



City of Santa Barbara

BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2024

2:30 P.M.

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street
SantaBarbaraCA.gov

BOARD MEMBERS:

Elizabeth Sorgman, *Chair*
Paul Spieler, *Vice Chair*
Nick Koonce
James Langhorne
John Maloney
Jim Marston

STAFF:

Christina Dye, Chief Building Official
Jose Barajas, Building and Safety Supervisor
Ryan DiGuillio, Fire Prevention Division Chief
John Doimas, Assistant City Attorney
Kira Esparza, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Board meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Chair Sorgman.

ATTENDANCE

Members present:	Sorgman, Spieler, Koonce, Langhorne, and Marston
Members absent:	Maloney
Staff present:	Dye; Doimas; Tava Ostrenger, Assistant City Attorney; Barajas; Brenda Beltz, Administrative Analyst II (4:05 - 4:27 p.m.); and Esparza

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. 2024 Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Nominations for Chair: Sorgman

A vote was taken, and Board Member Sorgman was elected as Chair.

Nominations for Vice Chair: Spieler

A vote was taken, and Board Member Spieler was elected as Vice Chair.

B. Public Comment:

No public comment.

C. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Approve the minutes of the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals meeting of **November 2, 2023**, as amended.

Action: Langhorne/Koonce, 5/0/0. (Maloney absent.) Motion carried.

D. Announcements, requests by appellants for continuances and withdrawals, future agenda items, and appeals.

Board Member Marsten asked Staff for an update regarding the 30% discount on Tenant Improvements in the construction valuation policy; Staff will follow up with an update at a later meeting.

Mr. Barajas announced that there will be a hard stop at 5 p.m.

SUBJECT ITEMS**1. APPEAL: 2919 Arriba Way Building Revision Permit Application and Issued Building Permit Expiration**

Appeal of the Building Official's decision to expire the revision permit application, BLD2019-05138, and parent permit, BLD2017-02663, at 2919 Arriba Way to construct a new detached 2 car garage, 540 sq. ft (1st. floor), and 605 sq.ft. Accessory Dwelling Unit with a deck on 2nd floor, and to convert an existing garage attached to primary unit into a new bedroom.

Actual time: 2:40 p.m.

Staff Present: Tina Dye, Chief Building Official, City of Santa Barbara; John Doimas, Assistant City Attorney, City of Santa Barbara

Present: Russ Garrison, Structural Engineer; Brighton Hushing-Kline, Attorney for the Appellant; Ryan Patronym, Appellant; and Greg Patronym, Appellant

Public comment opened at 3:04 p.m.,

The following individual spoke:

1. Alan Gallegos
2. Tyler Haden
3. Jack Franklin

Written correspondence from Michael Corrigan, William and Jean Howard, William and Jean Howard, and Jeffrey Doornbos was acknowledged.

Public comment closed at 3:09 p.m.

*** THE BOARD RECESSED FROM 3:42 TO 4:03 P.M. ***

Motion: Deny the appeal and uphold the Chief Building Official's decision to expire the revision permit application, BLD2019-05138, and parent permit, BLD2017-02663, at 2919 Arriba Way.

Action: Langhorne/Marston, 5/0/0. (Maloney absent.) Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.

Action: Spieler/Koonce, 5/0/0. (Maloney absent.) Motion carried.

Chair Sorgman adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.