



City of Galveston

MINUTES OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON REGULAR MEETING – December 6, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:	Lidija Bikova, Robert Girndt, Carol Hollaway, Barbara Railey, Susan Syler, James Fagan (Alternate), Becca Scoville (Alternate), Ex-Officio David Finklea
Members Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Catherine Gorman, AICP, Assistant Director/HPO; Karina Rosales, Planning Technician; Donna Fairweather, Assistant City Attorney.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Board Member Barbara Railey nominated Robert Girndt as Chairperson. Board Member Carol Hollaway nominated Lidija Bikova as Chairperson. No other nominations were made. Chairperson Robert Girndt closed the nominations.

Board Member Susan Syler made a motion for the election of the Chairperson. Board Member Barbara Railey seconded.

The Chairperson called for questions or comments from the Commission. The following votes were cast:

In favor:	Bikova, Girndt, Hollaway, Railey, Syler
Opposed:	None
Absent:	None
Non-voting participant:	Fagan (Alternate), Scoville (Alternate), Councilmember David Finklea

The Chairperson called for a vote on the nomination of Robert Girndt and the following votes were cast:

In favor:	Bikova, Girndt, Railey, Syler
Opposed:	None
Abstained:	Hollaway
Absent:	None
Non-voting participant:	Fagan (Alternate), Scoville (Alternate), Councilmember David Finklea

The motion passed.

Board Member Carol Hollaway nominated Lidija Bikova as Vice-Chairperson. No other nominations were made. Chairperson Robert Girndt closed the nominations.

Board Member Susan Syler made a motion for the election of the Vice-Chairperson. Board Member Barbara Railey seconded.

The Chairperson called for questions or comments from the Commission. The following votes were cast:

In favor:	Bikova, Girndt, Hollaway, Railey, Syler
Opposed:	None
Absent:	None
Non-voting participant:	Fagan (Alternate), Scoville (Alternate), Councilmember David Finklea

The Chairperson called for a vote on the nomination of Lidija Bikova and the following votes were cast:

In favor:	Bikova, Girndt, Hollaway, Railey, Syler
Opposed:	None
Absent:	None
Non-voting participant:	Fagan (Alternate), Scoville (Alternate), Councilmember David Finklea

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 6, 2023, minutes were approved as presented.

Board Member Susan Syler made a motion to approve the minutes. Vice-Chairperson Lidija Bikova seconded.

Chairperson Robert Girndt called for questions or comments from the Board, and the following votes were cast:

In favor:	Bikova, Girndt, Hollaway, Railey, Syler
Opposed:	None
Absent:	None
Non-voting participant:	Fagan (Alternate), Scoville (Alternate), Councilmember David Finklea

The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC HEARINGS

23Z-007 (5124 Ave O 1/2) Request for a variance from the Galveston Land Development Regulations, Article 3, District Yard, Lot and Setback Addendum, for the Residential, Single-Family (R-1) zoning district, to reduce the minimum lot area. Property is legally described as M.B. Menard Survey, Lots 21 and 22, Block 91 Denver Resurvey, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.

Applicant: Jessica Miller-Ibey

Property Owners: Christopher Ibey and Jessica Miller-Ibey

Staff presented the staff report and reported that of 27 notices sent, none had been returned.

Chairperson Robert Girndt opened the public hearing on the case. Reed Wilson, representative of the applicant, gave a presentation to the board. See the attached list for presentations made to the commission. The public hearing was closed, and the Chairperson called for a motion.

Board Member Carol Hollaway made a motion to approve the request. Board Member Susan Syler seconded.

Chairperson Robert Girndt called for questions or comments from the Board, and the following votes were cast:

In favor:	Bikova, Girndt, Hollaway, Railey, Syler
Opposed:	None
Absent:	None
Non-voting participant:	Fagan (Alternate), Scoville (Alternate), Councilmember David Finklea

The motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF BILL CLEMENT

Bill Clement was recognized for his service on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Staff opened the “2024 Meeting Schedule (Staff)” discussion. The schedule was distributed to the Board.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:11 PM



ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
REGULAR MEETING
MEMBER SIGN-IN SHEET

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2023

BIKOVA, LIDIJA

Lidija Biko

GIRNDT, ROBERT

Robert Girndt

HOLLAWAY, CAROL

Carol Hollaway

RAILEY, BARBARA

Barbara Railey

SYLER, SUSAN

Susan Syler

FINKLEA, DAVID (EX-OFFICIO)

David Finklea

FAGAN, JAMES (ALTERNATE)

James Fagan

SCOVILLE, BECCA (ALTERNATE)

Becca Scoville

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