

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND



The Building and Standards Commission for the City of Richmond, Texas met on March 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting was held at 600 Morton Street, Richmond Annex Meeting Room.

Norma Cavazos, Building and Standards Chair Person called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Board Members Present:

Norma Cavazos
Bobby Reyes
Jim Jackson
David Reese
Adan Perez
Albert Davis – Alternate

Albert Cantu – Fire Marshal and City Liaison

Assistant Police Chief – Dixie Brzozowski

Attorney – Gary Smith

A-2 Public comments section, Richmond resident, Ms. Bobby Williams who resides on Yorktown commented on the poor conditions of 1209 Yorktown. Ms. Williams also advised the Commission on other issues such as large trucks parked on the side of the street minimizing driving access on her street. Asst. Chief Brzozowski advised Ms. Williams she will check into it. She also expressed a concern of oil being dumped in the ditch next door to her. I advised her that we will have an Inspector check the area and attempt to get the oil cleaned.

A-3 Minutes for the February 8, 2016 meeting were read and approved by the commission.

A-4 The Commission elected a Vice Chair to take over the meeting in the absence of the Chairperson, Mr. Albert Davis volunteered to except the position of Vice Chair. Mr. Jim Jackson made a motion and second by Mr. Bobby Reyes motion carried with Mr. Davis elected as Vice Chair of the Building and Standards Commission.

A-5 The Commission elected a Secretary to take notes of the meetings, Mr. David Reese volunteered to except the position of Secretary. Mr. Albert Davis made a motion and second by Mr. Jim Jackson motion carried with Mr. Reese elected as Secretary of the Building and Standards Commission.

A-6 The BSC held hearings on a few addresses brought in front of them by Albert Cantu, Fire Marshal/Building Inspector. Mr. Cantu explained the issues of each property for discussion.

A-6.1 and A 6.3 were heard first. Both properties are owned by the same owner. With the property owners deceased Mr. Louis Thompson and Mrs. Sadae Jackson with Catholic Charities represented the property. Mr. Thompson has been paying taxes on this property for 13 years,

however does not have clear title for this property and at this time not able to make any decisions. Mr. Thompson advised that he has 17 siblings with no clue on how he can obtain a clear title. Mr. Cantu advised that he will assist Mr. Thompson with gathering information on how to obtain a clear title and will report to the Commission on the next meeting. Mr. Thompson advised the BSC that he will clean the property located at 802 Fields Street by the next meeting date. He also stated that he has been in contact with the Habitat for Humanity for assistance the help with 800 Fields Street which has been declared a dangerous building. Mr. Thompson will report his findings on the next meeting.

A-6.1 Present for this address was Mrs. Delores Stiegel niece and Power of Attorney of her uncle R.J. Washington who owns the property. The property was rented out by her nephew without the knowledge of both the POW and the Property Owner. With several issues with the property not meeting the minimum housing standards as set forth by the City Ordinance this house was declared a dangerous structure. The city posted notices on the building to not allow any occupancy. House was secured by the POW to not allow any access. Mr. Cantu advised that this structure is repairable. Mrs. Stiegel advised that she has approached several organizations to help with repairing this house with no success. The BSC allowed Mrs. Stiegel more time to seek assistance to obtain help with repairing this structure. She is to report by next BSC meeting.

A 6.6 1209 Yorktown had no representation, this structure was involved in a fire and has been totally gutted and needs to be removed stated Mr. Cantu. Notices have been placed on the property. Motion was given by Mr. Albert Davis to post a 30-day notice in the local paper and structure to see if someone will come forth to responsibility of the property, second by Mr. Jim Jackson motion carried.

A 6.4 and A6.5 which both properties are owned by the same person. Mrs. Odessa Williams property owner and her Grandson Darrel Cobbin was present. 1st to discuss was 810 Maiden Lane Rear which is a 2-story apartment which has been declared as a dangerous building. BSC recommended that Mrs. Odessa Williams seek assistance from outside organizations to assist with the removal of the structure. Mrs. Williams advised that the structure was in good condition, the BSC advised her to obtain an inspection by a Licensed Structural Engineer to advise if this building will be able to be repaired. Mr. Williams is to report on the next meeting. A 6.5 Mr. Cantu stated that this building may be repairable and will not be able to give a definite yes until the structure has been totally gutted and inspected by the City Inspectors. Mrs. Williams and her Grandson advised they will gut the structure and call for inspection. Mrs. Williams was advised to have inspected by the next meeting date.

A-8 Next meeting was scheduled for Monday April 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

A-9 Motion to adjourn by David Reese and second by Jim Jackson meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST

Albert Cantu

Norma Cavazos, Chair

Albert Davis, Vice-Chair

