



**BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING
Date: July 22, 2020

The Building and Standards Commission (BSC) convened remotely via video conference for a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. The meeting was available for viewing at <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Andrea Freiburger, Chair; Pablo Avila, Vice Chair; Commissioners: Jessica Mangrum, Wordy Thompson, Timothy Stostad, James Briceno, John Green*, Sade Ogunbode, Edgar Farrera, and Natalya Sheddan. John Green was not present when the meeting was called to order.* He was present at approximately 6:50 p.m. when the Commission considered and voted on case number item 1 (11311 Walnut Ridge Drive). Commissioner Elizabeth Mueller was absent.

Staff in Attendance:

Melanie Alley, Code Review Analyst/BSC Coordinator; Robert Moore, Division Manager; Marlayna Wright, Investigator; James Candelas, Program Specialist; Moses Rodriquez, Supervisor, David Downing, Supervisor, Rich Lamancusa, Inspector, Eliza Torrez, Inspector, Joe Lucas, Tamara Kurtz, Business Process Consultant Sr. and Brandon Carr, Assistant City Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Andrea Freiburger called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chair Avila moved to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2020 regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Mangrum. The motion passed 8-0-1; thus, approving the June meeting minutes. Commissioner Sade Ogunbode abstained from the vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Case(s):

<u>Case Number(s)</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>
1. CL 2020-018491	11311 Walnut Ridge Drive	Richard Cogbill

The property was not represented at the hearing. Chair Freiburger admitted Staff’s Exhibits 1 and 2A-2I. Commissioner Mangrum made the motion to adopt the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and adopt Staff’s recommended order for repair within 45 days from the date the order is mailed, with penalties of \$1,000 to begin to accrue on the 46th day if not in compliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. The motion carried 10-0. Commissioner Mueller was absent.

2. CL 2020-040297	7216 Meador Avenue	John Henry Fletcher, et.al.
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Julie Kuglen, Attorney, represented John Henry Fletcher, property owner, at the hearing. This property owner has 80% ownership interest; there are 10 other heirs. Albert Louise Clemmons Hill, Cynthia Johnson, and Donald Powell also attended this hearing. Chair Freiburger admitted Staff Exhibits 1 and 2A-2J. Commissioner Mangrum made the motion to adopt the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and adopt Staff’s recommended order to demolish to the residential structure within 45 days from the date the order is mailed, with the Code Official authorized to proceed with the demolition on the 46th day if not in compliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Briceno. The motion carried 10-0. Commissioner Mueller was absent.

3. CL 2019-036878 7010 Carwill Drive Evelyn McKinely Life Estate

Perry Clark represented the property owner at the hearing. Chair Freiburger admitted Staff Exhibits 1 and 2A-2L. Commissioner Briceno motioned to adopt the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and adopt Staff's recommended order for repair within 45 days from the date the order is mailed, with penalties of \$250 to begin to accrue on the 46th day if not in compliance, seconded by Commissioner Green. Commissioner Ogunbode made a friendly amendment to continue the case to the September 2020 meeting and require the property owner to provide a repair plan at the meeting. Commissioner Briceno agreed to the friendly amendment to continue the case to September 2020. The motion carried 8-2 with Commissioners Shedd and Mangrum voting against the motion. Commissioner Mueller was absent.

4. CL 2020-100416 2015 Payne Avenue Moellenburg Properties, LLC

The property was not represented at the hearing. Chair Freiburger admitted Staff's Exhibits 1 and 2A-M. Commissioner Green made the motion to adopt the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and adopt Staff's recommended order for repair within 45 days from the date the order is mailed, with penalties of \$1,000 to begin to accrue on the 46th day if not in compliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Briceno. The motion carried 9-1 with Commissioner Avila voting against the motion. Commissioner Mueller was absent.

ACTION ITEMS

- 5. Review and discuss draft Annual Internal Review Report for July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020.**
Commissioner Green motioned to approve the report and Commissioner Mangrum seconded the motion. The motion carried 10-0. Commissioner Mueller was absent.
- 6. Staff Briefing regarding the COVID-19 Impact on the Building and Standards Commission (BSC)**
Robert Moore, Austin Code Department provided this briefing.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Staff Briefing regarding Repeat Offender Program Status

Returning Case: 1198 Angelina Street; CL 2015-015415 – At the request of the owner, this case is returning regarding penalty relief.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Andrea Freiburger adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.