



BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 28, 2021

The Building and Standards Commission (BSC) convened remotely via video conference for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. The meeting was available for viewing live at <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Chair Andrea Freiburger; Vice Chair Pablo Avila; and, Commissioners: Wordy Thompson, John Green, Elizabeth Mueller, Timothy Stostad, Edgar Farrera, Sade Ogunbode, James Briceno and Ex Officio Commissioner Chief Thomas Vocke. Commissioner Natalya Sheddman was absent.

Staff in Attendance:

Melanie Alley, Code Review Analyst/BSC Coordinator; Robert Moore, Austin Code Division Manager; Marlayna Wright, Austin Code Supervisor; James Candelas, Program Specialist; Farah Presley, Investigator; Jose Roig, Austin Code Director; Elaine Garrett, Austin Code Assistant Director; Daniel Word, Austin Code Assistant Director; Dedric Knox, Austin Code Field Supervisor; Kecia Lara, Austin Code Field Supervisor; Moses Rodriguez, Code Acting Supervisor; Justin Brummer, Code Acting Supervisor; Johnny Serna, Code Inspector; Bill Evans, Code Inspector; Patricia Link, Assistant City Attorney; Daniel Murphy, CTM A/V Technician.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Freiburger called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the March 24, 2021 regular meeting minutes was continued, with approval of Chair Freiburger to the next meeting.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Three persons, i.e., Ann Marie Romero, Eduardo Canul and Lorraine Garrett, who introduced themselves as tenants at Mueller Flats Apartments, provided information to the Commission as to the conditions at Mueller Flats Apartments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up to provide public comment on any agenda item.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

New Case(s):

| <u>Case Number(s)</u> | <u>Street Address</u> | <u>Owner/Appellant</u> |
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| 1. CL 2021-050163; CL 2021-050393 and CL 2021-050180 | 8412 Garcreek Circle, Exterior, Unit A & Unit D | Rajkumar Janakarajan |

The property's three cases were heard concurrently and were represented at the hearing by the property manager, Julie Cardenas.

Chair Freiburger admitted Staff Exhibits 1 & 2A – 2M, 3 & 4A-4D and 5 & 6A-6J. Commissioner Mueller moved to close the public hearing, and to adopt Staff's findings of fact and conclusions of law, as well as staff's recommendation for repair within 45 days, with penalties of \$1,000 per week to begin accruing on the 46th day if not in compliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farrera. The motion passed on a vote of 8-1-0. Commissioner Green voted nay and Commission Sheddan was absent.

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| 2. CL 2021-050109 | 6801 Airport Boulevard, Unit 150 | 502 Pampa LLC |
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The property was represented at the hearing by owner's representatives Leon Tran (Owner/Registered Agent) and Roel Bazan (Architect).

Chair Freiburger admitted Exhibits 1 and 2A-2Q. Chair Freiburger also admitted Owner Exhibits 1, 2 and 3. Commissioner Farrera moved to close the public hearing, and to adopt Staff's findings of fact and conclusions of law, and adopt staff's recommendation for repair with modifications, i.e., to extend the compliance timeframe from 45 to 90 days, with penalties of \$1,000 per week to begin accruing on the 91st day if not in compliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. The motion passed on a vote of 8-0-0. Commissioner Stostad was off dais and Commission Sheddan was absent.

Staff Briefing:

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| 3. CL 2021-0197108 | 303 Chaparral Road | Jimmy Floyd Smith |
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This property was previously heard by the Commission at its February 2021 meeting, and returned as part a stipulation of the Order, that the owner provide a written report to the Coordinator. Chair Freiburger requested at the April 28, 2021 meeting that Code Staff also provide a verbal update to the Commission. Code Investigator Presley noted that the property is now under contract to sell.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

4. Election of Officers:

Vice-Chair Avila nominated Chair Freiburger to continue to serve in the role as Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Farrera nominated Vice-Chair Avila to continue to serve in the role as Vice-Chair of the Commission. The Commissioners voted unanimously for those lone nominations, 9-0-0. Commissioner Sheddan was absent.

5. Presentation: Austin's Winter Storm Multi-Family Report.

Austin Code Assistant Director Elaine Garrett made the presentation to the Commission.

6. Discussion regarding the Repeat Offender Program Ordinance and Potential working group.

Commissioners Green and Thompson, Chair Freiburger and Vice Chair Avila each expressed interest in serving on a work group to take up the study and possible recommendation to revise the Repeat Offender Program Ordinance. Commissioner Green made a motion to form the working group, seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion passed on an 8-0-0 vote. Commissioner Stostad was of dais. Commissioner Sheddan was absent.

7. Presentation: Austin Code’s Process to Vacate and Relocate Tenants.

Division Manager Robert Moore made the presentation to the Commission.

8. Presentation: 2021 Proposed Amendments to the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).

The collaborators for this presentation, Dedric Knox, Kecia Lara and Moses Rodriguez, Austin Code Field Supervisors, asked to defer the presentation until the next meeting of the Commission, approved by Chair Freiburger.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting is set for May 13, 2021, which will be a Special Called Meeting to address properties effected by the Winter Storm.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Freiburger adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.