



City of Slidell, Louisiana  
**Board of Zoning Adjustment**  
**Agenda**

**January 5, 2023 at 7:00pm**

Planning Conference Room, 250 Bouscaren St, Suite 203 Slidell, LA

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Minutes.** Review and approve minutes from December 1, 2022
3. **Public Hearings**
  - a. None
4. **Other Business**
  - a. Annual election of chair and vice-chair
  - b. Discussion of 2023 goals and objectives
  - c. Continuing education / training
5. **General and Public Comments**
6. **Adjournment**

*The next Board of Zoning Adjustment meeting will be February 2, 2023.*



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**Minutes**

December 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, 2045 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Slidell, LA

- 1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Meeting called to order by Vice Chairperson West at 7:02 p.m. Vice Chairperson West then noted that Commissioner Granier arrived at 7:03p.m.

**Commissioners Present**

Shane Jordan, Chair-7:09 P.M.  
Christy West, Vice Chair  
Billy Provenzano  
Daniel Laurant  
René LeBreton  
Jordan Granier-7:03 P.M.

**Commissioners Not Present**

Patrick Brady, Sr.

**Staff Present**

Danny McElmurray, Planning Dir.  
Theresa Alexander, Planner  
Erica Smith, Planning Administrative Secretary

- 2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. **Minutes.** Motion by Mr. Provenzano to approve minutes of November 3, 2022 as written; Mr. Laurant seconded. A vote of 5 YAYS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN approved the minutes.

- 4. **Public Hearings**

- a. **V22-28:** A request for variance from area regulations in the A-6 Single-Family Urban District; for property located at 203 Woodcrest Drive; identified as Lot 78 of Yester Oaks Subdivision; requested by Maurer Investments.

Vice Chairperson West introduced the request and opened the public hearing.

City of Slidell Planning Director Danny McElmurray came to the podium with the Planning Departments staff report. Director McElmurray stated that there was a house at 203 Woodcrest Drive, Slidell, LA that had been demolished due to damage. A permit was pulled in August 2021 for new construction. Plans that showed setbacks meeting code requirements were approved on 8/26/21 and a permit was issued. In September 2022, a site inspection showed that the foundation was poured five feet into the front yard setback. Further review showed that the house is not being built to the plans that were approved by the Permit Department.

Commissioner Provenzano asked at the time the encroachment had been discovered, how much work had been done on the house. Director McElmurray replied that the support columns underneath, framing on the flooring and ground foundation had been done for the house and porch. The porch is encroaching into the setback. Director McElmurray clarified that although the staff report states that a Stop Work Order was issued, no Stop Work Order was applied to the permit and the applicant was cautioned that he was building into the encroachment. Vice Chairperson West asked what the City does when plans are not being followed. Director McElmurray replied there is a process, which includes revising plans.

Joe France, City of Slidell Chief Building Official, clarified that the foundation is one structure. Original plans provided for permit review showed the encroachment and were rejected by the

Planning Department. Revised plans were reviewed and approved for construction. Mr. France suggested the first set of plans were likely provided to the contractor pouring the foundation. Commissioner Jordan asked if the owner/contractor was present. After learning the owner is the contractor and was not present, he stated that affects his review of the request.

Director McElmurray stated he believes this request does not qualify for a variance in that it does not meet with any of the required standards for a variance and stated the Planning Department cannot recommend approval.

Chairperson Jordan asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

Ms. Lynne Finch of 146 Woodcrest Drive, Slidell, Louisiana stated that she does not support approval of the variance request.

Mr. Thomas Glaser of 3852 Arrowhead Drive, Slidell, Louisiana stated that while reconstructing his home, he became familiar with Mr. France and the City construction requirements.

Chairperson Jordan closed the Public Hearing and asked the Commission for a motion. Commissioner Laurant made a motion and Commissioner LeBreton seconded, and a vote of 6 YAYS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN denied the variance request.

5. **Other Business**

- a. City of Slidell Chief Building Official Mr. Joe France provided information regarding the City's building permit processes and its relation to building codes and zoning requirements.

6. **General and Public Comments.** There were none.

7. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on motion by Mr. Jordan, second by Ms. West, and a vote of 6 YAYS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN.