



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING  
CITY OF THIBODAUX  
CITY HALL  
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA  
August 23, 2023**

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, August 23, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.

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

**Also present: Monique Reulet, Kevin Clement, Josh Bourgeois**

**Absent: Renee Brinkley**

**There was a quorum present.**

**The minutes of the July 26, 2023 Board of Adjustments meeting were approved as written.**

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

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAINED: None**

**ABSENT: Brinkley**

**Erwin introduced a request by Lawrence Robertson to vary 15ft from the required 25ft side yard setbacks for a proposed townhome to be built at 1317 Ledet Street within an R-4 Zoning District.**

**Lawrence Robertson, 215 Olivia Drive, was present to represent his request. He stated he wants to utilize this property and mimic the development that he has across the street & felt this is the best fit for the area. Erwin asked for his hardship. Robertson stated that he has been in contact with the neighbors and has actually been discussing the possibility to purchase that property, but it has not happened yet which is why he needs the variance. He added that there is no fire hazard with this proposed structure.**

**Robertson clarified that his request is for a 15ft variance, so he could have 10ft side yard setbacks, however he actually has about 12ft, so he would only need a 13ft variance. Erwin questioned if the design would be identical to his properties across the street. Robertson stated that the only difference would be instead of a carport on the side, these townhomes would have a garage in front.**

**Savoie questioned the servitude in front of the property. Robertson clarified that there is a servitude in front. In addition to his 25ft front setback, he also has an additional 10 to 15ft servitude. Hodnett questioned the location of the carport and if it fits within his setback. Robertson stated that the proposed footprint shown on the provided drawings does include the garage. It does not affect his front yard setbacks.**

**Soignet asked about Robertson's hardship. Robertson stated that he would not be able to get this accomplished without the variance. Soignet questioned if he had to do a townhome, or if he could do a single family home instead. Robertson stated that technically he could do a single family home. He then added that it doesn't make sense for him personally to do a single family home on that property. Robertson said he is just trying to help this community that he grew up in, and stay consistent with the other developments he has done in that area.**

**Kevin Clement, Mayor of the City of Thibodaux, stepped forward to express support for the approval of this request, because he supports the work that Robertson has been doing in the area.**

**Josh Bourgeois, Public Works Director, had no issue with the requested variance.**

**On motion of Hodnett, seconded by Savoie, the Board voted on a motion to approve the request by Lawrence Robertson to vary 15ft from the required 25ft side yard setbacks for a proposed townhome to be built at 1317 Ledet Street within an R-4 Zoning District.**

**Soignet wanted to discuss an amendment to change the variance requested to 13 feet. Hodnett seconded.**

**.....Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

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

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAINED: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.**