

REGULAR SESSION

February 20, 2017

The Substandard Buildings Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on **Monday, February 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room of the Development Services Center, 622 South Prairieville, with the following members' present, to-wit:

Billy Murphree
Garrett Hope
Chris Curran

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Coordinator

with the following member absent: Tilo Galvan

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Murphree.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This item was tabled

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were none

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2016
REGULAR SESSION.**

A motion was made by Member Hope, seconded by Member Curran, to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2016, Regular Session, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
309 BARKER, LOT 10A, BLOCK46 – ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER – WINLOS TAYLOR**

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Coordinator, reported to the Commission that Win Williams informed her that the property owner is deceased and the family member who had maintained the property is now deceased. Ms. Williams stated she has no claim to the property and didn't know of anyone else who did. Ms. Garrett stated that the staff recommends the structure be condemned and ordered demolished.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
309 BARKER, LOT 10A, BLOCK46 – ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER – WINLOS TAYLOR**

A motion was made by Member Hope, seconded by Member Curran to condemn the structure and ordered it demolished. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
514 FAULK, LOT 9, BLOCK 48 – ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER – REGINALD GARRETT**

Ms. Garrett reported to the Commission that LaRita Garrett has contact her and stated she will be having the garage structure torn down. LaRita Garrett stated that historical records had been stored in the garage and once the records are removed, the structure will be torn down.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
514 FAULK, LOT 9, BLOCK 48 – ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER – REGINALD GARRETT**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Member Hope, seconded by Member Curran to allow property owners forty-five (45) days to demolish the structure. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
211 LOYOLA DRIVE, LOTS 8 & 9, BLOCK 31A – PARK HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION
OWNER – DENISE ZAVALA**

Property owner, Denise Zavala, was present with her father and brother. Ms. Zavala stated she will be renovating the structure. Ms. Garrett reported that a building permit has been issued for this location, and the electricity is to be turned on in the next few days so that work can begin at the structure.

Several surrounding property owners were present, with concerns about the condition of the property and want to make sure needed repairs are made in a timely manner.

Ms. Garrett explained that the outside condition should be focused on first to eliminate any life safety concerns.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
211 LOYOLA DRIVE, LOTS 8 & 9, BLOCK 31A – PARK HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION
OWNER – DENISE ZAVALA**

After discussion, a motion was made by Member Hope, seconded by Member Curran to allow the property owner ninety (90) days to secure the outside of the structure, including leveling and underpinning the structure, securing all windows, and doors. The owner is to make sure the structure is secured at all times. The motion carried unanimously.

HEAR UPDATES FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR

1. 529 Edmondson
2. 104 Leland
3. 608 West Larkin
4. 114 North Palestine

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN
(Citizens appearing during this item will be allowed to present their concern, however, members of the Substandard Building Commission are prohibited from entering into deliberation and the item may be referred to a future agenda for discussion.)

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2017.

Billy Murphree, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Coordinator