

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE KENTWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
APRIL 15, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

1. Chair Derusha called the meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance (Houtman)
3. Roll Call
MEMBERS PRESENT: Les Derusha, Robert Houtman, Robert Spalding, David Fant, Mary VanNoord and Susan West
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Planner Joe Pung, Planning Assistant Monique Collier, and one citizen.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There was no conflict of interest expressed.

5. Approval of the Minutes of March 18, 2024.

Derusha noted that he was not present and did not Chair the meeting.

Houtman stated on page 6 there was no commissioner listed who supported the motion. The support was made by Commissioner West.

Motion by Houtman, supported by Spalding, to approve the minutes of March 18, 2024, with changes noted.

- Motion Carried (7-0) –

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

There was no public comment.

7. Public Hearing

There was no public hearing.

8. Election of Officers

Derusha stated since he is not at the meetings generally 3 months out of the year and would like to step down as Chair and let someone else assume the position.

Houtman stated he would accept the position as Chair, but he is gone a couple months out of the year. He stated that he may not be gone this year because his condo in Florida is up for sale and depending on what happens with that will determine if he will be able to be at the meetings full time.

Spalding stated he would accept the position as Vice-Chair

Fant stated he would accept the position as Secretary.

Motion by VanNoord, supported by West, to accept Robert Houtman as Chair, Spalding as Vice-Chair and Fant as Secretary.

- Motion Carried (7-0) –

Chair – Robert Houtman
Vice Chair – Robert Spalding
Secretary – David Fant

9. Commissioners Comment

Spalding thanked the commissioners for their time and efforts that they put into the Church of Latter Day Saints. He thinks the church is going to be a good addition to the community.

Houtman stated since the Board has granted variances in just about every occasion that a church, temple, cathedral etc. has come to the ZBA; he suggested that we evaluate the ordinances and potentially let the Planning Commission determine the height of a steeple, tower, cathedral etc. and let it be part of the total building plan rather than come to the ZBA for a variance. Pung stated churches as a special land use the building height in the past was determined as part of the special land use and site plan review through the Planning Commission. Pung stated this is something staff will be discussing. Houtman stated he thinks this would be prudent and it is going to save everyone a lot of money and work.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Derusha, supported by Spalding, to adjourn the meeting.

- Motion Carried (7-0) –

Meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Houtman, Secretary