



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF
January 09, 2018**

Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque Building Standards Commission held on Tuesday, January 09, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Louis “Mac” McGaffey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Vice Chairperson Louis “Mac” McGaffey
Commissioner Trina Phillips
Commissioner Abby Cash
Commissioner Billy Jefferson

ABSENT:

Chairperson Deanie Barrett

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT:

Kathleen Van Stavern, Code Compliance Supervisor
Chiquetter Clayton, Revitalization Specialist

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commission dispensed with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes from December 12, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Jefferson. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(5) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

There was none.

(6) PUBLIC HEARING

1. Address: 3001 FM 1765, La Marque, Texas 77568

The new owners were not present, but Kathleen stated the property owner had completed a voluntary demolition form and purchased a demo permit. The demo is scheduled to start next Monday. Kathleen stated the case could be closed.



2. Address: 3108 Gulf Freeway #24, La Marque, Texas 77568

James Davison the manager of the Vacek Mobile Home Park was present. Mr. Davison stated "he did not own the trailer. The owners had abandoned the trailer in 2014 and returned to live in the property in 2016. He explained the trailer is not in condition to live in and the fees would need to be paid and the trailer removed from the park. They have not returned since that conversation. He has sent the owners of the trailer several certified letters requesting payment and removal of the trailer from the park." Davison said, he has the owners address in Texas City, Texas. He remarked "If the City of La Marque would like to tear it down feel free."

3. Address: 226 Sarlee, La Marque, Texas 77568

No one present to represent this property.

(7) OLD BUSINESS

1. Address: 1202 Lamar, La Marque, Texas 77568

No one was present for this property. Kathleen stated we have not heard back from the attorney and the property is in probate. We have decided to table this until there is a probate ruling on it. We are having a hard time getting the attorney to contact us. Our City Attorney will be in contact with the probate attorney. We are hoping this will open up a line of communication for us.

2. Address: 2013 Bogatto, La Marque, Texas 77568

No one present to represent this property. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to demolish, seconded by Commissioner Jefferson.

3. Address: 4308 Strawn, La Marque, Texas 77568

James Messinger, representing his mother (Scharline Messinger), the property owner approached the podium and stated the mortgage company is refusing to work with us. They will not work with us to get the money to repair the property. Mr. Messinger stated please give me 90 days to get my mother's belongings out of the house. Ms. Van Stavern asked, "Have you shown the letters that we have sent to you to the mortgage company?" Mr. Messinger stated he had not, and the mortgage company will not answer his calls or emails. Kathleen asked, "Have you given my information to them, because I have not heard from them." Mr. Messenger suggested they speak to you but they said no. Commissioner Phillips asked, "Have you faxed them your Power of Attorney?" Mr. Messinger stated he had and they have received it. Ms. Van Stavern stated she would be willing to give him 90 days to get his mother's belongings out but, she would like the information for the mortgage company and she will reach out to the mortgage company. A discussion ensued with the property owner and the Commission. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to give the property owner 90 days to remove personal belongings from the property. In 30 days Kathleen needs to give the board and update on the conversation with the mortgage company. The motion also includes that the property owner sign a voluntary Release for Demolition form. Also, send Kathleen the Power of Attorney and a written statement giving Kathleen permission to speak with the mortgage



company, seconded by Commissioner Jefferson. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Address: 412 Ave A, La Marque, Texas 77568

Mr. Fred Jones, the property owner stated the property is in compliance. He stated “the only thing that happened to the house was Hurricane Harvey. Someone contacted him and explained there would not be a meeting and they would get back in touch with him. He states no one contacted him. He received an engineer’s report and pulled permits to do the work and he attempted to pull the electrical permit and was told he could not. He is trying to move forward on the project.” Kathleen stated “he pulled a permit on one property but its two separate properties and he was given 90 days to repair the properties and they have not been repaired. Mr. Jones stated “he could not work on both properties at the same time and he started on the largest property because the other property is tool shed.” Discussion ensued with the Commission and the property owner. After the discussion, Commissioner Phillips made a motion of 30 days for Kathleen to view the property and report back to the Commission, and Vice Chairperson McGaffey made a second motion to have a permit pulled on 418 Ave A within 30 days, both were seconded by Commissioner Jefferson. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Address: 418 Ave A, La Marque, Texas 77568

Property was discussed with 412 Ave A, the property is owned by the same person. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Address: 2017 Rosalee, La Marque, Texas 77568

No one present to represent the property. Discussion ensued with the Commission and Kathleen. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to have the status of the electrical in writing in 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Jefferson. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(8) NEW BUSINESS

1. Address: 3001 FM 1765, La Marque, Texas 77568

No one was present because the new owner signed a voluntary demo form and purchased a demo permit and will demolished the structure himself. The case is closed.

2. Address: 3108 Gulf Freeway #24, La Marque, Texas 77568

Commission Phillips suggested Mr. Davison gave any information concerning the trailer to Kathleen so that she can reach out to the owners. Commissioner Phillips asked, “If the City of La Marque was to demolish the trailer, would the lien go against Mr. Davison even though he does not own it?” Kathleen replied, “It goes on that spot, because we’ve done this in the trailer park at the end of Bayou Rd. We have demolished 3 trailers there.” Discussion ensued with the Commission, Mr. Davison and Kathleen. Kathleen asked, “Could you secure the trailer?” Mr. Davison stated he would put plywood over the opening and the door. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to give Kathleen 30 days to reach out to the owners of the trailer, seconded by Commissioner Jefferson. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**



3. Address: 226 Sarlee, La Marque, Texas 77568

No one present to represent this property. Commissioner Cash made a motion to demolish, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(9) CHAIRMAN REPORT

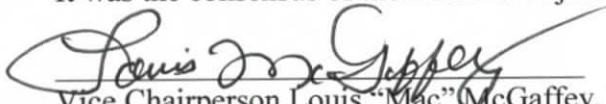
(10) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(11) EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session

(12) ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.


Vice Chairperson Louis "Mac" McGaffey, Presiding
Building Standards Commission