



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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Pennington, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

. Present:

Exception:

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

Commissioner, Vervely Sumlin

Other Officials/Staff Present:

Code Enforcement Supervisor, Jose Hernandez
Code Enforcement Admin. Assistant, Myrna P. Sanchez
Director of Development Services, Kathleen Van Stavern
Fire Chief, David Merryman
City Manager, Cesar Garcia

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge and Invocation was Dismissed **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. PRESENTATIONS

Vice-Chairperson Pennington, welcomed in our new Commissioner Sally Austin

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None

6. MINUTES

6.I. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023

Commissioner Smith, made 1st Motion to approve Minutes Commissioner Manuel,
2nd Motion. **MOTION PASSED**

6.II. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2023

Commissioner Manuel made 1st Motion to approve minutes Commissioner Smith,
2nd Motion. **MOTION PASSED**

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.I. Discussion/ possible action regarding 30 day review of a substandard structure located at 521 Ave C, La Marque, TX 77568

Vice-Chairperson Pennington, what have you done so far Owner after you granting me the 30 days, I have requested an inspection for plumbing by that time the 90 days had passed and when I went to go pay the permit with the city I was instructed to stop work immediately until I meet with you guys to get a permit to pour cement one side of the house. Vice-Chairperson Pennington asked owner if he had pulled a substandard permit, Owner yes and it expired but once I have the permission form you guys I can move on forward. Commissioner Smith, made 1st Motion for 90 days for a substandard building permit and to come back and give us 30 day progress in the meeting Commissioner Manuel, 2nd the Motion. **MOTION PASSED**

8.II. Discussion/ possible action regarding a 30 day review of a substandard structure located at 501 FM 1765, La Marque, TX 77568

Vice-Chairperson Pennington, can you tell us what you have done since the last time we met here. Owner, I have the windstorm certificate, today I missed the inspection otherwise maybe I couldn't do the plumbing because of the key. Maybe this Friday I could call him back to do the inspection. Code Enforcement Supervisor Hernandez, when I went to go take pictures you could see he is coming along he painted the building and the yellow stripes. I think he is moving along with everything. Vice-Chairperson Pennington, what about the inside? Code Enforcement Supervisor Hernandez, I did take picture's from the inside and it looks much better, he is complying with everything. Commissioner Smith, made 1st Motion for extension 30 days on the next meeting Commissioner Austin, 2nd that Motion. **MOTION PASSED**

8.III. Discussion/ possible action regarding a 30 day review of a substandard structure located at 1727 Main St., La Marque, TX 77568

Code Enforcement Supervisor Hernandez, we had a meeting with the Fire Marshal and BBG sounds like they are meeting the requirements for the code enforcement side, they could continue with the permits and all that. Commissioner Smith, these pictures are from January. Where are you now? Contractor, you can see that when they did the walk threw 2 weeks ago there 2 buffers we are waiting for the asbestos with the city and inspectors to sign on everything and waiting on the state for the letter to move forward on the work. Vice-Chairperson Pennington, have you had a structural engineer? Contractor, we have one on staff right now. We had a secondary report that we produced which kind of categorized some of the additional repairs, or whatever we need to bring property up to code. Code Enforcement Supervisor Hernandez, we added to the package engineer report. Vice-Chairperson Pennington, I looked at this report and it mentions 12 instances where it says you need a structural engineer to do some more digging. Owner, yes, that's who walked today the structural engineer. Director of Development

Services Van Stavern, Scott is daily speaking to them and they are aware of what is going on they have been very cooperative. Contractor, we are doing everything to get all squared out. Vice-Chairperson Pennington, Have you pull a substandard permit Contrator, no Sir, I didn't know it was a substandard building. Vice-Chairperson Pennington, you're going to have to get that. I have a concern about the sewer. Contractor, our plumber is already on site and as far as that we will have new pipe's all the way to the city street. Vice-Chairperson Pennington, made Motion for 90 days report and to pull a substandard building permit, every 30 days progress report Commissioner, Manuel 2nd Motion, **MOTION PASSED.**

8.IV. Discussion/ possible action regarding 30 day review of a substandard structure located at 912 Azalea Ct., La Marque, TX 77568

City Manager Garcia, I'm not sure whether you may be aware that the owner called me to let me know he had a family emergency. He apologized for not being here. But he did say he's looking forward to getting the permit resolved.

Commissioner Smith, 1st Motion to table this till next meeting Commissioner Manuel, 2nd Motion. **MOTION PASSED**

8.V. Discussion/ possible action regarding a 30 day review of a substandard structure located at 1401 Melody Dr., La Marque, TX 77658

Code Enforcement Supervisor Hernandez, owner got a C.O. from the permit department that she complied with everything and finished. Vice-Chairperson, Pennington this property is completed. Commissioner Smith, made 1st Motion no further action needed on this property Commissioner Manuel 2nd Motion. **MOTION PASSED**

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Austin, made 1st motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith, 2nd Motion.

MOTION ADJOURNED AT 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson
Building Standard Commission