



**BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Date: January 23, 2019**

The Building and Standards Commission (BSC) convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at City Hall, Boards and Commission Room, Room 1101, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Jessica Mangrum, Chair; Andrea Freiburger, Vice Chair; Commissioners: Wordy Thompson; John Green; Pablo Avila; and Tim Stostad. Commissioners Brian Talley, Michael King and Natalya Sheddan were absent.

Staff in Attendance:

Melanie Alley, Code Review Analyst/BSC Coordinator; Jose Roig, Assistant Director; Robert Moore, Division Manager; Dedric Knox, Code Supervisor; Kecia Lara, Code Supervisor; Daniel Armstrong, Code Supervisor; Alicia Tovar Code Investigator; Marlayna Wright, Code Investigator; Lauren Taggart, Code Inspector; Farah Presley, Code Inspector; Viola Ruiz, Licensing Program Coordinator; James Candelas, Program Specialist; Brandon Carr, Assistant City Attorney; and Derek Mobley, Video Production Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jessica Mangrum called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Vice Chair Freiburger moved to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2018 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Avila. The motion carried on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Talley, King and Sheddan were absent.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

General:

2. Brian Bernard appeared before the Commission to request that the property he previously owned and represented at the hearing at the December 12, 2018 meeting, i.e., 2407 Mission Hill Drive; case nos. CL 2017-041351 and CL 2017-067551, come back before the Commission for reconsideration regarding penalty forgiveness.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

New Case(s):

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>
3. 2018-177056	2203 Thornwild Pass	Michael Lewis Edwards

Staff Exhibits 1 and 2A-2F were admitted by Chair Mangrum. Commissioner Stostad moved to accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law and adopt Staff's recommended order for repair within 45 days, with a penalty of \$210 to begin to accrue on the 46th day from the date the order is mailed if compliance has not been reached, seconded by Vice Chair Freiburger. The vote carried 6-0. Commissioners Talley, King and Sheddan were absent.

4. 2018-9-001517

2307 E. 5th Street

Sixto De La Cruz

Staff Exhibits 1 and 2A-2M were admitted by Chair Mangrum. Commissioner Avila moved to accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law for this case and to adopt Staff's proposed order for demolition with the following amendment: to extend the timeframe for compliance from 45 to 60 days, with the penalties to begin accruing on the 61st day, which was seconded by Commissioner Green. The motion carried on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Talley, King and Sheddman were absent.

Returning Case(s):

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>
5. 2018-177064	3300 Stardust Drive	Betty Ann Robinson

Vice Chair Mangrum admitted Exhibit 3. Commissioner Stostad moved to accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law and adopt Staff's recommended order for repair within 45 days, with a penalty of \$250 to begin to accrue on the 46th day from the date the order is mail if compliance has not been obtained, seconded by Commissioner Green. The motion carried unanimously on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners, Talley, King and Sheddman were absent.

Appeal Case(s):

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Owner/ Appellant</u>
6. 2013-124603	609 Upson Lane, Unit A	Pugsley 678 Trust/Karan Kapadia
7. 2013-124603	609 Upson Lane, Unit B	Pugsley 678 Trust/Karan Kapadia

The two Short-Term Rental (STR) appeal cases, referenced above, were heard together by the Commission. The Owner's exhibits, which for each case was a series of emails, were both marked as Exhibit 3. Commissioner Avila moved accept the owners appeals in both cases, whereby reversing Austin Code's decision to deny renewal of the Type 2 STR licenses, seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The appeals were both granted on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Talley, King and Sheddman were absent.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

There were no discussion and possible action items on the January 23, 2019 agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. 2407 Mission Hill Drive (Exterior, Units 103 and 104); Case No. CL 2017-067551 is to be placed on the February 27, 2018 meeting agenda as a returning case set for possible action regarding penalty forgiveness.
14. Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of a current BSC member as a parliamentarian.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Mangrum adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.