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Building and Standards Commission Minutes

City Commission Room | 600 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas 77469

Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

The Building and Standards Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The session was held at 600 Morton Street, Richmond City Commission Room.

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following Members in attendance:

Albert Davis – Chair
Joe Garcia – Vice-Chair
Zachary LaRock
Damacio Sanchez

Staff in attendance: Scott Fajkus, Building Official; Terri Vela, City Manager; Howard Christian, Assistant City Manager / Public Works Director; Gary Smith, City Attorney; Brittany Mullings, Public Works Executive Secretary, Aileen Heard; Code Compliance Officer.

Chairman Davis introduced agenda item A2., Recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and the Texas Flag. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag was recited.

Chairman Davis introduced agenda item A3., Public Comments. Hearing no public comments. This agenda item was closed.

Chairman Davis introduced consent agenda item B1., Review and approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Board Member LaRock made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Board Member Garcia seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Chairman Davis introduced consent agenda item B2., Date of next meeting will be Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. There was no objection.

Chairman Davis introduced regular agenda items C1a., Review and consider taking action on the following addresses:

C1a. 1205 Preston – Dangerous Structure

A brief overview of the case was provided by Mr. Fajkus. There have been several occasions when Mr. Parker has come into the office requesting electricity. The meeting on site had

been scheduled to discuss the code violations that need to be addressed; however, Mr. Parker left a voicemail requesting more time and was not ready to undergo an inspection. The Code Compliance Officer, Aileen Heard, stated that she has received complaints concerning the generator noise due to the generator running all night. Efforts will be made by the Staff to contact Mr. Parker regarding his violations and the Board's decision from tonight's meeting will also be communicated to him. Board Member LaRock made a motion to approve a 60-day extension for an update and for Staff to start obtaining bids for demolition. The motion was seconded by Board member Garcia. All were in favor.

Chairman Davis introduced regular agenda items D1a – D1c., Review and discuss progress on the following addresses:

D1a. 609 Center – Dangerous Structure

Mr. Fajkus presented an overview of the case to the Board. Brother's Demolition was the lowest bidder of three bids received by the City for demolition. A demolition permit has been obtained by Brother's Demolition, and the demolition process has begun. Staff recommended removing this address from the Dangerous Structure list.

D1b. 1501 Maiden – Dangerous Structure

The Board was given a brief overview of the case by Mr. Fajkus. Construction of the foundation and framing has been completed by the contractor, and the exterior siding has been brought up to code. In the interior of the structure, plumbing and electrical work is currently being performed. A 60-day extension was recommended for the owner and contractor to continue to make progress on the renovation of the structure by Staff. Board Member LaRock moved to approve an extension of 60-days for an update. Board Member Garcia seconded the motion. The vote for approval was unanimous.

D1c. 215 Clark – Dangerous Structure

Mr. Fajkus provided an overview of the case. He stated that Ms. Davis was unable to obtain a home improvement loan. She returned the property to John Davis, her ex-husband. Last week, Staff met with Mr. Davis on site, and he indicated he intended to demolish the existing structure and construct a new one. As a result of the new owner, the letter process must be re-instituted. A confirmation was provided by Mr. Davis to the Board that he is willing to demolish the structure. A request was made that he tear down the structure himself, and he would like to have extra time to do so. In its place, he would like to build a wood-framed house. In order to determine what can be built on the site once the dangerous structure has been removed, Mr. Fajkus explained he would consult with the Planning Director. Before any work can begin, a demolition permit must be obtained.

Chairman Davis introduced regular agenda item E1., Staff Information Reports.

Mr. Fajkus gave an overview on the North 10th Street Mobility Project.

Chairman Davis introduced regular agenda item F1., Excuse from attendance at the regular Building and Standards Commission Meeting. None to excuse.

There being no further business to be brought before the Building and Standards Board,
Chairman Davis adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Approved



Albert Davis, Chairman

Attest



Scott Fajkus, Building Official