

## HORTICULTURE COMMISSION MEETING

December 15, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

5825 Florida Boulevard

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Minutes

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The hearing was called to order by Mr. Bass at 9:41 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called by Mrs. Bellington.

Members present: Fred Bass, Todd Parker, Dr. Allen Owings, Stephen Hoover, Rob Barry, Rusty Ruckstuhl, Harold Tani, Roger Mayes, Bill Fleming and Patsy Spedale.

Members absent: Chad Danos, Aaron Wade and Paul Orr.

A quorum was present.

Others present: Murphy Bell, Commission's Attorney; Michael Vallan, Hearing Officer; Craig Roussel, LDAF; Ansel Rankins, LDAF; Thelma Earls, LDAF; E. B. Thompson, LDAF; and Fran Bellington, LDAF.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Mr. Parker made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2011 hearing. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Spedale and passed unanimously.

### **SET NEXT HEARING DATE**

The next Horticulture Commission meeting will be Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS**

Mr. Robert L. Goens, Jr. requested to have his Landscape Horticulturist license reinstated.

**Motion:** Mr. Fleming made a motion that he retest. This motion was seconded by Mr. Parker. 9 members voted for the motion and 1 member voted against. The motion passed.

The meeting was turned over to the hearing officer at 9:45 a.m.

### **HEARING**

#### **New Cases**

Jerome Ginyard  
3820 Pearson Street  
Arcadia, LA 71001

Case No.: 11-015

One violation of L.R.S. 3:3804 (C) for engaging in a regulated profession (arborist) without the proper license.

Stipulation received and fine of \$250.00 was paid by Mr. Ginyard. **Motion:** Mr. Parker made a motion to accept the stipulation and payment. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mayes and passed unanimously.

Chris Maranto  
d/b/a Ground Control  
11930 Richcroft Avenue Suite B  
Baton Rouge, LA 70814

Case No.: 11-016

Three violations of L.R.S. 3:3804 (C) for advertising and engaging in a regulated profession (landscape horticulturist) without the proper license.

Stipulation received. Recommended penalty of \$500.00 per charge for a total fine of \$1,500.00. **Motion:** Mr. Parker made a motion to accept the stipulation and the recommended penalty. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Spedale and passed unanimously.

The meeting was turned back over to Mr. Bass at 10:20 a.m.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Craig Roussel informed the Commission that we are in the process of receiving nominations for Horticulture Commission members. He also told them that he is retiring and has enjoyed his time with the department. Roger Mayes, Horticulture Commission member, is also retiring.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mr. Mayes made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker and passed unanimously.