

Commissioner Booth: Next item on the agenda is PZO-2018-03 requested by Larry Cochran, Parish President, to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, Section III, definition of Lot Width. Ms. Stein can you explain that one to us?

Ms. Stein: Yes Mr. Chair. In 2015 we started simplifying and clarifying our zoning ordinance and we got a little too simple with the definition of lot width. We saw that play out last month with a resubdivision where we had extreme difficulty actually determining how wide the lot was and that was because the current definition requires us to use a line that is parallel to the street when we measure and as you can see by the little sketches when a line cuts across at a skew or if the line has to be drawn on an arc if it's a cul de sac lot that number is increased and it's illogical and in some strange cases we get in situations where people think they have more lot to build on than they do. So we ask that you please vote to approve the new definition of lot width as the shortest distance between side lot lines measured at the minimum front building setback line. We anticipate that this will be much more simple, much more clear, much more accurate and will help people that are resubdividing, who are designing buildings and who are requesting permits.

Commissioner Booth: Thank you Ms. Stein. Any questions or comments from the Commission? It seems pretty straight forward. Cast your vote.

YEAS: Gordon, Petit, Richard, Booth, Galliano

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Granier, Frangella

Commissioner Booth: That passes unanimously.