



**Residential Design Compatibility Commission
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

William Burkhardt called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:06 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

A. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Lorraine Atherton presented a statement to the commission regarding the FAR exemptions applied to carports and the concern that the carports will eventually be converted to garages.

Deena Estrada with the City Clerk's Office presented information regarding the Transition Task Force recommendations and feedback survey.

B. RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS

B-1 2014-026059PR **Demian Rodriguez for Paladin Management, LLC**
2803 Crest Avenue

****Case was postponed at prior hearing****

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.

WITHDRAWN PER APPLICANT

B-2 2014-056362PR **David Cancialosi for Ginny Catania**
903 Ethel 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 a garage door to an existing attached carport of an existing single family residence in a SF-3 zoning district.

**COMMISSION'S DECISION: Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to DENY.
Commissioner Mary Ingle second. DENIED 6-0**

B-3 2014-054886PR

**Doug Marcis for Richard Marcis
1202 Singleton Avenue**

MODIFICATION REQUESTED: The applicant has requested a modification to allow an increase to the maximum length a side gable may penetrate a setback plane in Chapter 25-2 of the Land Development Code, Section 2.6 Subchapter F: Residential Design and Compatibility Standards to construct a new 2-story single family residence in a SF-3-NP zoning district.

**COMMISSION'S DECISION: Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to APPROVE.
Commissioner Mary Ingle second. APPROVED 6-0**

C DISCUSSION ITEMS:

C-1 Discussion of the mission of the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission (RDCC).

Commissioner Ingle commended the chair and vice-chair for the work involved in crafting a letter to council. Commissioner Burkhardt provided a final draft of the Annual Internal Review for the RDCC to be delivered to the city clerk's office.

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

Commissioner McGraw noted that two new issues were brought to light regarding carports and gables. Commissioner Burkhardt noted the lack of intent statements in the code. Commissioner Ingle questioned staff on the difficulty of reviewing carports. Commissioner McGraw commented on the work of the McMansion task force and the compromises that came out of it that created the exemptions.

C-3 Discussion of possible code amendments or language modifications related to rewrite of LDC.

The commission discussed the feedback survey sent out by the city clerk's office.

D APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

D-1 June 4, 2014

Motion to APPROVE by Commissioner McGraw. Missy Bledsoe second. APPROVED W/O OBJECTION

ADJOURNMENT

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