that OM-3-19 is 338 Hector Ave and not 105 Northline. Seconded by Ms. Steward.

Administrative Approvals & Follow-up of previous cases

- Regarding 226 Friedrichs, the Holiday fence, the Planning Department did receive the revised drawings. The application is scheduled to go before the BZA on 4-15-19. The revised drawings show that the fence is now completely aligned with the house and meets the permitted height. Staff noticed that the 10.42 dimension was to the back of the fence, but because of the depth of the fence it's actually a 9.42 ft setback, so Planning will make sure that the BZA knows that the setback is from the front of the fence. The revised drawings also show that the fence height was reduced from 13 feet to 8 feet and meets the permitted height.

Ms. Eastman indicated that although it's a separate issue, a concern is still the garden along the common side lot line that functions as a live fence and how that is to be addressed.

Ms. Eastman also mentioned that the immediate neighbors did not get any kind of BZA notice. Ms. Cassagne explained that the Planning Department does not do the advertisement for the BZA. Ms. Chetta indicated that she would check on it.

- Regarding 105 Northline, the Carubba garage still had not scheduled for BZA action.
- 419 Hector Velargo Residence— the removal of an existing patio and installation of a new patio. The proposal fell within the scope of what the Planning Director can approve. The patio was a 24.6 sq.ft. alteration of the rear façade and there was no tree protection required.

Other Business

- No cases are scheduled for May. The text study may possibly be going before the Commission at the June meeting. If so, the Planning Department would like to get some feedback from the Commission before that meeting specifically concerning "fill" regulations.

Planning will be making that determination soon. That would be the only thing coming up in May to discuss, but not a scheduling of the text study for public hearing.

Ms. Steward moved for adjournment, Mr. McAlister seconded. All were in favor. (3-0)
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.