



**CITY OF LA MARQUE  
BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Of  
April 09, 2019**

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque Building Standards Commission held on Tuesday, April 09, 2019 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 6:00 p.m.

**(2) ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson Deanie Barrett  
Commissioner Maggie Manuel  
Commissioner Diane Winston  
Commissioner Trina Phillip  
Commissioner Kaleb Smith  
Commissioner Billy Jefferson

**OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT:**

Kathleen Van Stavern, Code Compliance Supervisor  
Michael Phillips, Code Compliance Officer  
Chiquetter Clayton, Revitalization Specialist

**(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Commission dispensed the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Manuel made a motion to approve the minutes from March 12, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**(5) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

No citizen's participation

**(6) PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. Address: 226 Nanlee, La Marque, Texas 77568**

The property owner Mr. Terrence Lewis explained when he purchased the property he was not told the property was a substandard structure. He stated once he was informed he began saving money to start updating the property.



**2. Address: 928 Tallow, La Marque, Texas 77568**

The property owner Mr. Shannon Hensarling explained the tenants that live at the property has had a hardship due to his illness. He stated the property had been a part of a drug bust but none of the tenants was a part of that bust. Mr. Hensarling stated the property has a 17 year- old roof, plumbing and electrical is good. He stated the tenant has not paid rent in a while due to his illness and he likes the family. Mr. Hensarling stated he did not know the property needed any work.

**3. Address: 1120 Hathaway, La Marque, Texas 77568**

The property owner was present but Ms. Van Stavern stated she would speak on their behalf. Ms. Van Stavern stated that she, the owner and his daughter had a meeting earlier and decided what they would do with the property. Ms. Van Stavern stated the owners planned to secure the home, repair the holes on the sides of the house and remove all of their belongings. She stated the owners would like between 8 or 9 months to clean out the property and then demolish the property themselves if approved by the Commission.

**(7) OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Address: 409 Ave B., La Marque, Texas 77568**

The property owner stated he had a partner who used the funding on another property which caused him not to start the repairs. He stated the property will be sold to just him by next week. He stated he would get another permit to complete the work. Mr. Phillips explained that the property has change hands several times and the process started 2 years ago. He also explained the property owner had been given 60 days to complete the work after receiving the substandard permit. Mr. Phillips told the property owner he only has 30 days left to complete all repairs. Chairperson Barrett made a motion to give the property only 30 days to complete all repairs or the property will be return to the demolition list, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2. Address: 427 Grafton, La Marque, Texas 77568**

Ms. Patio the property owner explained she had applied for government assistance to rebuild the property. She stated she cannot afford to do anything the Commission has ask her to do. Mr. Phillips explained that Ms. Patio was given 6 months to demolish the rear building herself. He stated as of today nothing has been done. Chairperson Barrett made a motion to give the property owner 30 days to bring documentation confirming she is in a recovery program, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. Address: 411 Ave A, La Marque, TX 77568**



The property owner Mr. Somasunderam presented photos to the Commission showing the progress of the plumbing for the property. He explained that he had cleaned the trash up around the property and was working on the inside of the building. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to give the property owner a 90-day extension to complete all repairs, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. Address: 905 Cedar, La Marque, TX 77568**

The property owner was not present. His son Mr. Jimmy Syal was present and stated he did not want to pay for a lien placed on the property for the demolition. He stated he would demolish the property. After a discussion he requested 90 days to remove his belongings and demo the property. Chairperson Barrett stated that the property was a rental property so what belongings do you need to get out of the property. Mr. Syal stated a few things but he doesn't live here and the property belongs to his father. Chairperson Barrett stated if the property is in your father's name the Commission should not be speaking to him. Commissioner Manuel asked, "Do you have Power of Attorney?" Mr. Syal stated his sister has power of attorney but he has been the one taking care of the property for his father. Chairperson Barnett explained by law we should not be speaking to you. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to demolish, seconded by Commissioner Smith. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Address: 1112 3<sup>rd</sup> St, La Marque, TX 77568**

Mr. Bennett was present with his attorney. The attorney updated the Commission on the progress of the property and requested an extension to complete the repairs. Commissioner Smith made a motion to give the property owner 60 days to complete all repairs, seconded by Commissioner Phillips.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6. Address: 1128 2<sup>nd</sup> St, La Marque, TX 77568**

The property owners were not present. Mr. Phillips explained that the property had not been completed. He also stated the owners need to clean up around the property and cut the grass. Chairperson Barrett made a motion to give the owners 30 days to complete all repairs, seconded by Commissioner Phillips.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. Address: 1409 Merry Lane, La Marque, TX 77568**

The property owners were not present. After a discussion ensued on the clarification of inspections, Ms. Van Stavern stated that the electrical had to be inspected. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to give the property owner 30 days to complete the inspection and complete repairs, seconded by Commissioner Jefferson. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8. Address: 1607 Dalian, La Marque, TX 77568**



Mr. Attar was present. Mr. Phillips explained that Mr. Attar had completed most of the work and needed to get another dumpster for the debris and a few more days to complete the repairs. Chairperson Barret made a motion to give the property owner 30 days to complete all repairs, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. Address: 2108 Duroux, La Marque, TX 77568**

Ms. Herevia stated her name and address for the Commission. Ms. Herevia presented to the Commission a document from the engineer. She stated she had explained to the engineer she needed a detail structural engineers report. Ms. Herevia stated the engineer said he would not write ten pages if there was nothing wrong with it. A discussion ensued and Chairperson Barrett made a motion to give the property owner 90 days to get a scope of work and timeline to pull a substandard permit and bring the property up to code, seconded by Commissioner Smith. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10. Address: 2403 Boss, La Marque**

The property owner Mr. Ghandi was present. Mr. Ghandi explained the electrical and plumbing was 95 percent complete and he should be calling for an inspection this week. He stated once the inspections have been completed he will be able to move forward with cosmetic work for the property. Chairman Barrett made a motion to give the property 60 days to complete all repairs, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**(8) NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Address: 226 Nanlee, La Marque, TX 77568**

Mr. Lewis was instructed by Chairperson Barrett to get a structural engineer report and bring to Code Compliance Division and work with the city to complete all repairs since it is the property owners homestead. This was the consensus of the Commission.

**2. Address: 926 Tallow, La Marque, TX 77568**

The property owner was instructed by the Commission to repair the corner of the roof, repair the porch and flower box. He will work directly with Mr. Phillips of Code Compliance. This was the consensus of the Commission.

**3. Address: 1120 Hathaway, La Marque, TX 77568**

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to give the owner 9 months to remove belongings and demolish the property seconded by Chairperson Barrett. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

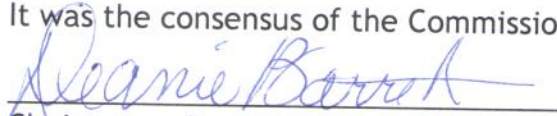
**(9) CHAIRMAN REPORT - No Chairman Report**



(10) **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - There was no executive session

(11) **REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
There were no Requests and Announcements

(12) **ADJOURNMENT**  
It was the consensus of the Commission to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

  
Chairperson Deanie Barrett, Presiding  
Building Standards Commission

This unofficial copy of the minutes from the above meeting are posted for convenience only. Executed or certified copies of the minutes can be requested by contacting the City Clerk.