



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING  
CITY OF THIBODAUX  
CITY HALL  
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA  
March 23, 2022**

The Board of Adjustments of the City of Thibodaux assembled in regular session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

There were present: Marguerite Erwin, Rudy Soignet, Clarence Savoie, Marlyn Brooks and Malcolm Hodnett

Also present: Ben Duplantis & Livvie Landry

Absent: None

Erwin noted that there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the November 17, 2021 Board of Adjustments meeting were approved as written.

**YEAS:** Erwin, Soignet, Savoie, Brooks & Hodnett

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Erwin noted we have a request by B.J. Maisuria on behalf of the Economy Inn to elevate their current monument sign to either 8' or 10' for more visibility at 1111 St. Mary Street within a C-1 Zoning District. Erwin noted there was no public or anyone in attendance so our option here is to consider it based on his application or to table it if we want to give them another opportunity, in her opinion she thought they should consider this application. Hodnett asked Livvie if she received a phone call from him. Livvie responded, no she didn't hear anything from him. Erwin noted he called her before this application asking how to go about doing it and she said that would require an application for a variance to the Board and probably gave him Roland's number. Of course, he did it and I know he called the City so I would have assumed he would have been here. Livvie also indicated we posted a sign on the property as well. Erwin indicated so he knew when the meeting was. Livvie replied yes. Erwin indicated she went by and saw the sign. Does anybody have any thoughts? Soignet replied he thought he should keep what he has because he can put letters on his sign right there and he has a sign on the side of the building also, the other side of the building. So really he is grandfathered for what he has right now which is more than he is asking for, if he is granted anything at all. Erwin replied she didn't remember what size building sign it was but he could have both of those. Soignet indicated one on each side. Ms. Erwin replied ye. Hodnett stated 32 sq. ft. Erwin stated she didn't know what his was but he could have this one because you could have up to 16 sq. ft. in a changeable letter sign, that could be electronic if he wanted to do that now, it is just whether or not we want to grant him that he can go over 6 ft. in height. Duplantis responded he wants to go 8 ft. or 10 ft. Erwin noted so she guessed he wants to raise the bottom. Soignet noted he could raise it by mounding the dirt. Erwin replied you know what, I don't tell them how to do that. Hodnett stated well, Raising Cane's is 6 ft., Lowes is 6 ft. Erwin noted he could do, she didn't know that he realizes, that looks like a 15 sq. ft. but she wasn't sure, her opinion is that he has to stay within the sign ordinance. Hodnett replied that was his opinion as well. Soignet stated he agreed also and based his decision off of Griffin's years ago, the contractor took the sign down and he wanted to put it back up and we denied it so he had to put a monument. Erwin asked if there was any further discussion, does the City have any comments on this? Duplantis replied none. Brooks noted so once we make a decision or not, that means that he can't come back with this. Erwin noted not with the exact same request, the request would have to change in some way. He can't come back for a year or six months, she thought it was a year. Duplantis replied we just had somebody come in for that, I think it is six months, but it is the same thing, you've got to change your request though. Erwin replied or he just changes the request somehow. Duplantis noted he could come in before that if he changes his request. Erwin noted if he changes his request to 7' or 10.5 he's got to change some material request on the variance and pay another \$30.00 fee. Erwin stated the maximum height is 6.6? Duplantis stated the maximum height is 6' – the overall height of the monument sign and base shall not exceed 6' from grade. Erwin replied from grade, ok that was she was looking for. Hodnett stated so other people do mound but you don't define grade. Erwin noted she has seen one business do it on Canal.

On motion of Soignet, seconded by Brooks, the Board voted on a motion to grant the request by B.J. Maisuria on behalf of the Economy Inn to elevate their current monument sign to 8' or 10' for more visibility at 1111 St. Mary Street .....Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** None

**NAYS:** Erwin, Soignet, Savoie, Brooks & Hodnett

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.