

RESOLUTION 2017-06

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CHAIRMAN BRIAN SMALLWOOD

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE, as follows:

WHEREAS, Our beautiful City is the product of planning and the tireless dedication of volunteers whose expertise and experience has shaped and preserved this beauty;

WHEREAS, Our Board of Zoning Appeals stands between the City's long term vision and its citizens' dreams for their property, and requires the service of Board members who can balance these sometimes competing interests in the application of the City's Zoning Code;

WHEREAS, The application of our Zoning Code requires the studied consideration of both its vision for the City as well as its detailed management of specific improvements to the property within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Brian Smallwood is a renowned architect whose talents are in great demand;

WHEREAS, Brian Smallwood has given of his time and professional expertise and talents to the City of Belle Meade for more than seven years, spending untold hours in studying cases coming as an appeal from the application of the Zoning Code of the City of Belle Meade;

WHEREAS, Brian Smallwood assumed this position realizing that it might create conflicts of interest in his professional life while interfering with his personal life;

WHEREAS, Brian Smallwood is the sixth Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals in last 26 years, two of whom, including Brian, have served 7 or more years;

WHEREAS, Brian has followed the tradition of exceptional leaders in our City, as another outstanding chairman of the BZA which has upheld the building ordinances of our City and allowed exceptions that are true to the code even when decisions are difficult;

WHEREAS, Brian has used his personal talents to further educate members of the Board in the matters of building and codes, while guiding applicants to solutions that are compliant with the Zoning Code;

WHEREAS, He has led a Board through a principled analysis of innumerable applications, and has thoroughly vetted variances and exceptions;

WHEREAS, He has assured that our vision for the City, as regulated by the Zoning Code, was tailored to the property and not the applicant, assuring the appropriate consideration of the dreams of his friends and neighbors while remaining true to the ideals for the future of our City;