



**Residential Design Compatibility Commission
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
October 5, 2011**

The Residential Design Compatibility Commission convened in a regular meeting on October 5, 2011, City Hall, Boards and Commission Room, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

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

Commissioners in Attendance: William Burkhardt, Karen McGraw, Mary Ingle, Keith Jackson, Lucy Katz, Chuck Mains, Missy Bledsoe

Commissioners Absent: none

City Staff: Sylvia Benavidez

A. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 4 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

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

**B-1 11-052048R Jim Bennett for Ron Horne
2205 Curtis Avenue**

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% (2803.2 sq ft) to 50 % (3504 sq ft) for new construction of a 2 story single family duplex in a SF3 NP zoning district.

The public hearing was closed on Commissioner Lucy Katz motion to Grant, Commissioner Keith Jackson second on a 5-2 vote; GRANTED.

DISCUSSION ITEM

C1- Modification Process (RDCC)/Variance Process (BOA)/Interpretation Appeal Process (BOA) Flowchart

Commissioner Burkhardt recommended for staff to come back with an Administrative appeal process and the Interested Party Process.

C2- Shed Roof and Attic Exemptions:

- Commissioner McGraw suggested for a clearer interpretation
- Commissioner Burkhardt suggested changing the language to make it clear

Commissioner Burkhardt recommended a Work Session dialogue between residential zoning staff and the RDCC Commissioners

D. ACTION ITEMS

D1- Draft Language to amend 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.

Commissioner Burkhardt recommended that a draft letter be drafted to Code and Ordinances scheduled for October 18, 2011 to reincorporate the omitted passage

Commissioner Burkhardt asked when residential staff first started enforcing the change in the code.

Commissioner McGraw asked why the residential application “D” still requires to include the ceiling height over 15 feet in the calculations.

D2- RDCC summary of compliance for 3704 Bonnell Drive to BOA (Board of Adjustment) as a non interested party.

Appeal hearing to BOA scheduled for a Special Called Meeting on October 27, 2011

D- 3 Nominations and Election of Officers

Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to appoint Commissioner William Burkhardt Chairman Commissioner Mary Ingle second on a 7-0 vote.

Commissioner William Burkhardt motion to appoint Commissioner Karen McGraw as Vice-Chair, Commissioner Lucy Katz second on a 7-0 vote.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(July 6, 2011- Special Called Meeting July 25, 2011 and September 7, 2011)

July 6, 2011 – Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to approve with Commissioner Lucy Katz second on a 5-0 vote

July 25, 2011 - Special Called Meeting – Commissioner Chuck Mains motion to approve with Commissioner Keith Jackson second on a 7-0 vote

September 7, 2011 – Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to approve with Commissioner Mary Ingle second on a vote 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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