

# BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Monday, December 21, 2020

6:00PM

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

222 EAST KIRKLAND STREET

Covington, Louisiana

**THE COMPLIANCE WITH OF GOVENOR EDWARDS REOPENING OF THE STATE PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND RECOMMENDING FACE MASK TO BE WORN IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WAS ENFORCED DURING THIS MEETING.**

## BOA Members

JAN BUTLER – CHAIRPERSON  
THOMAS HUVAL- VICE CHAIRPERSON  
EDMOND d’HEMECOURT  
JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM  
COREY HIMES

## Staff

NAHKETAH BAGBY, CITY PLANNER  
JULIAN“ROD” RODRIGUE, CITY ATTORNEY  
JOANN RUCKER, SECRETARY  
CHRISTOPHER BROWN, BUILDING OFFICIAL  
CALLIE BAKER, CITY ENGINEER

**Commissioner Jan Butler** called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

### Roll call:

<b>Ms. Butler</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Cunningham</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. d’Hemecourt</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Huval</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Himes</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioner Butler, Commissioner Huval, Commissioner de’Hemecourt and Commissioner Cunningham

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Himes

**Staff Present:** Nahketah Bagby, City Planner; Rod Rodrigue, City Attorney and JoAnn Rucker, Secretary

**Commissioner Jan Butler** led a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioner Huval** made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 21, 2020 meeting. **Commissioner Cunningham** seconded the motion.

### Roll call:

<b>Ms. Butler</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Cunningham</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. d’Hemecourt</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Huval</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Himes</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**Commissioner de’Hemecourt** made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 24, 2020 Special Meeting. **Commissioner Huval** seconded the motion.

### Roll call:

<b>Ms. Butler</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Cunningham</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. d’Hemecourt</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Huval</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Himes</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**Commissioner Butler** made a motion to approve the 2021 Meeting Calendar. **Commissioner de’Hemecourt** seconded the motion.

**Roll call:**

<b>Ms. Butler</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Cunningham</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. d’Hemecourt</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Huval</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Himes</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**Mrs. Nahketah Bagby, City Planner** noted for the record that the January 11, 2021 meeting and the February 8, 2021 meeting both will be the second Monday of the month. They will not fall on the third Monday due to holidays. Mrs. Bagby also stated that there are three cases on the agenda for the January 11, 2021 meeting.

**VI BOA CASES:**

**1. Case No. 20-12-08BOA - Request:** A variance request from Appendix B – Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Part 6- Covington Sign Regulations -Sec. 6.105 Exempt Signs - #2 Flags on flagpoles and Table 61.1 to allow a 110 foot flagpole and to install a 1,800 square feet (30 x 60) flag. The property is Covington Self Storage a self-storage development-under construction at 1021 Ronald Regan Hwy.

**Petitioner:** Jeremy Cox- Kent Construction

**Owner:** McCakman L.L.C.

**Mr. Stephen Camp** led the discussion on this case. He discussed the reasoning for the request for the 110 foot flagpole and flag and also the variance for placement of the flagpole. Mr. Camp also indicated that he has no hardship related to this case, this is just a desire to celebrate the country and to celebrate the American flag.

**Commissioner de’Hemecourt** explained the reasoning for the Board of Adjustments is to look at if there is a hardship and if that hardship is causing the landowner not to move forward for whatever he is trying to do.

**Rod Rodrigue** verified the ordinance for the variance.

**Mrs. Bagby** ask if he was going to put any signs up for his business. **Mr. Camp** stated the flag was going to be the sign.

**Commissioner de’Hemecourt** read a brief insert from the ordinance stating the reason to come to the Board of Adjustments that being said, **Commissioner de’Hemecourt** made a motion to deny the request as written. **Commissioner Butler** seconded the motion to deny.

**Roll call:**

<b>Ms. Butler</b>	<b>Yes to Deny</b>
<b>Mr. Cunningham</b>	<b>Yes to Deny</b>
<b>Mr. d’Hemecourt</b>	<b>Yes to Deny</b>
<b>Mr. Huval</b>	<b>Yes to Deny</b>
<b>Mr. Himes</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**Mr. Cox** asked that after the voting can he have a conversation. **Rod Rodrigue, City Attorney** indicated the commissioners can talk to him after the meeting if they choose and Mr. Camp can file a variance for a later BOA meeting for the location of the 50 foot flagpole.

**Other Business-** Mrs. Bagby indicated that the 2021 ethics training will be available on January 04, 2021.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.