



**Residential Design Compatibility Commission
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

William Burkhardt called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:08 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.

****Item is continuation of postponement from October 1st, 2014 meeting****

Commissioner Lucy Katz motion to approve. No second offered.

Commissioner Mary Ingle Motion to Postpone to January 7th, 2015, Commissioner Chuck Maines second with recommendation to go to BOA during postponement period and verify gross floor area on a vote 5-1-1 (Commissioner Karen McGraw nay, Commissioner Lucy Katz abstained); POSTPONED TO JANUARY 7th, 2015.

C DISCUSSION ITEMS:

C-1 Draft letter to City Council regarding CodeNEXT approaches

Commission's Decision: Commissioner Mary Ingle motion to APPROVE.
Commissioner Keith Jackson second on a vote 7-0; APPROVED

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.

Commissioner Burkhardt noted that garage and carport exemptions should be added to the working list of problems within the existing code and is in need of simplification. He noted that current designs seem to be constructed with the intent of being converted at a later time. Commissioner McGraw discussed the intention behind the carport exemption. Commissioner Burkhardt felt it is a bad result from a bad compromise.

C-5 Adoption of 2015 meeting schedule

Commission's Decision: Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to APPROVE.
Commissioner Lucy Katz second; APPROVED w/o Objection.

D APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

D-1 August 6, 2014

Commission's Decision: Commissioner Mary Ingle motion to APPROVE.
Commissioner Missy Bledsoe second; APPROVED w/o Objection

D-2 October 1, 2014

Commission's Decision: Commissioner Karen McGraw motion to APPROVE.
Commissioner Missy Bledsoe second; APPROVED w/o Objection.

ADJOURNMENT

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