

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Atkins, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (10). ABSENT: Commissioners Jones and Young (2).

The invocation was given by Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Taliaferro led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to expand the agenda and add Special Resolution of Recognition for Filipino Heritage Month under "Special Resolutions"*.

At this time, Mr. Atkins opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against adding this item to the agenda. There being no one to speak, Mr. Atkins closed the floor for public comments.

At this time, Mr. Chavez's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jones, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Regular Session Minutes from September 22, 2022 be adopted. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jones, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to englobo and adopt the following special resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution of Acknowledgement of Breast Cancer Awareness Month*
- *Special Resolution of Acknowledgement of Domestic Violence Awareness Month*
- *Special Resolution of Acknowledgement of Filipino Heritage Month*

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer touches the lives of Caddo residents from every background and every community across our Parish; and

WHEREAS, though great strides have been made in combatting this devastating illness, more women and men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and hundreds are expected to lose their lives to this disease in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Caddo Parish Commission honors those we have lost, lend our strength to those who carry on the fight, and pledge to educate ourselves and our loved ones about this tragic disease; and

WHEREAS, this month we stand with the mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, and friends who have been affected by breast cancer, and we recognize the ongoing efforts of dedicated advocates, researchers, and health care providers who strive each day to defeat this terrible disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 36th day of October, 2022 that it does hereby proclaim October, 2022 as:

'BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

**PROCLAMATION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, October- is designated as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence impacts women, men and children of every age, background, and belief. Nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men in the United States have suffered severe physical violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, victims are deprived of their liberty and security and face tremendous threats to their health and safety. During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we reaffirm our dedication to forging an America where no one suffers the hurt and hardship that domestic violence causes; and

WHEREAS, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Caddo Parish Commission pledges and their unwavering support to those in need and recognize the advocates, victim service providers, and organizations who work tirelessly to extend hope and healing to survivors and victims' every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 6th day of October, 2022 that it does hereby proclaim October, 2022 as:

'NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

**PROCLAMATION
FILIPINO HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission is pleased to acknowledge events of significance that occur in the community, and to recognize the organizations and individuals who are now and for a long time have been in the forefront of positive and worthy activities and deeds that accrue to the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, such an organizations is the **Fil-Am Association of the ARK-LA-TEX**, who will be hosting Filipino Heritage Month Celebration Gala at the LSUS Ballroom on October 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Fil-Am Association of the Ark-la-Tex was founded to celebrate, educated, and encourage Filipino American heritage to not only their members, but to the communities in which their citizens live and serve on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the first recognized permanent Filipino settlement in the United States was in St. Malo, Louisiana in 1763. Saint Malo, a fishing community which put in motion the economic, cultural, social, and other notable contributions that Filipino Americans have made in countless ways toward the development of the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have contributed greatly to the fine arts, music, literature, education, business, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, science, technology, and other fields which enrich the landscape of the United States of American.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in legal session convened, that it does hereby welcome and recognize October 2022 as:

“FILIPINO AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH”

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, entreating all citizens of the Parish to join in applauding this observance and in welcoming and honoring Fil-Am Association of the Ark-La-Tex members and guests.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Update on Louisiana Fairgrounds Ballpark
Linc Coleman, UL Coleman Properties

Mr. Burrell requested that Administration reach out to Dr. Whyte and Mr. Coleman with regards to a possible public health safety issue with the demolition of Fairgrounds Fields. Dr. Wilson informed the Commission that this matter is now in court, so Dr. Whyte is refraining from attending a Commission meeting to speak on this. He further explained that she did send a letter stating that the State is advising that a consultant be brought into guide them through removing the hazardous waste prior to the demolition.

Dr. Wilson summarized the following letter that was sent to Mayor Perkins regarding the demolition of Fairgrounds Fields:

Dear Mayor Perkins:

Governor Edwards' office recently forwarded to LDH the attached correspondence he received concerning possible histoplasmosis issues related to the planned demolition of Fairgrounds Field stadium. Although LDH is not privy to all facts and circumstances related to the presence of guano in the stadium and any possible associated histoplasmosis risks, the letter does raise potential concerns.

To mitigate against such issues and concerns, LDH recommends that the City and its contractors or involved employees review and follow applicable CDC guidance concerning histoplasmosis risk and prevention, located at the following URL: <https://www.cdc.gov/fungal/diseases/histoplasmosis/risk-prevention.html>. That guidance includes the recommendation that "Large amounts of bird or bat droppings should be cleaned up by professional companies that specialize in the removal of hazardous waste." LDH recommends that prior to demolition the City engage a professional company that specializes in the assessment and removal of hazardous waste to assess any remaining risk that may be present, prepare a report concerning the need for any additional removal/remediation that may be indicated, and advise on potential risk to demolition crew members. I would greatly appreciate if you would forward to my office a copy of any such report obtained by the City.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please don't hesitate to contact me at 504.616.1456.

*Sincerely,
/s/Joseph Kanter, MD, MPH
State Health Officer*

Mr. Coleman said that U.L. Coleman has no financial interest in this project. He said that the demolition of Fairgrounds Fields could impact the people and the neighborhoods that surround it. The field could provide for opportunities to address quality of life issues, he said. Mr. Coleman pointed out that the public did not know about the demolition. When they contacted the City and asked about the issues of the stadium. The City told them that it was structurally unsound, water penetration problems, and would be expensive to renovate than to build new. Some of the feedback that they received was to tear it down or let it deteriorate. They then contacted the public and private sectors to get their input on the stadium. Mr. Coleman also pointed out that the voters turned down a \$1M bond issue to tear the stadium down, and social media has been "begging governmental agencies to use it, repurpose it, and find a qualified programming use for it". After speaking with contractors, they discovered that the building is structurally sound, and the water penetration issue was the City water line being clogged. Mr. Coleman also pointed out that it would be less expensive to renovate than to build new. He also said that Dr. Goree was interested in the stadium and had a plan that was draft in 2020 to utilize it—same with the YMCA. Mr. Coleman asked for a six month pause on the demolition to see if they can put together a funding formula with private and public money to prepare plans to renovate it and funding the ongoing operation of it.

Mr. Coleman then talked about the bat guano that is all over the stadium. He said that this could led to health problems throughout the City with histoplasmosis. The second request that they have from the City is that there is a clean bill of health prior to the demolition of the building. They are asking that the Commission support a resolution to reach out to the Health Department. "...there's a common denominator for all of us, and that's our children and our sports, and this can help us to bring those things together," he said.

Mr. Jackson thanked Mr. Coleman for coming to the meeting today. He also said that he respects Mr. Coleman as a private sector developer, as well as him wanting to save this historic landmark. Mr. Jackson wanted to know if histoplasmosis is airborne. Mr. Coleman stated that he is not an expert in histoplasmosis and its toxic substance. He has done some research through and the Mayo Clinic and CDC said that some of the airborne spores stay active for as much as three years, but he is not sure how far it would go. Mr. Jackson then wanted to know who would be providing that information—he said that this could become an environmental justice issue. Dr. Wilson said that the City would need to hire a contractor to do a hazard mitigation plan for the hazardous material. The key is to control it, so it doesn't become airborne.

Mr. Jackson then wanted to know if there was still a restraining order on the demolition of the building. Mr. Coleman said that the City requested that the injunction be postponed until Friday, October 14, 2022.

He then talked about the fire at 114 Texas. Mr. Jackson said that the City would not support the owner initially, and now a fire has destroyed the property. He was then accused and questioned if he had a financial interest in the property because he was an advocate for the property. Mr. Jackson said that there are assets in Caddo Parish, and he applaud anyone who "step up" and recognize them.

Mr. Coleman said that he regrets not "stepping up" more in the past. He said that Caddo

Parish has lost population over the years. Mr. Jackson agreed and said that there needs to be “an all hands on deck approach” for rejuvenating the inner core of the City of Shreveport. Mr. Coleman agreed and feels that there are ways to do it.

Mr. Burrell said that he reached out to the Mayor of Shreveport about his concern with histoplasmosis. He said that the people are concerned about possibly contracting the disease if the stadium is torn down. Mr. Burrell would like there to be a clean bill of health before any demolition. He also said that he would like to look into the possibility of revitalizing the stadium.

COMMUNIQES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Epperson read aloud the following letter into the record:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident and proud homeowner since 1986 at 7393 Waterwood Drive, Greenwood, Louisiana, 71033. I have enjoyed the sleepy town atmosphere as Greenwood is affectionately called by many of us residents. Unfortunately, that idea is changing to something that I am not so proud of, and have great concern. Below are some of my concerns:

The entrance and exit of Waterwood Drive is often snail paced, due to the big trucks and heavy machines that must travel on my street in order to attend to the business at hand; therefore, posing a problem for me to timely and expeditiously exit or enter on my street at times. This, of course, for me as a senior citizen, depending on the circumstances can cause problems.

Another concern is that the street sometimes has debris such as dust and mud depending on the weather and the business at hand; thus, having an impact on the condition of Waterwood Drive.

One of my greatest concerns is health and environmental effects that this venture might ultimately impose on us as the citizens of Waterwood Drive and the Town of Greenwood, itself.

Thank you so much for looking into this matter, as it affects all of us, as it pertains to the health and well-being of all citizens.

*Sincerely,
/s/Shirley S. Lampkin*

Mr. Epperson also thanked the Public Works Department for all of their hard work in resolving some issues that his constituents had.

- Mr. Jackson asked for an update on the Wheelchair Ramp program. Mrs. Bryant said that Caddo Council on Aging is administering the program for the Parish, and there have been a few requests. Mr. Jackson requested some data be provided.

- Mr. Chavez requested that Administration look into a phone system for CPAS, specifically in recording the phone calls for customer service.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked the Parks & Recreation Department for all of their assistance during National Night Out. She said that it was a huge success.

She also asked about the previous CCC facility. Mrs. Bryant said that they are gathering that information and will provide an update as soon as the details are available. Dr. Wilson wanted to know if Mrs. Gage-Watts was referring to the Forcht Wade facility. Mrs. Gage-Watts stated that she was. Mr. Kevin Lawrence, Facilities & Maintenance, stated that it was demolished because it would have cost more to renovate than to rebuild.

Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know if there was a vacant facility that could be used for overflow at CCC. Mr. Lawrence said that the only vacant facility that Caddo Parish owns is the regional lab, but it is only 5,000 square feet.

Dr. Wilson also pointed out that they did meet to try and address the overcrowding at CCC. He said that there are over 1,500 inmates in a facility designed to hold 1,070. The City Jail is currently being used for overflow. Mrs. Gage-Watts understood and said that some of these inmates cannot be released due to the nature of their crimes. Dr. Wilson agreed and said, “we need the system to work better.”

- Dr. Wilson talked about the plastic partitions around the horseshoe. He asked that the Commission support the removal of some of them. Some of the Commissioners had objections to this.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Atkins asked that Mr. Ward introduce his son, Carson Ward, to the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

The President of the Commission opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the following ordinances:

- Ordinance No. 6259 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund and the Oil & Gas Fund to provide an additional appropriation for the Safe Summer program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

There being no one else to speak in favor or against this ordinance, the President closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCES (for final passage)

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Ordinance No. 6259 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund and the Oil & Gas Fund to provide an additional appropriation for the Safe Summer program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Jones and Young (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 6259 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND AND THE OIL AND GAS FUND TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE SAFE SUMMER PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Safe Summer Program provided funding for Parish-sponsored recreational and quality of life initiatives that help youth and other Parish citizens sustain a safe and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, additional funds are needed to continue programs through the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to appropriate an additional \$15,000 for additional programming; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department will host programming though the end of year within the stated budget; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the 2022 Riverboat Fund and the Oil and Gas Fund in the amount of \$15,000 to extend the Safe Summer Program until the end of the year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat and Oil and Gas Funds for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Oil and Gas Fund</u>	
Transfer to Riverboat	\$15,000
Fund Balance	(\$15,000)
<u>Riverboat Fund</u>	
Special Programs – Safe Summer	\$15,000
Transfer from Oil and Gas	\$15,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that additional programming through the end of 2022 will not exceed \$15,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)

- *Ordinance No. 6161 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund to carryover the 2021 appropriation for the African American Chamber of Commerce, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6162 of 2022, an ordinance granting approval for an additional septic system at 153 Monique Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

WORK SESSION MINUTES

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Jackson, *that the Work Session Minutes from October 3, 2022 be ratified. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *to englobe and adopt the following items:*

- *Resolution No. 46 of 2022, a resolution to provide an annual certification to the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development in accordance with the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program, and otherwise providing with respect thereto*
- *Appoint James Martin to the Caddo Parish Fire District No. 8 Board to fill the unexpired term of Claude Jackson. Term to expire January 1, 2024.*
- *Appoint Stacy Fuselier Pierce to the Caddo Parish Fire District No. 5 Board to fill the unexpired term of Wayne Woodruff. Term to expire December 4, 2022.*
- *Recommend additional recognition of POW-MIA's. Committee recommend the addition of a POW-MIA flag to any Parish flagpole where the American flag is flown. The Committee also recommends the inclusion of the language "Always remember our POW-MIAs" when calling for the Pledge of Allegiance.*
- *Approve Commissioner travel to the 2022 Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference*

At this time, **Mr. Jackson's motion carried**, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (10). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Jones and Young (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL CERTIFICATION TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards; and

and WHEREAS, an inventory of the aforementioned bridges shall be maintained by each state;

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and loads post these bridges under the authority of the Parish of Caddo in accordance with the above-cited standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to the Parish of Caddo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development that the Parish will perform the following for the period of 1 October 2022 through 30 September 2023:

1. The Parish will perform interim inspections on all bridges within Caddo Parish, as required.
2. The Parish will load rate non-timber bridges within Caddo Parish, as required.
3. The Parish will load post or close bridges within Caddo Parish, as required.
4. The Parish will verify the inventory data pertaining to all bridges within Caddo Parish, as required.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to adopt a moratorium on enforcement of Ordinance No. 6240 of 2022, relative to occupational license requirements of off-track betting establishments.*

Mr. Chavez wanted to know if there was a sunset on this action item. Attorney Frazier said that it would be until the case is resolved, which is estimated to be next Spring. She said that it will become moot once there is a resolution on the case.

Mr. Burrell suggested that this be submitted to the State Legislature to “tie this to our local zoning ordinance”, similar to video poker. Attorney Frazier said that they can craft something that would address this.

Mr. Hopkins said that he will be voting in support of this since it will only be in effect while the case is being litigated. He agreed with Mr. Burrell and suggested that the Commission think about sending this to the State Legislature to be addressed.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts’ motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Jackson, Jones, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mr. Jackson wanted to know if there was going to be a press release or ribbon cutting for the second early voting location. Dr. Wilson said that there will be once they receive confirmation that the location is open.

He also requested the resolution/ordinance that was adopted to set up the Juvenile Justice Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Jackson said that he made a recommendation about physical place and physical environment, specifically related to affordable housing and neighborhoods. Mrs. Bryant said that staff is normally not in attendance, unless Mr. Clay Walker requests staff to be in attendance.

The Clerk of the Commission explained that the committee did have some discussion about what their work is going to cover, and he believes that those items that Mr. Jackson requested are being discussed. He also pointed out that this is a Citizens Advisory Board, which is to have discussion free from the influence of Parish staff. He suggested that Mr. Jackson review their set of by-laws. Mr. Jackson also

requested that the guidelines and resolution be sent to the Committee members.

- Mrs. Gage-Watts announced that there will be an Expungement Summit on October 14 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Louisiana State Fair Building.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (late arrivals)

Mr. Walter D. White came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I come here today with my son to bring to your attention a project that we've been dealing with for a number of months. It's 22-18-P for the Zoning Board to move our property from R-1-7 to R-A. We were in support of an individual who lives close to us who did the same thing and we were in supporting that. We're curious why ours wasn't already. Speaking with a Parish Assistant Attorney, he said, 'Well, there's some forms you can take care of and pay an appropriate sum and, and things work'. So we did that. There was a zoning board vote, as a I understand, who approved it. Somehow it stopped there, and I don't know why. I have heard there's some misgivings from some of that. Well, this could happen or that could happen. So let me just address this. My wife and I bought this property in 1998 to 2000. It is adjacent to our home. We had small children, and I wanted to raise them to learn that nobody ever drowned in sweat, and it's good to have hard work. So we had a barn, and we loaded it with animals. We bought land, and they learned to hunt. They learned to fish; they learned to harvest firewood; we watched trees grow; we let cattle graze. We did everything you're supposed to do on rural property. Now, we would just like to continue doing that to the next generation. I will tell you here that we have absolutely zero plans to do anything with that property other than what we've done to it the last twenty-three years since I bought it—the thirty-five years since we've lived there. Occasionally, we find varmints that have to be eliminated—snakes, feral hogs, and that sort of thing, but we intend to ride four-wheelers. We intend to hunt, fish, and give hay rides for friends and family—and to do all the fun things you do with property. We would like to see this proceed to an appropriate end. When someone said, 'well there may be a trailer park put on this.' I believe there's already one down the road, and I was against it, but it happened anyway. I would tell my neighbors that I would never do something like that to you with my property. If you drive through the one that's there and get out and walk along the fence, you won't be very pleased. No, we intend to do nothing with that. I would like for it to please be changed to R-A. I will appreciate your consideration in making that happen.

Brian White came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

I'm just going to caveat on what was already said. Strictly by pointing out some of the irony of the situation here. On August 4, Commissioner Johnson endorsed 22-11-P, which during the Parish Zoning Board did receive opposition from citizens in order to change R-1-7 to R-A. Literally right down the street within 500 from the property in question—on it, presently to this day, is a trailer yet no opposition was made. Some of the irony from being less than 500 feet and being less than a month and a half distant from 22-1-P's approval on 4 August, 22-18's denial which had no citizens opposition during the Parish Zoning Board's meeting. It was attempted to be denied and attempted to be deferred by Commission Johnson, which is woods. It's irony, at best. I think the question should be asked, why? I think it should be addressed, and I think it should be brought back for consideration. Inventing problems that don't exist is an interesting method, but is un-needed and not correct. There is no trailer park going in, nor is there plans to have some. As was noted last time, it is not a trailer park, it is a mobile home location—and we would like to see it changed to R-A. I do want to note and caveat on something that was previously said by another presenter—Caddo Parish is seeing a reduction in growth since 2011. Some of this Parish board's oldest members were literally elected at the time—rough timeframe that the drop began. So for the last decade, you have seen a decrease of 1,700 rough personnel in this Parish across the board. Simultaneously, I think it should be noted that—at the same time, Bossier is increasing by only slightly less than that. To rough correlate those terms, if we were to look out and take that rough estimate between the two, in 2052, Bossier is bigger than Shreveport. Leadership must change. There must be an alteration than what we are seeing right now. If we don't, the train will continue. Its been going since 2011. With that in mind, I don't think that since 2011, leadership that's there is doing you justice. I have another issue, but I can't see my time, so I'm going to yield what's left.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.


Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk


John E. Atkins
President