

REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 17, 2011

The Substandard Buildings Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on **Monday, October 17, 2011 at 5:30** p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Athens City Hall Annex with the following members present to-wit:

Bruce Hinds, Chairman
Monte Montgomery, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Steven Helf
Tere Lawyer

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Officer
Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning and Development
Ronnie Denton, Fire Marshall

with the following member absent: Geneva Jaffa

Others present: Jerry Don Vaught

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hinds.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2011
REGULAR SESSION**

A motion was made by Member Helf, seconded by Member Montgomery, to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2011 Regular Session. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
904 EAST TYLER, (GARAGE) LOT 1A, BLOCK 120 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER JOHN C. CAIN**

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Officer, informed the Commission that Mr. Cain could not attend the meeting, but had submitted a written scope of work, which states that Mr. Cain has hired a contractor to remove the garage and the two outbuildings behind the main house and the work should begin within the next two or three weeks.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
904 EAST TYLER, (GARAGE) LOT 1A, BLOCK 120 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER JOHN C. CAIN**

A motion was made by Member Helf, seconded by Member Montgomery to allow Mr. Cain thirty (30) days to have the structures demolished. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
908 CHURCH STREET, TRACT 182 (RE: LT 43P) - T PARMER SURVEY
OWNER JOHN R. MANEY**

Ms. Garrett informed the Commission that Mr. Maney has demolished the structure.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
908 CHURCH STREET, TRACT 182 (RE: LT 43P) - T PARMER SURVEY
OWNER JOHN R. MANEY**

No action necessary.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
909 CHURCH STREET, TRACT 171, (RE: LT 43H) - T PARMER SURVEY
OWNER EVA HANKS**

Ms. Garrett informed the Commission that Eva Hanks' grandson, David Hanks, has made contact with her by phone and email. Mr. Hanks' email was presented to the Commission which states that Eva Hanks is deceased and there is some question of ownership of the property which the family is in the process of determining. Mr. Hanks' email states that the family is going to board the structure within the next thirty (30) days to secure it from public access and once the ownership is identified the structure will either be sold or demolished.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
909 CHURCH STREET, TRACT 171, (RE: LT 43H) - T PARMER SURVEY
OWNER EVA HANKS**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Chairman Hinds, seconded by Member Helf to allow the Hanks' family thirty (30) days to board the structure to secure it from public access. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
715 HAMLETT STREET, LOT 19, BLOCK 113 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER WILLIE V. THOMPSON ESTATE C/O ARLENE RAINEY**

Ms. Garrett informed the Commission that Arlene Rainey could not attend the meeting but had contacted with her and Ms. Rainey stated she is not financially able to renovate the structure or to have the structure demolished. The property had belonged to her aunt who is now deceased.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
715 HAMLETT STREET, LOT 19, BLOCK 113 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION
OWNER WILLIE V. THOMPSON ESTATE C/O ARLENE RAINEY**

A motion was made by Member Montgomery, seconded by Member Helf to condemn the structure and post it for demolition. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
814 ENGLAND STREET, LOTS 7 & 8, BLOCK 3 - POWER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION
OWNER FANNIE MAE FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION**

Ms. Garrett informed the Commission that there has been no response from Fannie Mae at this time. Ms. Garrett stated that the letter notifying Fannie Mae of the meeting had been signed for and the certified green card returned. Ms. Garrett stated she has left messages with the legal department of the Dallas office of Fannie Mae that is listed on the Henderson County Appraisal District as the owner but has not heard back from them.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
814 ENGLAND STREET, LOTS 7 & 8, BLOCK 3 - POWER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION
OWNER FANNIE MAE FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Member Montgomery, seconded by Member Helf to condemn the structure and post it for demolition. The motion carried unanimously.

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There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011.

Bruce Hinds, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Officer