MINUTES OF THE
COLUMBUS BUILDING COMMISSION
JULY 21, 2015

The Columbus Building Commission met on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room H at 757 Carolyn Avenue. The following members were present: Acting Chairman Larry Browne, David Morgan, Mario Ciardelli, Lynn Heflin 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 June 16, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Heflin seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

The next order of business was to introduce an additional case to the agenda, Case Number VIOL1500043, 219 Monroe Avenue. Ms. Heflin made a motion to accept the item to the agenda, Mr. Morgan seconded. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Browne added the case to the agenda as item number 5 and moved item number 5 to number 6.

The first case on the agenda was Adjudication Order A/O2015-012RMV for the property located at 1165 Dublin Road. The owner is Big Hill Company, Ltd. Presenting the case was the applicant, Miles Hebert of EMH&T. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Columbus Building Code Section 1150.25, Fill & Grading in the Floodway Fringe, specifically, a variance from the requirement to meet or exceed the Flood Protection Elevation and to provide a minimum 20-foot buffer from the building at the Flood Protection Elevation. After the presentation, Renee VanSickle presented on behalf of the Department of Public Utilities, after discussion and questions by the Commission, Mr. Kramer made a motion to approve Adjudication Order A/O2015-012RMV in regards to the Floodplain Requirements, granting a variance for the freeboard at half-foot vs a foot and a half and the buffer at five-foot vs 20 foot, which are the requirements. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion.
MOTION CARRIED

The next case to come before the Commission was Adjudication Order A/O2015-014LAM for the property located at 1511 Star Avenue, the owner is Bulldog Homes, LLC. Presenting the case was the applicant, Connie J. Klema. The applicant was requesting to split a lot into 2 separate lots. It has been said that the current lot was originally 2 separate lots and the new property line would be in its original location. This would place the dwellings and accessory building to within 5 feet of the new property line. The owner is proposing the installation of monitoring smoke and fire detectors in each house to alert rescue personnel in the event of a fire in either property. After the presentation, discussion and questions by the Commission, Mr. Ciardelli made a motion to approve Adjudication Order A/O2015-014LAM to include the monitored smoke and fire detectors included in the deed restrictions. Mr. Kramer seconded the motion.
MOTION CARRIED
The next item on the agenda was an Adjudication Order No. VIOL1500043, concerning 219 Monroe Avenue to appeal a Building Order/Notice of Violation and Order to Correct No. VIOL1500043. The appellant was Steven Cox, Agent for Alpha Private Fund Management LLC, the property owner. The order was written on May 8, 2015 for Working Without a Permit which is in violation of City of Columbus Code Chapter 4113. The single family home on the property is being altered; no plan approval or permits have been obtained for any of the interior work. After the presentation to the Commission by the Building Inspector, Kelly Large and the Case Manager for the City of Columbus, Deshaun Harris, the appellant became aware of work that had been done without his knowledge and agreed to acquire the proper permits. Mr. Ciardelli made a motion to uphold the City Order. Ms. Heflin seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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