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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
BUILDING STANDARD COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING / REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF
April 11, 2017**

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque Building Standard Commission held on April 11, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Deanie Barrett called meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Chairman Deanie Barrett
Vice Chairman Louis McGaffey
Commissioner Billy Jefferson

ABSENT:

Commissioner Trina Phillips
Commissioner John Berlitz

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT

Les Rumburg, Public Works Director
Kathleen Van Stavern, Code Compliance Supervisor
Sherlyn Williams, Revitalization Specialist

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation led by Commissioner Jefferson, Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Deanie Barrett

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Chairman Barrett to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Commissioner Billy Jefferson. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(5) CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION.

No citizen participation.

(6) PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Barrett closed Regular Meeting and opened Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

1. Address: 806 Stubbs, La Marque, TX 77568 - No representative present.
2. Address: 2704 North Camp Circle, La Marque, Texas 77568 – Leon Fletcher, 2704 N Camp Circle, La Marque, TX 77568
3. Address: 1811 Neuman, La Marque, TX 77568 – No representative present.

4. Address: 1202 Lamar, La Marque, TX 77568 - Cynthia Sumlin, 1202 Lamar, La Marque, TX 77568.
5. Address: 1021 Lake Rd, La Marque, TX 77568 – Michael Williams, 1021 Lake Rd, La Marque, TX 77568.
6. Address: 1128 2nd St, La Marque, TX 77568 – No representative present.

Chairman Barrett closed the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

(7) OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/possible action declaring the following properties to be Substandard Ordering Remedies Provided by Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 54, §C., Quasi-Judicial Enforcement of Health and Safety Ordinance, through the City Ordinance Chapter 14, Section 280.

1. Address: 3002 Taylor, La Marque, TX 77568 – No representative present and no further discussion required as property owners are in compliance and have inhabited the structure.
2. Address: 634 Main St, La Marque, TX 77568 – Rosa Herrera, 3134 Mar Ann, La Marque, TX 77568. Mrs. Herrera did not provide the structural engineers report, scope of work or time line for the repairs to the structure. She has decided not to make improvements but to demolish the property. She asked for a list of contractors and how much she would be charged. Chairman Barrett explained to that she had approximately three months to decide if she would demolish or if she would have the city do it. Public Works Director Rumburg explained to her that the properties that are placed on the demolition list are sent out for bids, so it depends on the cost they have placed on a property as to the cost of the lien that will be assessed if the city does the demolition. The Code Compliance Supervisor Van Stavern also explained to her that she could demolish the property herself and would provide her a list of contractors that the city has used in the past. Public Works Director Rumburg explained to her how the bid process works. Code Compliance Supervisor Van Stavern also explained to her how the lien should be paid off and the interest accrues annually if not paid off when the lien is first assessed and if she were to decide that the city would demolish the property. Mrs. Herrera stated she would wait the three months to make her decision.
3. Address: 2415 Cedar Dr., La Marque, TX 77568 – No representative present. Code Compliance Supervisor Van Stavern stated after her inspection, the property was now in compliance according to the structural engineers report and trailer #2 was being demolished. No further discussion required.
4. Address: 815 Holly, La Marque, TX 77568 - Cynthia Milina, 2127 59th St, Apt 12, Galveston, TX 77551. Mrs. Milina did not bring current photos, but expressed how beautiful the house was now. She explained she was still working on the property and apologized for not meeting the completion deadline but she was nearly finished. Code Compliance Supervisor Van Stavern asked if all inspections had been done. Mrs. Milina stated they had all been done and passed and the roof report was on file. Chairman Barrett asked Code Compliance Supervisor Van Stavern if there was a need to bring Mrs. Milina back and she replied “no, because she had basically completed all the structural engineer’s report required be repaired. No further discussion required.
5. Address: 3200 Hoover, La Marque, TX 77568 – Darrel Felder, 3200 Hoover St, La

Marque, TX 77568.

Mr. Felder expressed that he was a resident of California and wanted to get back there due to his mother being elderly and his sister having had a partial amputation and he was needed back there, but was trying to settle the issue of the property here in Texas before leaving. He had come in December to begin repairs but his grandmother passed away so he decided to sell the home and had an investment buyer but stated the buyer backed out after he was told by a city employee that the city didn't want the property sold to investors but families. He didn't appreciate how he had been treated, not by the Commission but in general in trying to resolve the issue with the property. He bought property with ex fiancé and would like to sell the house to an investor who would then sell it within two months if allowed by the Commission, if not he would continue with the repairs as he previously planned. Code Compliance Supervisor Van Stavern explained to Mr. Felder that he could sell the house but they would have to go through the same process once the property was sold. Chairman Barrett explained that he could sell the property but the new owner would have to come before the Commission. He stated he had done that with the previous buyer. Chairman Barrett asked if he had current queries on the property, Mr. Felder replied he gets calls every day and was prepared to sell. Chairman Barrett then stated he had 90 (July 2017) days to sell or repair the property. Chairman Barrett made a motion to give 90 days to repair or sell the property, seconded by Commissioner Jefferson. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(8) NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion possible action regarding writing a letter to City Council to remove John Berlitz from the BSC for unexcused nonattendance.

Vice Chairman McGaffey made a motion to write a letter to City Council for the removal of Commissioner John Berlitz from the Building Standard Commission, seconded by Commissioner Jefferson.

2. Address: 806 Stubbs, La Marque, TX 77568 - No representative present. Vice Chairman McGaffey made a motion to demolish, seconded by Commissioner Jefferson. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Address: 2704 N Camp Circle, La Marque, TX 77568 – Leon Fletcher, 2704 N Camp Cr., La Marque, TX 77568.

Mr. Fletcher stated he works out of town and only comes in once a month when he makes repairs as he can. However, he has made arrangements with his job to come home every two weeks and he just needs more time to get the repairs completed. He plans to take the siding off and replace it with Hardi plank siding. Chairman Barrett asked if he could get it done within three months, Mr. Fletcher replied "yes". Code Compliance Supervisor stated since he was homesteaded and owned the property he could make the repairs as long as he pulled a permit and scheduled proper inspections. Vice Chairman McGaffey made a motion to give Mr. Fletcher 90 days to complete repairs, seconded by Commissioner Jefferson. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Address: 1811 Neuman, La Marque, TX 77568 – No presentative present.

Code Compliance Supervisor stated the locked fence prohibited her from going into the yard to take pictures, but she did take them from the fence line. Chairman Barrett stated the yard was well kept. Commissioner Jefferson made a motion to demolish the property, seconded by Vice Chairman McGaffey. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Address: 1202 Lamar, La Marque, TX 77568 - Mrs. Sumlin, 1202 La Marque, TX 77568. Mrs. Sumlin stated she took the junk car sitting in the driveway to a mechanic shop to be repaired. Chairman Barrett expressed to her the concern for the Commission is the roof and the facial boards. Mrs. Sumlin stated most of the problem was dirt and algae. She stated her daughter has bought her a power washer and she would use it to clean those areas when her grandson is able to help her, which is only in the evening and on weekends. She has changed the blue tarp covering the roof from the torn blue one to a heavier duty tarp. She stated she had a bid on the roof for \$6000.00. Chairman Barrett and Vice Chairman McGaffey suggested she get two more bids before she did the roof repair. Chairman Barrett made a motion to give her 90 days to get the repairs finished. Mrs. Sumlin asked if she had to pull permits, Chairman Barrett replied the contractors would pull the permit. Mrs. Sumlin then asked if she had to return to the BSC, Chairman Barrett replied not if the repairs were completed within the 90 days and to be sure to ask for windstorm insurance to be placed on the roof. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McGaffey. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
6. Address: 1021 Lake Rd, La Marque, TX 77568 – Michael Williams, 1021 Lake Rd. La Marque, TX 77568. Mr. Williams stated the family wanted to do what made sense for the property. Chairman Barrett asked if there was a will Mr. Williams replied “no”, the property was transferred to his mother after the passing of his father. He stated what the documents were that are needed in case he was going to repair the property. Chairman Barrett stated he could have 30 days to decide how to proceed. Vice Chairman McGaffey made a motion to give Mr. Williams 30 days to make a decision to repair and bring a structural engineers report, scope of work, time line and financial statement or to demolish or sell the property, seconded by Commissioner Jefferson. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
7. Address: 1128 2nd St, La Marque, TX 77568 - Paulette Limon, 1128 2nd St, La Marque, TX 77568. Ms. Limon stated the house was sold on March 24, 2017. Chairman Barrett stated to Ms. Limon the new owners needed to appear before the Commission before proceeding with any repairs. Ms. Limon stated the new owners were aware of the procedure.
8. Address: 926 Cedar, La Marque, TX 77568 - Fay Paukert, 926 Cedar, La Marque, TX 77568. Mrs. Paukert stated she didn't come to the last meeting because she was ill. She asked if she were to have it demolished could she build a new home. Chairman Barrett stated the property had already been motioned to be demolished, but if she had a buyer she needed to let them know the condition of the property and they would have to come before the Commission.

(9) CHAIRMAN REPORT

Vice Chairman asked Les Rumburg when a new board member would be appointed. Mr. Rumburg replied it would be after City Council had been presented the letter from the Commission to remove the board member they are wanting removed before they appointed a new member.

(10) EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Building Standards Commission for the City of La Marque, Texas reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071(Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about real Property), 551.073 Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development).

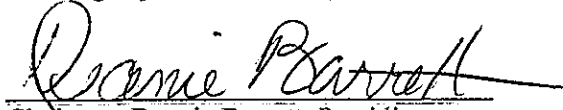
No executive session required.

(11) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

(12) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deanie Barrett", is written over a horizontal line.

Chairman Deanie Barrett, Presiding
Building Standards Commission