

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Central Community School System (CCSS) has been informed that a proposal to develop a new subdivision on Hooper Road known as Belle Arbor Subdivision is currently pending before the Planning & Zoning Commission of the East Baton Rouge Parish Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, the CCSS has also been informed that, in connection with such request, the developer of the proposed subdivision has also requested that the area be rezoned from A-1 to A-2.7 to create smaller lots and to allow for more homes to be developed in the subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the CCSS is aware that the area on Hooper Road in which this subdivision would be developed has flooded frequently in the past during heavy rains; and

WHEREAS, the CCSS is aware that the subdivision adjoining this property, Comite Estates, has flooded numerous times in the past and that, during such floods, the residents of that subdivision have been forced to move their vehicles to higher ground on the shoulder of Hooper Road; and

WHEREAS, the area in question is in part of the Central Community School District, which is outside the City of Central and outside of the jurisdiction of the City of Central Planning and Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a flood, there would be inadequate room on the shoulder of Hooper Road to accommodate all of the vehicles from the proposed high density Belle Arbor Subdivision and/or it would be unsafe for school buses and other traffic to travel Hooper Road under such conditions; and

WHEREAS, with existing neighborhoods, the CCSS has in recent years suffered severe flood damage at Tanglewood Elementary School, which is located a short distance away from the proposed Belle Arbor Subdivision, and is concerned that the development of a high density subdivision in the area proposed would increase the risks of additional flooding of its property; and

WHEREAS, the CCSS does not feel that it is in the best interest of the community or the public school system to allow an increased density subdivision to be developed in an area that repetitively floods and would also note that the proposed lot sizes (50 ft. x 120 ft) are not consistent with the character of surrounding lots in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED by the Central Community School System that:

(1) For the reasons mentioned hereinabove, the Central Community School System wishes to go on record in opposition to the request of the developers of the proposed Belle Arbor Subdivision on Hooper Road that such property be rezoned from A-1 to A2.7 to allow a higher density and reduced lot sizes.

(2) The Central Community School System respectfully requests that the East Baton Rouge Parish Planning and Zoning Commission adopt a policy of notifying the Superintendent of the Central Community School District within seven days of the receipt by the Commission of an application creating or modifying a residential development in that part of the boundaries of the school district outside of the City of Central. A map of the area in question is attached.

(3) The Central Community School System respectfully requests that the East Baton Rouge Parish Planning and Zoning Commission provide the school system 15 days to make official comments on the proposal and that the said comments be included in the public record of the application, available online, and in materials provided to members of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(4) The CCSS directs that a copy of this opposition be submitted to the members of the Planning & Zoning Commission of the East Baton Rouge Parish Metropolitan Council and to all members of that Council.

Resolution moved by _____.

Resolution seconded by _____.

The vote on the resolution was as follows:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

Central School Board

