



***BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023***

The **BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION** convened in a **REGULAR** meeting on **25 JANUARY, 2023**, at the **CITY OF AUSTIN PERMITTING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER (PDC)**, 6310 WILHELMINA DELCO DRIVE, ROOM 1405, in Austin, Texas.

Chair **OGUNBODE** called the **BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION (BSC)** Meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance: Chair Sade Ogunbode; Vice Char Edgar Farrera; Commissioners: Joseph Benigno, Michael Francis, Andrea Freiburger, Elizabeth Mueller, Wordy Thompson and Ex Officio Commissioner Chief Thomas Vocke.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Commissioners John Green, Edward Selig and Timothy Stostad.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No one appeared before the Commission for public communication.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the **BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING** on **DECEMBER 7, 2022**.

The minutes from the meeting of **DECEMBER 7, 2022** were approved on **COMMISSIONER MUELLER'S** motion, **COMMISSIONER FREIBURGER'S** second on a **10-0-0** vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Conduct a public hearing and consider case number CL 2019-182477; CL 2019-182566 and CL 2019-183170

Property address: 7929 GAULT STREET aka Plaza del Norte, Building Exterior; Handrails and Guards; and Unit 109 – Interior/Exterior.

The public hearing was closed on **COMMISSIONER FRANCIS' motion**. A motion to reduce the current penalties owed by 50 percent failed on **COMMISSIONER MUELLER'S** motion, **COMMISSIONER FRANCIS' second** on a **4-6-0** vote.

CHAIR OGUNBODE, VICE CHAIR FARRERA, COMMISSIONERS BENIGNO, FREIBERGER, GREEN and SELIG opposed the motion. A motion to reduce the current penalties owed by 80 percent was approved on **COMMISSIONER GREEN'S motion, COMMISSIONER FREIBURGER'S second on a 7-3-0 vote. COMMISSIONERS FRANCIS, STOSTAD and THOMPSON opposed.**

3. Conduct a public hearing and consider case number CL 2022-182920.

Property address: 8005 MARBLE RIDGE DRIVE

The public hearing was closed on COMMISSIONER FREIBURGER'S motion. A motion to adopt Austin Code staff's recommendation for repair within 45 days, was approved on **COMMISSIONER FREIBURGER'S motion, COMMISSIONER GREEN'S second on 10-0-0 vote.**

4. Conduct a public hearing and consider case number CL 2023-001501.

Property address: 715 RED RIVER STREET aka Birdie Num Nums

The public hearing was closed on VICE CHAIR FARRERA'S motion. A motion to adopt Austin Code staff's recommendation for demolition of the accessory deck structure within 45 days was approved on **VICE CHAIR FARRERA'S motion, COMMISSIONER FREIBURGER'S second on 8-1-1 vote. COMMISSIONER THOMPSON opposed and COMMISSIONER BENIGNO abstained.**

5. Conduct a public hearing and consider case number CL 2023-001069.

Property address: 1139 MANSELL AVENUE

The public hearing was closed on COMMISSIONER STOSTAD'S motion. A motion to modify Austin Code staff's recommendation for demolition from 45 to 90 days was approved on **COMMISSIONER STOSTAD'S motion, COMMISSIONER SELIG'S second on 10-0-0 vote.**

6. Conduct a public hearing and consider case number CL 2023-001176.

Property address: 6907 WENTWORTH DRIVE

A motion to adopt Austin Code staff's recommendation for demolition within 45 days was approved on **COMMISSIONER SELIG'S motion, COMMISSIONER MUELLER'S second on 10-0-0 vote.**

STAFF BRIEFING

7. Staff briefing regarding the Repeat Offender Program.

The presentation was made by Matthew Noriega, Division Manager, Austin Code Department.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM

8. Discussion and possible action to form a working group on the Repeat Offender Program rental registration suspension appeals.

This item was taken up by the Commission as a whole. No action was taken.

AFTER 10:00 P.M.

The motion to waive the rules and allow the Building and Standards Commission to extend the meeting to 10:10 p.m. was approved on **COMMISSIONER FREIBURGER'S motion, COMMISSIONER FRANCIS' second on a 9-1-0 vote. COMMISSIONER THOMPSON opposed.**

CHAIR OGUNBODE adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the February 22, 2022 meeting on COMMISSIONER MUELLER'S motion, COMMISSIONER FRANCIS second on a 8-0 vote.

