

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Planning Chairwoman Claire Durio

The secretary called the roll.

Commissioners Present: Nicholas Cressy, Claire Durio, Andrea Fulton, Karen Gautreaux, Scott Quillin, Brian Rhinehart and Patrick Rosenow

Absent: None

Also Present: Cara Bartholomew, Planning Director; David Parnell, City Attorney; Tina Myers, Secretary

Ms. Gautreaux moved to adopt the minutes from the November 18 and December 9 meetings, Mr. Rhinehart seconded, and all were in favor.

New Business

P26-01-01 – Recommendation to the City Council regarding Ordinance 25-31 to revoke the dedicated portion of Harold St. between Monroe St. and Livingston St. in accordance with the legal description and survey prepared by Kelly J. Mchugh & Assoc., Inc. Dated October 27, 2025; declaring that portion of street as surplus and no longer needed for City use; disposing that portion of street at private sale, authorizing the mayor to execute all necessary documents; and assigning the property as R-1, Single Family Residential District providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Ms. Bartholomew presented the case. There were no public comments.

Mr. Quillin moved to approve, Mr. Rhinehart seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

With new business on the Planning Commission concluded, Ms. Durio moved to the Zoning Commission portion of the meeting.

Tina Myers, Secretary

Claire Durio, Chairwoman
Planning Commission

Brian Rhinehart commenced the Zoning Commission portion of the Meeting.

Announcement that written notice of decisions regarding zoning variances will be filed in the Commission's office the following day of this meeting at which time applicable appeal time will begin to run.

New Business

V26-01-01 – Robert Brent requests a variance to CLURO Section 7.5.1.3. R-1 Site Development Regulations, Old Town of Mandeville, Square 56 Lot R, R-1 Single Family Residential District, 1733 Montgomery

Ms. Bartholomew presented the case. It was confirmed this is to build an addition that's in line with an already legally nonconforming property and this was going to be demolished but Mr. Brent is saving it. Robert Brent 3523 Tchopitoulas (applicant) came to the podium in case the commissioners had any questions. There were no additional questions from the commissioners and no public comment.

Ms. Durio moved to approve, Mr. Cressy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

V26-01-02 – Erik Soine requests a variance to CLURO Section 9.2.5.7. Key Native Tree Species Protection Requirements, Old Town of Mandeville, Square A Lot 73-A-2-2, B-1 - Neighborhood Business District, 3014 E Causeway Approach

Ms. Bartholomew presented the case. Mr. Rhinehart summed up the request as basically moving the Magnolia trees from the buildable area to the onto the side setback. There was discussion about the no cut buffer. Ms. Bartholomew explained that the no-cut buffer is on the owner's property, not part of Cleco's right of way. No public comment.

Ms. Durio moved to approve, Mr. Rosenow seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

V26-01-03 – Ramy El Khoury requests a variance to CLURO Section 8.1.5. Supplemental Regulation of Accessory Buildings and Structures, Old Town of Mandeville, Square 51 Lot 8A, R-1 Single Family Residential District, 1823 Montgomery

Ms. Bartholomew presented the case. The car part being detached and the hardship with this size lot were discussed. Kelly Johnson (applicant's architect) explained the owners would like to have a covering for two spots to be able to load and unload their small children.

Mr. Quillin moved to approve, Ms. Durio seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Bartholomew informed the commission about the APA National conference in April in Detroit.

Mr. Gautreaux moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Quillin seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.

Tina Myers, Secretary

Brian Rhinehart, Chairman
Zoning Commission