

CITY OF SANTA FE
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
MAY 11, 2009

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: Robert Watts, Scott Eckenrode, Fred Sandberg, and Mark Mazoch. Community Services Director Diana Steelquist, Community Services Assistant Brandi Flisowski, and Building Official Benny Davis were present at the meeting. Eric Montemayor was absent and Neal Young resigned.

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

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Scott Eckenrode.

4. **Approval of Minutes of the Planning & Zoning meeting of February 10, 2009.**

Minutes were approved with a motion from Robert Watts and a second from Scott Eckenrode. None of the Commissioners objected to the minutes, and the minutes were approved.

5. **Consideration and Possible Action regarding Preliminary inquiries docket into present conditions and circumstances of the following buildings or structures alleged to be substandard:**

- a. 2002 Ave. Q - House
- b. 1909 Ave. Q – Garage
- c. 5801 FM 646 S – Mobile Home and House
- d. 1924 Ave. Q – Garage and Well House
- e. 3300 Cemetery – Garage or Barn
- f. 12850 Parrish St. – Mobile Home
- g. 11923 16th Street – Mobile Home
- h. 13209 4 ½ Street – Barn
- i. 3126 Ave Q – Shed
- j. 16861 Hwy 6 – Mobile Home
- k. 3701 Ave E ½ - Barn

- l. 4120 Ave O #16 – Mobile Home
- m. 4120 Ave O #41 – Mobile Home

Commissioners asked how much it cost for us to clean up the properties. Benny Davis explained that they have to pay for the legal fees, title search, and demolition and clean up, plus 10% interest. Mr. Davis explained that we have to go through each step in the ordinance before we can use city tax dollars to clean up the property.

Fred Sandberg asked about the property at 5801 FM 646 South. He explained that when he went by there were people living in the house. Mr. Davis explained that he and Brandi went to talk to the people living in the house and that they are working on settling the estate before they began fixing the properties.

Motion was made by Robert Watts that all the buildings on the agenda were considered substandard and the board will move forward with sending out letters to inform the property owners of their responsibilities, second by Scott Eckenrode. Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Staff Report on Substandard Buildings from previous agenda:

Mr. Davis explained that when each property has been cleaned up we will take pictures and report it to the board. He explained that we will also send the property owners a letter thanking them for cleaning up the properties.

Mark Mazoch asked if anyone else has responded to the previous letters we had sent out. Mr. Davis explained that we have had great response from our letters. He explained that we had three property owners that had already started the process cleaning the properties up.

7. Property Owner report on substandard buildings from previous agenda:

Paul Forcade of 15835 Hwy 6, asked for an extension until August 1st to have his property cleaned up. Board gave him his extension with a motion from Robert Watts and seconded by Mark Mazoch.

John Glasin of 2809 FM 646 S., explained that in about three weeks he will be able to get started on cleaning up the mobile home(s). He expressed that all but one of his mobile homes were still in livable condition. Mr. Davis explained that the only mobile home that may be in good condition is the one in the front. Mr. Glasin agreed that one mobile home was demolished by the storm and he plans to remove that mobile home but that the other mobile homes are still in livable condition. Mr. Davis explained to the commissioners that Mr. Glasin's property was zoned MH or Manufactured Home use and if he moved any of these homes he would not be held to the 90 day rule. Ms. Diana Steelquist suggested that the board give him until the Public Hearing in June to make some type of progress on the property and present it to the board at the June meeting. At that time, the

commissioners will give him a date as to how long he will have to remove the mobile home(s) from the property. Mr. Steelquist also suggested that between now and the June meeting Mr. Glasin will need to make arrangements for Mr. Davis to come tour the mobile homes to see if any of them are salvageable.

8. Schedule of future meetings:

Next meeting will be on June 8, 2009.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Fred Sandberg, Associate Chairperson

Diana Steelquist
Community Services Director