

MINUTES
BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
MAY 16, 2012

Members Present: John McNatt, Robert Reeves, John Graham, Doug McLean, Diana Bertini

Members Absent: J.T. Edward

Staff Present: Donna Fairweather, Assistant City Attorney, Debbie Stark, David Ewald, Ron Penn

Also Present: Mark Stevens, Minri Tran, Eddie Jones, Jr., Linda Villarreal, Calvin Singleton, Jr.

Declaration of Conflict: None

Minutes from April 18, 2012 were approved with a correction showing Mr. Reeves was present instead of absent on one of the cases, motion was made by Mr. Reeves, seconded by Mr. McLean and the vote passed unanimously

1213 31st Street Staff explained that this went before the commission back before Hurricane Ike, but a new unsafe notice was sent. Staff report was read and pictures were shown with the Building Official outlining the code violations. Mark Stevens, Attorney for the owner was present for the hearing. Mr. Stevens said he would see about getting an engineer's report on the structure so that the owner can decide on what to do. After some discussion, motion was made by Mr. Graham that the structure was a dangerous structure, seconded by Mr. McLean and the vote passed unanimously. Motion was made by Mr. Graham that the violations exist in Exhibit A, seconded by Mr. McLean and the vote passed unanimously. Motion was made by Mr. Graham, for owner to clean property of all debris by May 25, 2012, by June 1, 2012 owner is to have obtained all required permits, if owner chooses to renovate/repair, the owner shall provide an Engineer's report to staff and owner is to initiate repair or demolition of the property by June 11, 2012, seconded by Mr. Reeves and the vote passed unanimously.

In Favor: McNatt, Reeves, Graham, McLean, Bertini

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Edwards

3207 Avenue M1/2 Staff explained that this was the first time before the Commission. Staff report was read and pictures were shown with the Building Official outlining the code violations. Owner was present for the hearing. Calvin Singleton, Jr. was present for the hearing, he explained that he really would

like to repair the structure, a timeline was submitted for the Commission and after some discussion a motion was made by Mr. McLean deeming the structure dangerous, seconded by Mr. Graham and the vote passed unanimously. Motion was made by Mr. McLean that the violations exist as outlined in Exhibit A, seconded by Mr. Reeves and the vote passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. McLean to accept timeline presented by owner, the owner is to supply an Engineer's report by June 16, 2012, begin repairs within 30 days from June 16, 2012, and repairs to be completed within 90 days from day of hearing, seconded by Mr. Reeves and the vote passed unanimously.

In Favor: McNatt, Reeves, Graham, McLean, Bertini
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Edwards

2801 Avenue H

Staff explained that this was the first time before the Commission. Staff report was read and pictures were shown with the Building Official outlining the code violations. The owner Eddie Jones, Jr. was present and stated that he had done some repairs on structure. He explained after the storm he has not been able to, but he wanted to repair the structure, after some discussion a motion was made by Mr. Graham deeming the structure dangerous, seconded by Mr. McLean and the vote passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Graham stating that the violations in Exhibit A do exist, seconded by Mr. McLean and the vote passed unanimously. A Motion was made by Mr. Graham that by June 16, 2012, the owner is to obtain a building permit to either repair or demolish structure, shall also provide a structural engineers letter on the structure and if the owner chose to repair the property within 45 days from the date of the hearing repairs shall begin and the owner if he chose to demolish structure within 15 days from date of hearing, owner is to obtain demolition permit and have structure demolished no later than July 16, 2012, seconded by Mr. McLean and the vote passed unanimously.

In Favor: McNatt, Reeves, Graham, McLean, Bertini
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Edwards

712 29th Street

Staff explained that this was the first time before the Commission. Staff report was read and pictures were shown with the Building Official outlining the code violations. Owner was not present for the hearing, but family attorney, Minh Tran was present. Mr. Tran explained that the owner is very sick and that the family was not aware of the structure's conditions and would work on deciding on what to do with structure, but needed more time. After some discussion a motion was made by Mr. Reeves to table the

case, seconded by Ms. Bertini and the vote passed unanimously with Mr. McNatt against the vote.

In Favor: Reeves, Graham, McLean, Bertini
Against: McNatt
Abstain: None
Absent: Edwards

110 14th Street.

Staff explained that this was the first time before the Commission. Staff report was read and pictures were shown with the Building Official outlining the code violations. Ms. Villarreal was present for the meeting and she stated that she is heir of the owners, but she lost the documents since the storm and has been working on trying to get the papers, staff explained that it was never filed in County Clerk's office. After some discussion a motion was made by Mr. McLean deeming the structure unsafe, seconded by Mr. Graham and the vote passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. McLean stating that the violations exist in Exhibit A, seconded by Mr. Reeves and the vote passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. McLean that within 60 days from date of hearing, owner is to acquire permit to repair or demolish the structure, if owner chose demolition within 15 days of acquiring permit the demolition work should begin.

In Favor: McNatt, Reeves, Graham, McLean, Bertini
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Edwards

Update of structures previously addressed by the Commission. 2125 Church. Owner submitted Engineers letter on the wall as requested, but after further review a the Building Official said that he would like wind load calculations of upper most portion of east wall. A motion was made by Mr. McNatt for owner to provide the wind load calculations letter within 30 days from date of hearing, seconded by Mr. Reeves and the vote passed unanimously.

In Favor: McNatt, Reeves, Graham, McLean, Bertini
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Edwards

Public Comment: there was none.

Motion was made by Mr. Reeves and seconded by Mr. McLean to adjourn at 5:45p.m.

