



**Residential Design Compatibility Commission  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
June 4, 2012**

The Residential Design Compatibility Commission convened in a regular meeting on June 4, 2012, City Hall, Boards and Commission Room, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

William Burkhardt called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: William Burkhardt, Karen McGraw, Missy Bledsoe, Mary Ingle

Commissioners Absent: Lucy Katz, Chuck Mains, Keith Jackson

City Staff: Sylvia Benavidez

**A. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

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Blake Tollett from the Austin Neighborhood Group spoke on the short term rentals that will be discussed on Thursday's Council meeting.

**B. RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANDARD**

**B-1    2012-047087PR    Roberto & Elizabeth Sanchez  
814 E 46<sup>th</sup> Street**

The applicant has requested a modification to allow a F.A.R. increase from the maximum development permitted in Chapter 25-2 of the Land Development Code, Section 2.1 Subchapter F: Residential Design and Compatibility Standards from the allowable 40% (2529.6 sq ft) to 50% (3161 sq ft) to build a second story addition to a single family residence in a SF-3 NP-NCCD zoning district.

**COMMISSION'S DECISION:** The public hearing was closed on Commissioner Mary Ingle motion to POSTPONE Commissioner Missy Bledsoe second on a 4 to 0 vote. Motion POSTPONED for August 1, 2012.

**B-2    2012-036829PR           Eleanor Reshetnikov  
   1807 Stamford Lane**

The applicant has requested a modification to allow a F.A.R. increase from the maximum development permitted in Chapter 25-2 of the Land Development Code, Section 2.1 Subchapter F: Residential Design and Compatibility Standards from the allowable 40% (4425.6 sq ft) to 48.2% (5335 sq ft) to built a detached single story accessory structure (bathroom/storage) in a SF-3 zoning district.

**COMMISSION'S DECISION:** The public hearing was closed on Commissioner Mary Ingle motion to POSTPONE Commissioner Missy Bledsoe second on a 4 to 0 vote. Motion POSTPONED for July 12, 2012.

**B-3    2012-047563R           David Whitworth  
   David Whitworth Development Company  
   5502 Jeff Dr.**

The applicant has requested a modification to allow a F.A.R. increase from the maximum development permitted in Chapter 25-2 of the Land Development Code, Section 2.1 Subchapter F: Residential Design and Compatibility Standards from the allowable 40% (2880 sq ft.) to 42.8 (3082 sq ft) to built a new 2 Story Single Family Duplex in a SF3-NP zoning district.

**COMMISSION'S DECISION:** The public hearing was closed on Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to DENY. Commissioner Mary Ingle second on a 4 to 0 vote. DENIED.

**B-4 2012-045549R**

**David Whitworth  
David Whitworth Development Company  
5504 Jeff Dr.**

The applicant has requested a modification to allow a F.A.R. increase from the maximum development permitted in Chapter 25-2 of the Land Development Code, Section 2.1 Subchapter F: Residential Design and Compatibility Standards from the allowable 40% (2895.6 sq ft.) to 42.6 (3082 sq ft) to built a new 2 Story Single Family Duplex in a SF3-NP zoning district.

**COMMISSION'S DECISION:** The public hearing was closed on Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to DENY. Commissioner Mary Ingle second on a 4 to 0 vote. DENIED.

**C DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**C-1** Status on Amending Ordinance 20080618-93 to put back the language that was removed from ordinance 20060622-22 E (3) an areas with a ceiling height greater than 15 ft is counted twice.

**RCA** submittal on May 24' 2012 to set public hearing for action on June 14, 2012.

**C-2** Subchapter F Attic Exemption Criteria (4-9-2012 – BOA interpretation)

- Attic Exemption sample drawing

**Drawing & Clarification** to be submitted at the next RDCC meeting

**C-3** Work group status – RDCC submittal sample packets

- Building line parallel to Street (staff update)
- Application change process –(staff update)

Commissioner Karen McGraw recommended to move forward with the rules posting process quickly and the work group status on agenda should be changed on the next agenda to say "update on rules posting for revised application".

Commissioner William Burkhardt recommended that the rules posting process be posted on the earliest date available.

#### **D APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**D-1 May 2, 2012 (Commissioner Lucy Katz)**

**COMMISSION'S DECISION:** The public hearing was closed on Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to **APPROVE**, Commissioner Missy Bledsoe second on a 4 to 0 vote; **APPROVED**. (Commissioner Lucy Katz, Commissioner Keith Jackson, Commissioner Chuck Mains, **ABSENT**)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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William Burkhardt called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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Commissioners Absent: Lucy Katz, Missy Bledsoe

City Staff: John McDonald

**A. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

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**B. RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANDARD  
POSTPONEMENT**

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   1807 Stamford Lane**

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**COMMISSION'S DECISION:** The public hearing was closed on Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to DENY. Commissioner Mary Ingle second on a 2 to 3 vote. MOTION FAILED (Commissioner Burkhardt, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Mains, NAY)

Commissioner Mains motion to APPROVE; Commissioner Jackson second on a 3 to 2 vote. MOTION FAILED (Commissioner McGraw, Commissioner Ingle NAY).

**C. RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANADARD**

**C-1 2012-043163PR Jan Currier  
608 Blanco**

**MODIFICATION REQUESTED:** The applicant has requested a modification to allow a F.A.R. increase from the maximum development permitted in Chapter 25-2 of the Land Development Code, Section 2.1 Subchapter F: Residential Design and Compatibility Standards from the allowable 40% (3,569.2 sq ft) to 47.8% (3,968 sq ft) to partially demolish and rebuild while retaining the first 20 feet of the existing single family residence. The applicant is also requesting a modification from Section 2.7 Sidewall articulation from 36' to 40'.

**COMMISSION'S DECISION:** The public hearing was closed on Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to DENY. Commissioner Mary Ingle second on a 5 to 0 vote. DENIED.

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**D DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**D-1** Status on Amending Ordinance 20080618-93 to put back the language that was removed from ordinance 20060622-22 E (3) an areas with a ceiling height greater than 15 ft is counted twice.

**Update on public hearing for action scheduled on June 14, 2012 (staff update).**

**John McDonald will provide an update at the next scheduled RDCC meeting.**

**D-2 Subchapter F Attic Exemption Criteria (4-9-2012 – BOA interpretation)**

- **Attic Exemption sample drawing**

**Commissioner Burkhardt suggested that a drawing could be put together that provides the intent of the ordinance as well as the language.**

**D-3 Update on rules posting for resived RDCC application**

- **Application change process –(staff update)**

**John McDonald mentioned that the revised RDCC application will be submitted to Rules Posting on August 2012 and any residential staff recommendation changes will be provided to the Commissioners for review.**

**E APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**E -1 June 4, 2012 (Commissioner Katz, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Mains ABSENT )**

**Commissioner Burkhardt recommended Postponement.**

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