



**Residential Design Compatibility Commission  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Residential Design Compatibility Commission convened in a regular meeting on October 1, 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 6:01 p.m.

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

**City Staff:** Daniel Word

**A. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**None**

**B. RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS**

**B-1 2014-079972 PR Gregory H. Bow  
905 Columbus 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 install a garage door to an existing attached carport of an existing single family residence in a SF-3-NP zoning district.

**Motion to Postpone to November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014- Granted without objection**

**B-2 2014-083741 PR Austin and Amanda Davidson  
1803 Clifford 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 to construct a new 2 story single-family residence in a SF-3-NP zoning district.

The applicant has requested a modification to waive a sidewall articulation as required in Chapter 25-2 of the Land Development Code, Section 2.7 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 Chuck Maines motion to APPROVE. Commissioner Lucy Katz second. APPROVED 6-1 (Burkhardt, Ingle, Bledsoe, Katz, Maines, Jackson- YES; McGraw- NO) CONTINGENT upon recalculation of FAR to city staff and adherence to plans presented to commission at hearing.

**C DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**C-1 Presentation from George Zapalac, PDRD regarding CodeNEXT and discussion of Subchapter F within the CodeNEXT process.**

Presentation from George Zapalac. Commissioner McGraw asked about the use of visual examples of newly written codes and how remapping might occur. Mr. Zapalac mentioned that remapping would have to occur later in the process. Commissioner McGraw asked how the McMansion ordinance would be incorporated into the code rewrite. Mr. Zapalac commented that there has not been a thorough discussion of the topic but it is possible that those requirements could be wrapped into the new base zoning districts. Commissioner Burkhardt noted that he believes single-family neighborhoods in the central city will be most affected by these potential changes. Mr. Zapalac noted that the guiding force behind the code rewrite will be the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Bledsoe commented on the possibility of the new code assisting in creating walkable neighborhoods in areas that are not currently walkable. The Commission discussed the sidewalk ordinance and the ability to pay fees in lieu.

**C-2 Discussion of the mission of the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission (RDCC). No discussion.**

**C-3 Current rewrite of the LDC (land development code) No discussion.**

**C-4 Discussion of possible code amendments or language modifications related to rewrite of LDC. No discussion.**

**C-5 Election of Officers through June 30, 2015**

Commissioner Ingle motion to elect Commissioner Burkhardt, chair, and Commissioner McGraw, vice-chair. Commissioner Bledsoe second. Approved 7-0.

**D APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**D-1 August 6, 2014**

Postponed to next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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