



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MINUTES
of
August 13, 2024**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Pennington called a meeting to order at 6:15pm.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT :

David Pennington	Chairperson
Kaleb Smith	Vice-Chairperson
Sally Austin	Commissioner
Maggie Manuel	Commissioner

ABSENT :

Veverly Sumlin	Commissioner
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CITY OFFICIALS/ OTHER :

Jose Hernandez	Code Enforcement Supervisor
Myrna P. Sanchez	Code Enforcement Administrative Assistant
Gus Knebel	City Attorney

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

This item was skipped by the Commission.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

There was no citizen participation.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.I. Discussion / possible action regarding a 30-day progress review of a substandard structure located at 1727 Main St., La Marque, TX 77568
Code Supervisor Hernandez stated the permits division approved the building plans and are ready to pull permits. However, the Fire Marshal has not approved the plans. Chairperson Pennington requested no action be taken by the commission for 30 days. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

5.II. Discussion / possible action regarding a 30-day progress review of a substandard structure located at 912 Azalea Ct., La Marque, TX 77568
Code Supervisor Hernandez shared that Mr. Wall called him prior to the meeting to inform the commission that he would not be present due to living out of state.

During this call, Code Supervisor Hernandez emphasized to Mr. Wall that his property needed maintenance, especially to mow the high grass. Vice-Chairperson Smith made a motion to add 912 Azalea Ct. to the demolition list. Commissioner Manuel seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5.III. Discussion / possible action regarding a review of a substandard structure located at 2415 Jackson St., La Marque, TX 77568

Sherri Woodard (1308 Cedar Dr. La Marque, TX 77568) mentioned she submitted the survey and replat to the permits division. Buyers are waiting for all permits to close before moving forward. Vice-Chairperson Smith made a motion for a 60-day extension. Commissioner Austin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED 3 AYES TO 1 NAY (MANUEL).**

5.IV. Discussion / possible action regarding a review of a substandard structure located at 2317 Boss St., La Marque, TX 77568

Michael Larocca (7109 Beau Rue St. Hitchcock, TX 77563) stated that Galveston County recommended that he look for an attorney to sue and wants a permit to demolish the property. Chairperson Pennington shared that Mr. Larocca will need to contact the city's permits division to sign a voluntary demolition order. Code Supervisor Hernandez shared with Mr. Larocca that his property needs to be maintained as his grass is overgrown. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.I. Discussion / possible action regarding a substandard structure located at 2803 South Houston Dr., La Marque, TX 77568

Tara Sobnosky (2803 South Houston Dr. La Marque, TX 77568) mentioned she is having a legal dispute with the insurance and cannot move forward on remodeling or construction work until the issue is resolved. Code Supervisor Hernandez emphasized that the grass remains clean and cut. Chairperson Pennington made a motion to come back in 90 days for a progress report. Vice-Chairperson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED 3 TO 1 ABSTAINED (MANUEL).**

6.II. Discussion / possible action regarding a substandard structure located at 1915 Rosalee St., La Marque, TX 77568

Code Supervisor Hernandez shared that there is a big hole in the portion of the roof with a leak and the windows are opened. Carol Wilson (2109 Noblewood Court, League City) stated she is speaking on behalf of her husband. She shared that this property is a generational inheritance. However, there are siblings that are deceased and their kids are not involved in the upkeep of the property. She stated that she and her husband were willing to demo the property. City Attorney Gus Knebel stated he cannot give legal advice and there could be risks if the city decided to demo. Vice-Chairperson Smith made a motion to demo 1915 Rosalee St. Commissioner Austin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Yancy requested to add 2001 Cedar to the next meeting.

Chairperson Pennington requested to see all previous minutes added to the agenda for approval.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Manuel seconded. *MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:18 p.m.*

Chairperson
Building and Standards Commission