



**Residential Design Compatibility Commission
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Residential Design Compatibility Commission convened in a regular meeting on March 5, 2014, City Hall, Boards and Commission Room, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

William Burkhardt called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

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

City Staff: Daniel Word

B. RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANADARD

**B-1 2014-009479PR Kelly and Stan Martin
1104 Lorrain Street**

MODIFICATION REQUESTED: The applicant has requested a modification to allow an increase to the maximum gross floor area permitted in Chapter 25-2 of the Land Development Code, Section 2.1 Subchapter F: Residential Design and Compatibility Standards to construct an attached accessory apartment to the rear of an existing single family residence in a SF-3-NP zoning district.

COMMISSION'S DECISION: Commissioner Lucy Katz motion to POSTPONE. Commissioner Chuck Mains second. POSTPONE 5-0 TO APRIL 2nd RDCC MEETING.

C DISCUSSION ITEMS:

C-1 Discussion of potential for dissolution of the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission (RDCC).

Commissioner Burkhardt suggests pursuing dissolution of the RDCC within the year, with the acknowledgment that it would be at the will of City Council. It would be suggested to repurpose the RDCC to become a "Neighborhood Planning Commission" that could focus on issues that pertain primarily to neighborhoods, perhaps shifting certain burdens away from BOA or Planning Commission. No specific action is taken at this time and the RDCC will continue discussions on the issue at the next meeting.

C-2 Current rewrite of the LDC (land development code)

- LDC –Draft language – Commissioner William Burkhardt
- Staff recommendations

Commissioner McGraw discussed the purposes and intent of the parking area exemptions as currently written. Commissioner Burkhardt commented on the complexity of the attic exemptions. Commissioner Katz commented on the complications inherent in converting existing attic spaces. Commissioner Ingle recommended inserting intent clauses into the LDC to assist staff with interpretation. The RDCC discussed the term “building line”.

D APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

D-1 February 5, 2014

COMMISSION’S DECISION: The public hearing closed on Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to APPROVE. Commissioner Karen McGraw second; Without Objections APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT

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