

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND



The Building and Standards Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met on March 26, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting was held at 600 Morton Street, Richmond Annex Meeting Room.

A-1 Albert Davis called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. A quorum was present and verified by Secretary David Reese, with the following members in attendance:

Commission Members Present:

David Reese  
Robert Hodge  
Albert Davis  
Joe Garcia  
Elise Kaufman

City Staff Present:

Albert Cantu- Fire Marshal/Building Inspector and City Liaison  
Kay Moss-Inspector

A-2 Public Comments-

No public comments. Albert Davis read statement on Texas Open Meetings Act and Public comments.

A-3 Minutes for the January 22, 2018 meeting were read and approved. Motion given by David Reese, second by Robert Hodge, motion carried.

A-4 Elect Vice-Chairman and Secretary:

Motion made to elect 1) Elise Kaufman as vice-Chairman and 2) David Reese as Secretary.

- 1) Motion for Elise Kaufman as Vice-Chairman, motion by David Reese, second by Robert Hodge. Motion carried.
- 2) Motion for David Reese as Secretary, motion by Albert Davis, second by Robert Hodge, motion carried.

A-5 The commission to discuss follow ups for properties found to be in violation.

A 5.10 701 Lettie Street-Dangerous Structure

Representative Jose Martinez was present. Albert Cantu stated that the house is unstable and collapsing in places. Only some of the windows are boarded up. Mr. Martinez now plans to demolish the house and will get City permits. Mr. Martinez plans to complete within 60 days. Motion allowed to representative until May 29, 2018 meeting to return with a progress report. Motion by: David Reese, second by Robert Hodge.

A 5.8 1015 Preston Street-Dangerous Structure

Owner Present. Albert Cantu stated that the owner just submitted plans to remodel. The City needs time to review. Albert recommended allowing the owner until May 29, 2018 meeting to return with a progress report. Motion by: Robert Hodge, second by David Reese. Motion carried.

A 5.7 1104 South Third Street-Dangerous Structure

Owner Mr. Alvarez is present. Albert Cantu stated that the owner is showing progress. The house has been levelled and owner did get a permit, lacks termite shields. Mr. Alvarez stated he is progressing as funds allow. Mr. Cantu stated the City is satisfied with the progress. Motion to allow owner until May 29, 2018 meeting to return with a progress report. Motion by: Robert Hodge, second by David Reese. Motion carried.

A 5.1 406 Burnett Street-Dangerous Structure

Albert Cantu stated that he and Kay Moss visited owner and looked at the house. The house is looking better. They recommended that the owner concentrate on the exterior of the house and the owner agreed. No action necessary.

A 5.2 & 5.5 1621 George Ave. & 307 Riveredge-Dangerous Structure

Same owner, Laurel Wendt. No progress has been made on either properties. Albert Cantu stated he has send out a violation notice to the owner. Albert will report to committee at May 29, 2018 meeting with progress report.

A 5.3 507 Travis (Rear)-Dangerous Structure

Albert stated owner is showing progress. House is repairable. Owner is working on plans to submit for permits.

A 5.4 509 Fannin Street-Dangerous Structure

House is demolished. Still needs to remove the final debris. Owner is making progress.

A 5.6 314 Mellon Street-Dangerous Structure

Albert stated he has seen the house. House is not in to bad of condition. The owner will finish the inside and re-roof. Albert will report progress at the next meeting.

A 5.9 1002 Rufus-Dangerous Structure

Albert contacted the owner. The owner says the City can demolish the house. The City if proceeding to take bids then demolish and place a lien on the property.

A-6 The commission review and take action on the dangerous buildings found to be in violation.

A 6.1 610 Fields Street-Dangerous Structure

Owner Mr. Washington is present. Albert Cantu stated that the porch is now falling in. The letter process was sent out to the previous owner contact, which was incorrect. Now the letters are going to Mr. Washington. The property needs to be mowed and cleaned up. The City recently investigated something dead on the

property. It appeared to be a dead dog. The house needs to be properly secured. Motion to allow owner until May 29, 2018 meeting to set appointment with the City of assess the property, mow, clean, secure and report to meeting with a progress report and plan. Motion by: Robert Hodge, second by David Reese. Motion carried.

A 6.2 & 6.3 1612 George Ave. & 1616 George Ave.- Dangerous Structure

Owner Lionel Harrison was present. Albert Cantu stated that the letters have been sent out. The owner has contacted the City. Both houses need repair. The owner does not yet have a clear title. Albert Cantu recommended we allow more time to obtain clear title and develop a plan of action. Motion to allow owner until May 29, 2018 meeting to return with a progress report. Motion by David Reese, second by Robert Hodge. Motion carried.

A 6.4 25 Avenue A- Dangerous Structure

Albert reported that Attack Poverty has demolished the house and cleaned up for the owner.

A 6.5 508 Mabel Street- Dangerous Structure

Albert Cantu stated that the City has tried to contact the owner without success. Letters have been sent out. Motion made to send 30 day notice to repair property or demolish. Motion by: David Reese, second by Robert Hodge. Motion carried.

A-7 Upcoming addresses for consideration by commission.

A 7.5 206 Collins Road

Owner Mr. Evans was present. Albert Cantu stated the City needs to inspect the property. The letter process has started. The owner responded right away. The owner stated that the trailer is only being used for storage and his is trying to clean up the property. No action necessary.

A 7.1 907 Fields Street

Kay Moss has contacted the owner and seen the house. Letter process has started. The house is in very poor condition. No action necessary.

A 7.2 312 Fannin Street

Letter process is started. The owner has begun demolition but still needs to take out a permit. No action necessary.

A 7.3 1117 Lydia Street

Albert inspected the house. He stated that it is repairable. The letter process has started. The owner has not secured yet. Motion made to allow the City to secure the house. Motion by: Robert Hodge, second by David Reese. Motion carried.

A 7.4 1404 Preston Street

Letter process has been started. House is secure. Owner has hired a demolition company and awaiting demolition. Will be demolished by June. No action necessary.

A-8 Approval of next scheduled meeting

Motion to hold the next scheduled meeting set for May 29, 2018 at 4:30PM. Motion by Robert Hodge, Second by David Reese. Motion carried.

A-9 Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. Motion by Robert Hodge, Second by David Reese. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



David Reese

ATTEST



Albert Cantu