

**REGULAR SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

The Substandard Buildings Commission of the City of Athens, Texas met in Regular Session on **Monday, September 19, 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  
Geneva Jaffa

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

with the following member absent: Tere Lawyer

Others present: Jerry Don Vaught, Carol Barton, and other interested persons;

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 AUGUST 15, 2011.**

A motion was made by Member Montgomery, seconded by Member Helf, to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2011 Regular Session. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 313 NORTH PRAIRIEVILLE, LOT 7A & 8A, BLOCK 22 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION  
OWNER GARLAND POOL JR. & DOLORES HOPSON HERRINGTON**

Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Officer, stated Mr. Pool and Mrs. Herrington have submitted the certified engineered drawings of the roof to be placed on structure and Mr. Pool also brought the Letter of Certification as requested by Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning and Development to the meeting to be reviewed by the Commission in order that the Commission may set the time-frame for the installation of the roof.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 313 NORTH PRAIRIEVILLE, LOT 7A & 8A, BLOCK 22 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION  
OWNER GARLAND POOL JR. & DOLORES HOPSON HERRINGTON**

A motion was made by Member Montgomery, seconded by Member Helf to allow sixty (60) days for the installation of the roof on property located at 313 North Pinkerton. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 723 HAMLETT, LOT 17, BLOCK 113 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION  
OWNER BETTE JACKSON c/o O.T. JACKSON**

Ms. Garrett informed the Commission that this item had been tabled last month at the request of property owner Mr. Jackson, to allow time for Mr. Jackson to travel to Texas from Colorado so that he could see the structure himself before making a decision of renovation or demolition.

O.T. Jackson, property owner, addressed the Commission and requested four (4) months to complete the renovations. Mr. Jackson stated he has started the clean-up around the structure and is evaluating the cost of the renovation. He brought his carpenter from Colorado with him and they both feel the house can be renovated.

Member Montgomery explained that the Substandard Building ordinance gives the Commission the authority to allow only ninety (90) days for renovation. Member Helf questioned the cost of the renovations and if that would total more than fifty (50%) percent of the value of the house.

Mr. Jackson stated he did not know what the cost of renovation will be as of today, he is still in the process of making that determination. Mr. Jackson stated if he couldn't have the four (4) months for the renovation, then he will have to have the structure torn down.

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OWNER BETTE JACKSON c/o O.T. JACKSON**

A motion was made by Member Montgomery, seconded by Member Jaffa to allow Mr. Jackson thirty (30) days to evaluate and make the decision on renovating the structure or demolition of the structure and an additional sixty (60) days to complete either the renovation or demolition of the structure. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT  
2051 LIVE OAK DRIVE, LOTS 22B & 23, BLOCK 14 - WEST HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION  
OWNER CUTBURTO & AMELIA IBARRA**

Ms. Garrett reported to the Commission that the structure appears to be used for storage.

Cutburto Ibarra, property owner, was present and informed the Commission he wants to tear down the structure.

**DISCUSS/CONSIDER ACTION ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT  
2051 LIVE OAK DRIVE, LOTS 22B & 23, BLOCK 14 - WEST HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION  
OWNER CUTBURTO & AMELIA IBARRA**

A motion was made by Member Jaffa, seconded by Member Helf to allow thirty (30) days for demolition of the structure. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE LOCATED AT  
701 WEST COLLEGE, LOT 1, BLOCK 86 - ORIGINAL TOWN SUBDIVISION  
OWNER PEDRO & MARIA CARRILLO**

Ms. Garrett informed the Commission that Mr. Carrillo built a soccer field on his property and was to renovate this structure to be used for the restrooms. The renovations were never made and it appears this structure is used for storage. Ms. Garrett reported that Mr. Carrillo has begun the renovations since he received the notice for the meeting.

Pedro Carrillo, property owner, was present and addressed the Commission stating that he has begun renovation. Mr. Carrillo stated he has secured the structure from public access, boarded all the windows with only one door used for access into the structure which is locked. Mr. Carrillo stated he has painted the structure. Mr. Carrillo stated he would like to donate the structure to a family in need.

Member Montgomery questioned Mr. Carrillo regarding the underpinning and the condition of the back of the structure. Mr. Carrillo stated he has ordered the metal for the underpinning and the back is in the process of being repaired.

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A motion was made by Member Jaffa, seconded by Member Montgomery to allow Mr. Carrillo thirty (30) days to complete the renovations. 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 reported to the Commission this structure has been vacant since 2009 and is currently owned by Fannie Mae Federal National Mortgage Association. Ms. Garrett reported there has been no response from Fannie Mae and recommends no action be taken at this time so more research can be done.

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No action was taken.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN**

There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011.**

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Bruce Hinds, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sheila Garrett, Code Enforcement Officer