

CITY OF SANTA FE
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION

APRIL 4, 2011

CITY OF SANTA FE COUNCIL CHAMBERS HIGHWAY 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Present: Scott Eckenrode, Fred Sandberg, Robert Watts and Jason Tabor. Community Services Director Diana Steelquist, Community Services Assistant Stacey Baker, and Building Official Benny Davis were present at the meeting. Absent: Mark Mozoch, Erik Montemayor

3. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Invocation was led by Mr. Eckenrode and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Tabor.

4. **Approval of Minutes of the Building Standards Commission for March 7, 2011.**

Minutes were approved with a motion from Mr. Tabor and a second from Mr. Eckenrode. None of the Commissioners objected to the minutes, and the minutes were approved.

5. **Public Hearing, Consideration and Possible Action determining substandard structures, as listed below, pursuant to City Code Chapter 3, Section 11: determining order for demolition, partial demolition, repair, renovation, or remodeling of any structure found to be substandard.**

Public hearing opened at 7:10 p.m.

- a) 3033 FM 646 North – House – Mr. Davis advised that the owner of the property, Marie A. English, was unable to attend the hearing. He advised that Mrs. English spoke to him over the phone and agreed to have the city demolish the structure. She also agreed to return a signed and notarized copy of the necessary waiver needed by the City of Santa Fe to abate the property, including demolishing the structure, waiving further notice of action taken by the City of Santa Fe, and acknowledging a lien was going to be placed on the property for the abatement.

Public hearing closed at 7:15 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Eckenrode and seconded by Mr. Watts to approve the staff's recommendation to move forward with the demolition of the structure. The motion passed unanimously.

Public hearing opened at 7:16 pm.

- b) 15839 Hwy 6 – House – The new owners of the property, Sergio and Armandina Botello, announced they were present. The new owners stated that they would like to have some time to determine what they would like to do with the structure, get the well and septic tested, and report findings to the city with a timeline of reconstruction or demolition of the structure. Mr. Davis also advised that the side setback was 10 feet and the structure was setback at 9 feet. Ms. Steelquist advised that the materials used for the roof support was not up to code. Mr. Davis advised that this structure was also across from the High School and needed to be tended to soon. Mr. Davis and Mrs. Baker advised the owners that they should proceed with the research and meet and report back to them as soon as possible with agreement of the committee. Mr. and Mrs. Botello also stated they paid the taxes and made changes at the tax office.

Public hearing closed at 7:40 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Tabor and seconded by Mr. Eckenrode for the owners to return within 60 days with a report concerning the property and structure. The motion was passed unanimously.

Public hearing opened at 7:42 pm.

- c) 12321 22nd St. – House – The owner of the property, Lisa Mullins aka Lisa Stevens, was present at the hearing. She stated she wanted to keep the house and it had a lot of sentimental value. Mr. Davis and Mrs. Baker advised the committee of the condition of the property. The owner stated she was trying to get assistance through FEMA and Galveston County Housing Authority because some of the damages to the property happened during Hurricane Ike. She received an estimate of \$49,000.00 to renovate the house. Mr. Davis advised that the house cannot be energized as is and she needed to receive the necessary permits to renovate the structure. The owner stated she was going to receive assistance from the authorities. Ms. Steelquist advised everyone that this house created nuisances and was also a fire hazard due to exposed wiring. The owner stated that the roof was only 10 years old and the floor was also in good shape. Mr. Davis advised this house was across from the baseball field and that city water and sewer was available at this location. The owner stressed she wanted to correct all the

violations necessary to keep the structure and asked the committee for time to renovate the structure by replacing windows, doors, rotten wood, ect., and to maintain the property in proper order within 90 days, then she would continue with the inside of the house.

Public hearing closed at 8:05 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Watts and seconded by Mr. Eckenrode for the owner to correct the hazardous violations, improve the appearance of the structure, and to clean the property. The motion was passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Fred Sandberg, Chairperson

Diana Steelquist, Community Services Director