

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING
March 16th, 2021
7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Charles Glass called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Chairman Charles Glass, Vice-Chairman Horton, Commissioner Heiney, Commissioner Traylor, Commissioner Thrash, County Administrator Townsend, County Clerk Carlette Davidson and Attorney Scott Mayfield. The meeting was available via Zoom.

II. Abbott Woods Subdivision (Rezoning from R-2 and A-R to R-1)

Planning and Community Development Director Buice addressed the board. She said that this is a rezoning for the totality of the original Abbott Woods Subdivision which was approved in 2003. Currently the Abbott Woods subdivision is zoned R-2 which has a 1600 square ft. minimum. She said that the proposal is to re-zone it to R-1 which has a 2000 square ft. minimum. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that there were several conditions suggested. She said that it has public water. She said that the largest section of the subdivision has 122 acres and then the second to the largest section has 13 acres. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that when this is developed, County water will be run onto the interior lots. She said that there will be a one-acre lot minimum, 140 ft. lot width, a 75-foot minimum setback on the exterior lots and 60 ft. minimum setback on the interior lots. She said that all new homes would have side or rear-facing garages. Planning and Community Development Director Buice said that all of the property owners were present for the Public Hearing meeting that was held on March 8th, 2021. She said that the Planning Commission board recommended approval.

Public Hearing Comment

Mr. Russell Smith of 131 Brothers Court addressed the board. Mr. Smith said that he and his wife are new to Lamar County. He said that they live next door to Commissioner Traylor. Mr. Smith said that the main reason they choose to move to Abbot Woods subdivision was because of the quality of the homes. He said that in the County that they previously lived in; the homes were not well built. Mr. Smith said that the quality of the homes and the neighbors was a great concern.

Mr. Smith said that his previous neighborhood all had front-facing garages. He said that it was an eyesore and people hung out in the streets. Mr. Smith said that he agreed with having side or rear-facing garages on the future homes in Abbott Woods subdivision.

Mr. Smith said that he agrees with the R-1 zoning and the 2000 square ft. minimum and all of the conditions that Planning and Community Development Director Buice mentioned.

Tye Hannah of Norcross, Georgia addressed the board. Mr. Hannah said that he is the property owner of a majority of the lots. He said that he is in favor of the rezoning from R-2 to R-1 with the conditions that were mentioned earlier. He restated the conditions as follows:

- 1 acre lots with public water
- 140 ft. lot width
- 75 ft. setback on exterior lots
- 60 ft setback on interior lots
- No forward-facing garages; side or rear-entrance garages only.

IV. Adjournment

Chairman Glass called for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Vice-Chairman Horton made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at approximately 7:07 p.m. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charles Glass, Chairman

Bennie Horton, Vice-Chairman

Robert Heiney, Commissioner

Ryran Traylor, Commissioner

Nancy Thrash, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Carlette Davidson, County Clerk