



**Residential Design Compatibility Commission  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Residential Design Compatibility Commission convened in a regular meeting on May 7th, 2014, 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 6:10 p.m.

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

City Staff: Daniel Word

**B. RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANADARD**

**B-1 2014-009450PR Chris Gannon for Kelly Chappell  
1515 Madison Avenue**

**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 for the construction of an addition to an existing single-family residence to expand the residence and accommodate a home occupation in a SF-3-NP zoning district.

**COMMISSION'S DECISION: Commissioner Lucy Katz motion to APPROVE FAR of 0.5 to 1 CONTIGENT ON ADHERENCE TO PLANS PRESENTED AT HEARING. Commissioner Chuck Maines second. APPROVED 5-0 (McGraw abstained)**

**C DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**C-1 CodeNEXT presentation by Matthew Dugan, PDRD, City of Austin**

**Presentation provided by Matthew Dugan, PDRD, City of Austin. The Board emphasized a need to include stakeholders that represent single-family neighborhoods in the process and to explore re-organizing the current code before attempting to write a new code.**

**Commissioner McGraw noted an absence of discussion of the McMansion ordinance. The commission discussed the importance of the existing regulations and the desire to keep the**

**themes and “stories” of the current code. Commissioner Ingle also suggested exploring better utilization of technology.**

**C-2 Discussion of the mission of the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission (RDCC).**

**Item will be left on agenda for next meeting.**

**C-3 Current rewrite of the LDC (land development code)**

**Item will be left on agenda for next meeting.**

**D APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**D-1 March 5, 2014 (QUORUM FAILED AT LAST MEETING)**

**COMMISSION’S DECISION: Motion to APPROVE by Lucy Katz. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Maines. APPROVE w/o objection.**

**D-2 April 2, 2014**

**COMMISSION’S DECISION:  
FAILURE TO ACHIEVE QUAROM - POSTPONE APPROVAL TO NEXT MEETING.**

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