



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF
May 8, 2018**

Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque Building Standards Commission held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Deanie Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairperson Deanie Barrett
Commissioner Abby Cash
Commissioner Trina Phillips
Commissioner Maggie Manuel
Commissioner Diane Winston

ABSENT

Commissioner Billy Jefferson

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT:

Kathleen Van Stavern, Code Compliance Supervisor
Councilwoman Casey McAuliffe
Councilmember Robert Michetich

(3) INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

- a.** Commissioner Diane Winston

(4) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commission dispensed the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

(5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes from April 10, 2018, seconded by Chairperson Barrett. Chairperson Barrett would like to notate Commissioner Cash did not have the minutes for the April 10, 2018 meeting in her packet. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(6) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

There was none.



(7) **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Address: 225 Beatrice, La Marque, Texas 77568 (Garage Only)

Chairperson Barrett made a motion to place the property on the Agenda for next month, so the owner can give an update and Ms. Van Stavern can inspect the property, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Address: 409 Ave B, La Marque, Texas 77568

Chairperson Barrett made motion to place the property on the Agenda next month, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Address: 1607 Dalian, La Marque, Texas 77568

Ms. Van Stavern informed the Commission, the property owner had given her the structural engineer report just before the meeting and he would be bring the scope of work and timeline in for her review by Thursday. Chairperson Barrett suggested the property should be placed on the agenda for next month. Ms. Van Stavern insisted the owner will bring in the required information by Thursday and she would okay the release of permits.

(8) **NEW BUSINESS**

No action taken.

(9) **CHAIRMAN REPORT**

Chairperson Barrett advised she had comments and she would like them recorded in the minutes. Chairperson Barrett urged Commissioner Cash, Commissioner Phillips and Commissioner Jefferson to notify their appointees because their term will expire this year. She advised that the City does not need to inform you when your term is due to expire.

Chairperson Barrett stated, "I do not want to be put in a position again of making a decision of whether to destroy a house or going in and cleaning it up. This is a five person committee, and if it don't come before us again, do not come to me." She declared, "I don't care if I am the Chairman or what. I think that it's wrong, because ya'll have appointed us to do this and to single me out to do one thing, that's not right." She continued, "I really have a problem with you all tearing down the Volunteer Firemen's thing. That never came before us. Never! It came out of the budget that allows us to tear houses down. I don't think that's right either. Did we vote on that? No! So what's the use in having this committee if ya'll are going to bypass everything and do it your way? I want that answered. I have been a citizen of this town for many, many years and I retired from the city. I know things aren't done like we use to do it, but you need to go back. We were personable. The Council was personable. You could get in touch with them. It didn't take them a month to get back with you, if you had a request for something."

A discussion ensued among the Commissioners and Councilwoman Mc Auliffe. Chairperson Barrett asked Councilwoman Mc Auliffe, "Why did it take 30 days for you



to return my call?" Councilwoman Mc Auliffe answered, "I am a new Councilperson trying to figure out how to juggle the emails, phone calls, and text messages from everyone. I returned some calls right away and others take a little longer." Commissioner Phillips announced she had been on the committee since November 1988 about 30 years. Chairperson Barrett exclaimed, "That's what we need, people who know what's going on. Councilwoman Mc Auliffe said, "I'm so glad you said that." She welcomed Ms. Diane Winston as the new Commissioner of Building Standards Commission. Councilwoman Mc Auliffe stated, "I completely agree with you 100 percent. What makes things run are people who are completely vested, people who are open to listening and who are open to the evolution of the city as it gets bigger and better. I appointed Diane Winston because since I have been elected and even before I was elected, while campaigning, one of the things I wanted to do from the onset is identify people who like contributing, who've live here a long time and who know things about the city. I don't know who has a different prospective and who has not been a part of any city administration or city groups yet or before. I think the infusion of new people and new perspectives are what keeps a city vibrant and what keeps a city viable. I don't think in any way that people who have served for a long time should or shouldn't continue. But what I do think very strongly, is that all commissions, boards, city council, mayor appointments, city council appointments, everyone on city staff should be open and inviting to change."

Chairperson Barratt replied, "I am open to change, I just don't like the way it was done. Thank you."

(10) EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

(11) REQUEST AND ANNOUCEMENTS

There were none.

(12) ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Deanie Barrett", is written over a horizontal line.

Chairperson Deanie Barrett, Presiding
Building Standards Commission