

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE KENTWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
JANUARY 17, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

1. Vice-Chair Spalding called the meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance (VanNoord)
3. Roll Call  
MEMBERS PRESENT: Joshua Elliott, Amanda Le, Robert Spalding, David Fant, Mary VanNoord and Susan West  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Les Derusha and Robert Houtman (absent with notification)  
OTHERS PRESENT: Planner Joe Pung, Planning Assistant Monique Collier-Johnson,

**Motion by Fant, supported by West, to excuse Derusha and Houtman from the meeting.**

- Motion Carried (6-0) –
- Derusha and Houtman absent -

4. 6:30p.m. Closed Session  
Motion to enter closed session to discuss a written legal opinion which is exempt from discussion or disclosure under state law as permitted under Section 8(h) of PA 267 Michigan Open Meetings Act of 1976. (roll call vote)

**Motion by West, supported by VanNoord, to enter closed session.**

- Motion Carried (6-0) –
- Yays: Spalding, Lee, Elliott, Fant, VanNoord, West -

5. Motion to Reconvene from Closed Session

**Motion by Elliot, supported by West, to reconvene from the closed session meeting.**

- Motion Carried (6-0) –
- Yays: Spalding, Lee, Elliott, Fant, VanNoord, West -

6. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There was no conflict of interest expressed.

7. Approval of the Minutes and Findings of Fact

**Motion by VanNoord, supported by West, to approve the minutes of December 18, 2023.**

- Motion Carried (6-0) –
- Derusha and Houtman absent

8. Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak to non-agenda items.

There was no public comment.

9. Old Business

**Consideration to table action on Resolution to deny request V-23-10.**

Appeal #V-23-10

Applicant: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
Location: 2400 Forest Hill Avenue, SE

Request: The applicant wishes to construct a 112-foot high spire as part of a proposed temple. Section 3.03.A of the Kentwood Zoning Ordinance limits the height of the spire to 50-feet. The requested variance is for an increase in height of 62-feet to the maximum height permitted by the Zoning Ordinance

**Motion by Fant, supported by West, to table V-23-10 to the February 19, 2024 meeting.**

- Motion Carried (6-0) –
- Derusha and Houtman absent -

10. Public Hearing

Appeal #V-24-01

Applicant: Lynn Garreau  
Location: 1677 Gentian Drive

Request: The applicant wishes to install a second driveway off of Gentian Drive for the property. Section 17.11.B of the Kentwood Zoning Ordinance limits the number of driveways to one (1). The requested variance is to permit a second driveway for the property.

The applicant was not present.

**Motion by Fant, supported by West, to table V-24-01 to the February 19, 2024 meeting.**

- Motion Carried (6-0) –
- Derusha and Houtman absent -

11. Commissioners Comments

12. Adjournment

**Motion by West, supported by Fant, to adjourn the meeting.**

- Motion Carried (6-0) –
- Houtman and Derusha absent -

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Houtman, Secretary