



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MINUTES
of
March 12, 2024**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Pennington called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Vice-Chairperson David Pennington
Commissioner Sally Austin
Commissioner Veverly Sumlin

VIRTUAL:

Commissioner Kaleb Smith

ABSENT:

Commissioner Maggie Manuel

CITY OFFICIALS:

Council Member Kimberly Yancy, District A
Code Enforcement Supervisor Jose Hernandez
Code Enforcement Admin. Assistant Myrna P. Sanchez

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

5. MINUTES

5.I. Regular Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2024

Commissioner Austin made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sumlin.
Seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. OLD BUSINESS

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

Commissioner Smith made a motion to keep the original 90-days and have a progress report in the next 30-days Commissioner Austin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 6.II. Discussion/ possible action regarding a 30 day review progress of a substandard structure located at 501 FM 1765, La Marque, TX 77568
The owner mentioned he needs to install AC, and then he will be done. Vice-Chairperson Pennington made a motion for a 30-day progress review. Commissioner Sumlin seconded.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 6.III. Discussion/ possible action regarding a 30 day review progress of a substandard structure located at 1727 Main St., La Marque, TX 77568
Vice-Chairperson Pennington we told the owner we had a demo order on this property, and he was aware of that. The original demo expired on the 31st of January. It was only good for 6 months. We need to re-issue that demo order and continue to do the 30-days. Commissioner Smith made a motion to add it on our demo list. Vice-Chairperson Pennington, seconded.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 6.IV. Discussion/ possible action regarding a 30 day review of a substandard structure located at 912 Azalea Ct., La Marque, TX 77568
Commissioner Smith made a motion to table it for the next meeting.
Commissioner Austin, seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.I. Discussion/ possible action regarding a substandard structure located at 2415 Jackson St., La Marque, TX 77568
Code Enforcement Supervisor mentioned this property looks vacant, it's falling apart on the roof, and the stairs that are falling apart going upstairs, the grass is too high. There are tires in the back, there is debris in the back/inside. There were broken windows. Commissioner Smith made a motion to secure all windows, doors, stairways and give a 30-day progress report. Commissioner Sumlin seconded.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 7.II. Discussion/ possible action regarding a substandard structure located at 2317 Boss St. La Marque, TX 77568
Code Enforcement Supervisor mentioned this property caught on fire in December. The outside of the windows and the roof looked caved in. It needs to be secured. Vice-Chairperson Pennington what is your name Sir Michael Larocca. Owner, Mr. Larocca, I got this property at the City auction. The City owned it at the time of the fire. Galveston County didn't sign it over till 1-13-2024. La Marque Police told me it caught fire on 1-2-24. Commissioner Smith made a motion to table it for 30-days. Commissioner Austin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 7.III. Discussion/ Possible action regarding the election of a chairperson
Commissioner Smith would like to nominate Mr. David Pennington to be the chairperson of the Building Standards Commission. Vice-Chairperson Pennington, just to let you know that I am running for City Council and should I be elected and whoever is Vice-Chairperson will become the Chairperson. If I'm not elected, I'll be more than happy to serve you. Commissioner Smith, we will be in good hands until

the time comes for the elections, and we will cross that bridge when we get there. **MOTION CARRIED 3 to 0.**

7.IV. Discussion/ Possible action regarding election of a vice-chairperson
Commissioner Austin, I nominate Kaleb Smith for Vice-Chairperson. Vice-Chairperson Pennington, mentioned are there any other nominations? I will now call for the vote for Kaleb for Vice-Chairperson all in favor. Congratulations.
MOTION CARRIED 3 to 0.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:25PM. Commissioner Austin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chairperson
Building Standards Commission