

CITY OF SANTA MONICA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BUILDING AND FIRE-LIFE SAFETY COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
City Council Chamber, 1685 Main Street
Thursday, May 26, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Santa Monica Building and Fire-Life Safety Commission was called to order by Chairperson Michael Ishler at 2:15 p.m., on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at the City Council Chamber, 1685 Main Street, with Commissioners Bagnell, Coffman, and Tom absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Ishler led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Chair Michael Ishler
Vice Chair Charles Muttillo
Commissioner David Gray
Commissioner James Wilson

Absent: Commissioner Kit Bagnell
Commissioner Barbara Coffman
Commissioner Stuart Tom

**BUILDING OFFICER'S
REPORT:**

The Building Officer gave updates on solar photovoltaic requirements approved at the last Commission meeting and upcoming Commission meetings for the 2016 California Building Codes and Seismic Retrofit Ordinance. He also announced that Vice Chair Muttillo, Commissioners Bagnell, Tom, and Wilson's terms are expiring on June 30. Commissioner Wilson has served three consecutive terms and is therefore unable to renew.

**FIRE MARSHAL'S
REPORT:**

The Fire Marshal gave updates on accomplishments, opening of the Expo Line, and announced the hiring of a new Fire Chief, Bill Walker

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL
MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Vice Chair Muttillo to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2015 special meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote, with Commissioners Bagnell, Coffman, and Tom absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

8-A Appeal of the decision of the Building Officer to not require a building permit for de-minimis work at 142 Hollister Avenue, Unit #1, Santa Monica, California 90405. The Building Officer provided some background then the Appellant, Michael Feinstein, addressed the Commission. The Commissioners asked questions about the deck, features of the house when it was declared a

Structure of Merit, if it was built as a single family dwelling or multi-family dwelling, and if the deck was part of the original structure.

One member of the public, Cordula Ohman, spoke in support of the Appellant.

The Commissioners continued to discuss the doors, legal means of egress, the window sill height, and possible further life safety review.

Motion by Chair Ishler, seconded by Commissioner Gray to affirm the Building Officer's decision that no permit is required. Chair Ishler advised the Commission that if they vote yea, the Building Officer's decision is affirmed and if they vote nay, then it is required that the Building Officer review life safety conditions brought to concern. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Gray

Noes: Commissioner Wilson, Vice Chair Muttillio, Chair Ishler

Absent: Commissioners Bagnell, Coffman, Tom

Chair Ishler stated for the record that if there is any further appeal regarding this particular balcony issue that comes before the commission and the Building Officer, it should be handled as a continuance and new fees are not required.

PUBLIC INPUT:

There were no members of the public present to comment on items not on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

On the order of Chair Ishler, the Building and Fire-Life Safety Commission meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m., with Commissioners Bagnell, Coffman, and Tom absent.

Attest:



Sandy Naito
Commission Secretary

Approved:



Michael Ishler
Chair