The Columbus Building Commission met on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room H at 757 Carolyn Avenue. The following members were present: Chairman William Lantz, David Morgan, Lynn Heflin, Mark Wagner and Ralph Kramer. Representing the City was Amit Ghosh, Chief Building Official. Toni Gillum was the Stenographer recording the hearing.

The first order of business was the review of the February 17, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Wagner seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

The first case on the agenda was Adjudication Order A/O2015-010JES for the property located at 100 W. Beechwold Boulevard. Presenting the case was Randy Coffman, Architect. The applicant, Daniel Messer of Exceptional One Services and his Job Superintendent, Rick Wheeler were also in attendance. Mr. Coffman presented the request for variances to RCO Section 311.7 Stairways and 311.7.1 Width and also Section 311.7.2 Headroom. They are seeking relief from these sections because the homeowner would like to convert an existing 3rd floor storage area into habitable space. They need relief because the staircase leading from the 2nd to 3rd floor is only 30” wide and the ceiling height from the 1st stair landing to the 2nd stair landing is only 4’1.5” at the wall on the upper landing and 5’4” on the upper landing at the header. The Commission asked for the City’s position. Chief Building Official, Amit Ghosh, stated that the City is not in support of this request because the City believes there are other options available that have not been addressed. Amendments can be made to get the condition closer to compliance. After the presentation, discussion and questions by the Commission, Ralph Kramer made a motion to table Adjudication Order A/O2015-010JES to allow the owner, contractor and architect additional time to pursue other viable options and readdress this at the next meeting. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Amit Ghosh, Chief Building Official, Secretary to the Columbus Building Commission
Department of Building & Zoning Services