

Commissioner Booth: Last item on the agenda tonight is PZO-2018-04 requested by Mary Keller Clulee, Councilwoman District II for an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to add uses to the Medical Services (MS) Zoning District, Appendix A. Section VI.I.1.a, by adding Professional and sub-professional offices. Ms. Stein.

Ms. Stein: Thank you Mr. Chair. A little teeny bit of history, these medical services zoning districts date to the '20's when zoning was being adopted nationwide and the intent for this type of district at that time was to separate disease and separate certain populations of people, people who we now would not separate from our communities and send them off to the hinder lands. The zoning districts are a little bit antiquated, they're really clunky and in the '70's and '80's right before we adopted our zoning ordinance, they were kind of transitioning into zoning districts that would protect neighboring commercial and industrial areas and residential areas from very large institutions that are bulky, that have a lot of loud equipment, that get deliveries and emergency vehicles flying in and out of the property 24-7, it's an emergency. Anyway the zoning district is not super helpful the way it's written and as a result we have a couple of different properties that have some vacancy in them because what is permitted in the medical services district is extremely restrictive. The proposal is to open up the medical services district to just professional and sub-professional offices. The result will be higher occupancy rates in these buildings and that is a great thing so we recommend approval.

Commissioner Booth: Ok. This is a public hearing for PZO-2018-04 for the medical services zoning district as explained. Yes Ma'am.

I'm Mary Clulee, 221 Evelyn Drive, Luling, La. This is brought before you tonight to get the Plantation View Medical Building which is at the foot of the 310 at River Road on the east bank into compliance. There are offices her available that are perfect for business use – attorneys, insurance and I think Apache is already there. So I would appreciate your support and like Ms. Marny said that it was a zoning that now is no reason to exist so I appreciate your support too to bring this building into compliance. Thank you.

Commissioner Booth: Yes Ma'am. Anyone else here to speak for or against this particular issue? Seeing none, the public hearing is closed. Any questions or comments from the Commission?

Commissioner Granier: I have a comment.

Commissioner Booth: Yes Sir.

Commissioner Granier: For the record I will abstain since Apache is a proud occupier of Plantation View and I probably don't need to vote and plus I'm trying to see if we can get it to 10:00 so I wanted to say something else too.

Commissioner Booth: Yes Sir. Any other questions or comments? Call for the vote.

YEAS: Gordon, Petit, Richard, Booth, Frangella, Galliano
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Granier

Commissioner Booth: That passes with Mr. Granier abstaining.