

REGULAR SESSION

November 19, 2018

The Substandard Buildings Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on **Monday, November 19th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room of the Development Services Center, 501 Highway 175 West, with the following member's present, to-wit:

Cody Craig
Garret Hope
Tilo Galvan
Nick Rosenberg
Billy Murphree

Ralph Carrington, Building Inspector
Ryan Adams, Managing Director Public Services
Audrey Sloan, Director of Development Services

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Billy Murphree.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVING THE MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 15th, 2018, AS WRITTEN.

A motion was made by Member Galvan, seconded by Member Rosenberg, to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2018, Regular Session as written. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 725 MARYLAND DRIVE, LOT 5, BLOCK 8 – PARK HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION OWNER – GLENDA ISAAC

Chairman Murphree opened up the discussion asking if representatives/owners present for the hearing. There were none. Building Inspector Ralph Carrington stated that the owner has been working on the structure repaired. Building Inspector Ralph Carrington stated that they are working from the inside out on the remodel process. Chairman Murphree closed the Public Hearing.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 725 MARYLAND DRIVE, LOT 5, BLOCK 8 – PARK HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION OWNER – GLENDA ISAAC

Vice Chairman Craig opened up the discussion on **725 MARYLAND DRIVE**. After discussion by the board there was a motion from Member Craig and seconded by Member Galvan to continue to monitor progress over the next two weeks and if no more improvements have been made then report any lack of progress back to the Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 311 BARKER, LOT 10B, BLOCK 46 – ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER – JACQUELINE M. WILLIAMS**

Chairman Murphree opened up the discussion on **311 BARKER** asking if representatives/owners were present for the hearing. None were present. After some discussion of the property and viewing property photos Chairman Murphree closed the Public Hearing.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 311 BARKER, LOT 10B, BLOCK 46 – ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER – JACQUELINE M. WILLIAMS**

Chairman Murphree opened up discussion on **311 BARKER**. After discussion a motion was made by Member Rosenberg and seconded by Member Galvan to continue to monitor any progress over the next 30 days that the owner has to complete the securing of the structure. If repairs are not complete then it is to be brought back to the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 517 BRYSON AVE., LOTS 8B AND 9A, BLOCK 25 – PARK HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION
OWNER – DON GORDON**

Chairman Murphree opened up the discussion asking if representatives/owners were present for the hearing. There were none. The Building Inspector Ralph Carrington also stated that he saw a window boarded up on the side of the structure in addition to those seen from the last meeting. Chairman Murphree closed the Public Hearing.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 517 BRYSON AVE., LOTS 8B AND 9A, BLOCK 25 – PARK HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION
OWNER – DON GORDON**

Chairman Murphree opened up the discussion as to what action to take. Member Hope made a motion to monitor the progress over the next 30 days. Member Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 401 REYNOLDS, LOT 1, BLOCK 4 – T PARMER SUR, PINEOAK SUBDIVISION
OWNERS – BRANDON & CHERRY POWELL**

Chairman Murphree opened up the discussion asking if representatives/owners were present for the hearing. None were present. After discussion, the Building Inspector Ralph Carrington stated that no progress has been made, a citation has been issued and the final warning letter has gone out from the court. It was suggested that the Building Inspector Ralph Carrington could issue nuisance letters for non-substandard property issues and he visit the lien holders' office as well to see if they will respond to this office. Chairman Murphree closed the Public Hearing.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 401 REYNOLDS, LOT 1, BLOCK 4 – T PARMER SUR, PINEOAK SUBDIVISION
OWNERS – BRANDON & CHERRY POWELL**

Chairman Murphree opened up discussion on **401 REYNOLDS**. After discussion a motion was made by member Craig and seconded by member Galvan for staff to speak directly with the lien holder and continue to cite the owner. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 706 WEST SCOTT ST., LOT 2, BLOCK 1, AB 797, T PARMER SUR, WEST HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION
OWNER – MARIA ANGUIANO**

Chairman Murphree opened up the discussion asking if representatives/owners were present for the hearing. None were present. Building Inspector Ralph Carrington stated that the owner's son had contacted him and that he was trying to finish up securing the structure by finishing boarding of windows and he planned to also submit a permit application to remodel the structure. The Commission reviewed the current photos. Chairman Murphree closed the Public Hearing.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 706 WEST SCOTT ST., LOT 2, BLOCK 1, AB 797, T PARMER SUR, WEST HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION
OWNER – MARIA ANGUIANO**

Chairman Murphree opened up discussion on **706 WEST SCOTT ST.** Member Rosenberg made a motion to issue a citation if needed or progress does not continue. Monitor progress over the next 14 days. The motion was seconded by Member Craig. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 408 MAPLE, LOT 1A AND 2A, BLOCK 3 - WEST HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION
OWNER – RICHARD AND ROCIO REYES**

Chairman Murphree opened up the discussion asking if representatives/owners were present for the hearing. None were present. It was discussed that a citation has been issued and a final warning letter has been sent out by the court. The Commission asked if staff can get a total amount fined by the court from the past 5 citations issued for Substandard Structures and see if it is possible to get warrants that allow access to a property. Chairman Murphree closed us out of the hearing phase and into the Action phase.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 408 MAPLE, LOT 1A AND 2A, BLOCK 3 - WEST HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION
OWNER – RICHARD AND ROCIO REYES**

Chairman Murphree opened up discussion on **408 MAPLE**. Member Craig made a motion to look at possibly getting a warrant to access the property for inspection and issue more citations. The motion was seconded by Member Hope. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 839 N. PRAIRIEVILLE ST., LOTS 9B/9B1 & 9B2, BLOCK 103 – ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION OWNER – HENRY LEE WILLIAMS

Chairman Murphree opened up discussion on **839 N. PRAIRIEVILLE ST.** It was discussed that the deterioration of the structure has increased significantly and it was asked by the Commission, whether to issue citations or orders from the Commission or possibly install a fence around the perimeter for public safety concerns. Chairman Murphree closed the Public Hearing.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 839 N. PRAIRIEVILLE ST., LOTS 9B/9B1 & 9B2, BLOCK 103 – ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION OWNER – HENRY LEE WILLIAMS

Chairman Murphree opened up discussion on **839 N. PRAIRIEVILLE ST.** Member Rosenberg made a motion to prepare paperwork to have a warrant issued to secure the property with fencing and issue a citation to the property owner plus bring this property back for discussion at the next scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Craig. The motion carried unanimously.

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.)

Aaron F. Smith was in attendance and stated to the Commission that he appreciated all we are doing and that he learned a lot from attending the meeting.

REVIEW THE CURRENT SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LIST

The list was reviewed and Member Craig stated that it is good that the list is getting shorter.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

None mentioned.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

Billy Murphree, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ralph Carrington, Building Inspector