



City of Belle Isle
Planning & Zoning Board Regular Session Minutes
April 23, 2019 – 6:30 pm

Dan Langley City Attorney	David Woods Vice Chairman District 1	Chris Shenefelt District 2	Shawn Jervis District 3	Randy Holihan Chairman District 4	Rainey Lane District 5	Russell Cheezum District 6	OPEN Chairman District 7
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On Tuesday, April 23, 2019, the Belle Isle Planning & Zoning Board met in a regular session at 6:30 pm in the Belle Isle City Hall Council Chambers. Present was Chairman Holihan, Vice Chairman Woods, Board member Shenefelt. Also present was Attorney Geller, City Manager Francis, City Planner April Fisher and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

Absent were Attorney Langley, Board member Lane, Board Member Cheezum and Board member Jervis. District 7 – open seat.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
Chairman Holihan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Chairman Holihan confirmed that there was not a quorum present.
City Clerk requested the minutes of March 26, 2019, be included on the May agenda for approval.
3. Discussion on Land Development Changes – Fences, walls, and perimeter buffering
Board member Holihan asked how the Board can start the process for discussion on Land Development changes. April Fisher presented a brief PowerPoint addressing the adoption of an Ordinance in 2005 which encourages visual openness and the preservation of the natural environment to prohibit fences and walls in the front yard. Ms. Fisher provided a few samples of fences and wall that are problematic in the City with common characteristics such as deep lots, busy street traffic and many properties with existing fences/walls and gates. The Board addressed different scenarios with properties on Seminole Drive, Daetwyler Drive, Hoffner, Oak Island and the east end of Nela.

The Board discussed,
 - Keeping the code as written;
 - Create an overlay that allows fences and walls along specified streets and establishes a code with a maximum height, design standard, and materials; or
 - Remove the prohibition of fences and walls in the front yard.
Attorney Geller said the Board might approve some conditions as follows
 - Legislative Determination – Changes made to the code for consistency, adaptability and rational basis for the legislation.
 - Trial Overlay – Propose a trial overlay for certain areas around the City for a prescribed period of time.
After discussion, the Board consensus was to report the findings of this discussion to the entire Board at the May meeting.
4. OTHER BUSINESS
For the record, Chairman Holihan said Board member Lane did her absence excused due to personal scheduling conflicts.
5. ADJOURNED
There being no further business Chairman Holihan adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Yolanda Quiceno
City Clerk, CMC