



**Residential Design Compatibility Commission
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Residential Design Compatibility Commission convened in a regular meeting on June 4, 2014, City Hall, Boards and Commission Room, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

William Burkhardt called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

City Staff: Daniel Word

B. RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS

**B-1 2014-026059PR Demian Rodriguez for Paladin Management, LLC
2803 Crest 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 a new duplex.

COMMISSION'S DECISION: Commissioner Mary Ingle motion to POSTPONE to next hearing date. Commissioner Keith Jackson second. APPROVED 4-2

C DISCUSSION ITEMS:

C-1 Rescheduled September meeting to Monday Sept 8th, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

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

Commissioner Burkhardt reiterated the desire to modify the mission of the RDCC to focus on neighborhoods. Commissioner McGraw mentioned that the RDCC may be combined with the Design Commission based on a task force recommendation. Commissioner Burkhardt noted that doing so would leave the task of "neighborhood watchdog unfulfilled". Commissioner Ingle expressed the desire to focus the RDCC on serving as a

neighborhood planning commission. Motion by Commissioner Bledsoe to recommend to City Council that the RDCC become a Neighborhood Compatibility Commission. 2nd by Commissioner Jackson. APPROVED 6-0.

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

Commissioner Ingle proposed the RDCC present staff a letter providing a positive statement regarding the McMansion ordinance. Commissioner McGraw noted that the design community has adapted to the ordinance and staff relies on the expertise of the design professionals to show compliance with the ordinance. Motion by Commissioner Ingle for the chair to craft a letter speaking to the value of the McMansion ordinance and send to the Opticos consulting team and assigned city staff prior to June 30th comment deadline. 2nd by Commissioner Maines. Proposed to circulate via email by Commissioner Burkhardt. APPROVED 6-0

D APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

D-1 April 2, 2014 (QUORUM FAILED AT LAST MEETING)

Motion to APPROVE by Mary Ingle. 2nd by Missy Bledsoe. Approved without objection.

D-2 May 7, 2014

Motion to APPROVE by Mary Ingle. 2nd by Missy Bledsoe. Approved without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

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