



The City of West University Place

A Neighborhood City

Building & Standards Commission

Located in the Bill Watson Conference Room,

3800 University Blvd,
West University Place, Texas 77005
Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Brown, Eddie Matthews, Les Albin, David Bonner,
John Combi and Jim Craig
MEMBERS ABSENT: Kris Westbrook, Anna Monsour and Greg Kusinski
STAFF PRESENT: Chief Building Official, Clay Chew and Permit
Technician, Ashley Elliott

[Call to Order] Steve Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Notices, Rules, Etc.** Steve Brown welcomed BSC members and staff to the meeting. Mr. Brown stated that alternate members David Bonner and John Combi would be voting members.
2. **Building Standards Modification.** Differences between Oriented Strand Board (OSB) and plywood were discussed amongst BSC Members. Les Albin provided information between the two within the agenda packet with pros and cons of both. Mr. Albin expressed his personal experience with both types of material and answered questions that were asked. Clay Chew mentioned how OSB was an approved material used in construction and that it had been improved over the years. Mr. Albin and Mr. Chew both stated how OSB would expand when wet and does not retract like plywood does, and how treated plywood neither expands nor retracts.

It was brought to meeting's attention, the pending House Bill 2439 (HB2439); which relates to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities for the building products, materials, or methods used in the construction or renovation of residential or commercial buildings. If HB2439 passes it would make it so that municipalities cannot restrict the use of particular materials for construction. This bill may be approved by the legislature during its current session ending June 30. It was agreed upon by members that they wait for the HB2439 to pass or not before making any amendments or restrictions concerning materials that can or cannot be used per the city. It was agreed upon that discussion to be continued at later date, pending State Assembly decision.

3. **Sidewalk Policy.** Matters related to modifying the sidewalk ordinance in Chapter 18 and Appendix C Technical Codes Schedule was discussed. An example was provided to each member with suggested removal of words and sentences from the existing ordinance.

