

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 16, 2015

The Substandard Buildings Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on **Monday, March 16, 2015 at 5:30** p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Athens City Hall Annex with the following members present to-wit:

Tere Lawyer
Billy Murphree
Tilo Galvan
Tim Jones

Sheila Garrett, Public Health & Safety Coordinator
Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning & Development

with the following member absent: Will Traxson.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lawyer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Member Jones, seconded by Member Galvan to re-elect Tere Lawyer as Chairman of the Substandard Buildings Commission and to re-elect Billy Murphree as Vice Chairman of the Substandard Buildings Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2015
REGULAR SESSION.**

A motion was made by Member Murphree, seconded by Member Galvan to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2015 Regular Session, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 401 ST. JOSEPH, LOT 22, BLOCK 1 - FAIRVIEW SUBDIVISION
OWNER NELLIE B BROWN**

Sheila Garrett, Public Health & Safety Coordinator, explained to the Commission that the structure was addressed several years ago with the property owner's son, George Brown. Mr. Brown informed the Commission that Nellie B Brown is deceased, and that he would board the structure and make the needed renovations. Ms. Garrett stated that shortly thereafter, Mr. Brown passed away and the structure remained boarded and secured until last year. Ms. Garrett explained that the property was re-addressed in February 2014 to Shirley Andrews, daughter of the Nellie B Brown. Ms. Andrews' children attended the hearing stating that Ms. Andrews is elderly, ill and unable to attend the hearing. Ms. Andrews' children had only recently become aware of the property and requested time to make a decision as to what to do with the structure. The Commission had granted the family thirty (30) days. The family posted the structure For Sale. Ms. Garrett informed the Commission after the six-month period that the Ordinance allows property owners trying to sell the structure was up, another family member came forward with the request to try to sell the property. Ms. Garrett stated the six-month time frame is up and the structure continues to deteriorate and there are reports of vagrants squatting at the property. Ms. Garrett stated that staff recommends the property be condemned and the structure demolished.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 401 ST. JOSEPH, LOT 22, BLOCK 1 - FAIRVIEW SUBDIVISION
OWNER NELLIE B BROWN**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Member Murphree, seconded by Member Jones to condemn the structure. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 211 WILLIAMS STREET, LOTS 7B & 8A, BLOCK 14 - BISHOP HEIGHTS
SUBDIVISION
OWNER MOODY & A V BLANTON**

Item tabled

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 211 WILLIAMS STREET, LOTS 7B & 8A, BLOCK 14 - BISHOP HEIGHTS
SUBDIVISION
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No Action

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 409 BROADMORE, LOT 5, BLOCK 1 - FAIRVIEW SUBDIVISION
OWNER BETTYE J BULLIN**

Sheila Garrett presented the Commission with a letter from property owner Bettye J Bullin which states that due to her bad health she now lives in Dallas with her daughter. Ms. Bullin's letter stated she has been trying to locate a contractor to make the needed repairs. Ms. Bullin's letter also states this house belonged to her mother and it's all she has left from her mother.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED
AT 409 BROADMORE, LOT 5, BLOCK 1 - FAIRVIEW SUBDIVISION
OWNER BETTYE J BULLIN**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Member Galvan, seconded by Member Murphree to table any action for ninety (90) days to allow Ms. Bullin time to locate a contractor for needed repairs. The motion passed 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.)**

There was no discussion.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 20th DAY OF APRIL 2015.

Tere Lawyer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sheila Garrett