

**CITY OF EL PASO
BUILDING & STANDARDS COMMISSION BOARD PANEL "A"
2ND FLOOR, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 26, 2010
5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

The Building & Standards Commission Panel "A" held a public hearing in City Council Chambers, 2nd floor of the City Hall Building on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Board Members Present:

Michael Bray (Chairman)
Linda Vick
Robert Filarski
Tommy Razloznic
Gregory Bowling

Others Present:

Bill Stern, Deputy Building Official
Cynthia Osborn, Assistant City Attorney
Tom Maguire, Chief Building Inspector
Robert Gonzalez, Residential Inspector
Sergio Melendez, Building Combination
Inspector Supervisor
Nancy Spencer, Recording Secretary

Absent Members

Kenneth Walters
Roman Hernandez

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

The Building & Standards Commission meeting, Panel "A" was called to order by Chairman Michael Bray at 5:45 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes for the Building and Standards meeting held March 30, 2010

Motion made by Tommy Razloznic, seconded Robert Filarski to approve the January 27, 2010 minutes, unanimously carried.

III. Changes to the agenda

No changes to the agenda were made.

Regular Items:

IV. Public hearing to determine if the property located at 4936 Sierra Madre Drive, in the City of El Paso (legal description on file with the City Clerk) is a fire and safety hazard, and a nuisance and whether the same should be repaired or demolished. First investigated February 26, 2010. The owner Francisco G. Arteche, 4936 Sierra Madre Drive, El Paso, Texas, 79904 (the "**Owner**"), has been notified of the violations at this property.

Bill Stern, Chief Building Inspector, read the item into the record.

Robert Gonzalez, Building Inspector, presented the item.

Francisco Arteche, owner of the property was present for discussion.

The commission was advised that the owner agreed with the staff recommendations. Mr. Arteche also requested for an extension of time to be able to obtain funds to secure and rehabilitate the property.

Bill Stern advised that they want the doors and windows secured.

Motion made by Tommy Razloznik, seconded by Gregory Bowling to accept staff recommendations, unanimously carried.

The owner has been notified of the property maintenance violations at this property, to date there has been no response or corrective action taken, and therefore the Division recommends that it be found:

1. That the structure is substandard, and unfit for habitation or use and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
 2. That the structure is not in substantial compliance with the municipal ordinances regulating fire protection, structural integrity, and disposal of refuse; and
 3. That the structures' certificate of occupancy be revoked; and
 4. That the structure can be rehabilitated; and
 5. That the structure be secured and maintained secure within thirty (30) days; and
 6. That the premises be cleaned and maintained clean of all weeds, trash, and debris within 30 days; and
 7. That upon failure by the owner or any other interested party to comply with the order of the Building and Standards Commission the City may take whatever action is necessary to bring the property into compliance, and place a lien on the property for the work which will be done by the City.
- V. Public hearing to determine if the property located at 2230 Bassett Avenue, in the City of El Paso (legal description on file with the City Clerk) is a fire and safety hazard, and a nuisance and whether the same should be repaired or demolished. First investigated March 8, 2010. Rebecca A. Saenz, 2230 Bassett Avenue, El Paso, Texas, 79901 (the "**Owner**"), has been notified of the violations at this property.

Bill Stern, Chief Building Inspector, read the item into the record.

Sergio Melendez, Building Combination Inspector Supervisor, presented the item.

Motion made by Robert Filarski, seconded by Linda Vick to accept staff recommendations, unanimously carried.

The owners have been notified of the property maintenance violations at this property; to date there has been no response or corrective action taken, and therefore the Department recommends that it be found:

1. That the structure be condemned as substandard, and unfit for habitation or use and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
2. That the structure is not in substantial compliance with the municipal ordinances regulating fire protection, structural integrity, and disposal of refuse; and
3. That the structure's certificate of occupancy be revoked; and
4. That the structure be demolished within thirty (30) days; and
5. That the premises be cleaned and maintained clean of all weeds, trash, and debris within 30 days; and
6. That upon failure by the owner or any other interested party to comply with the order of the Building and Standards Commission the City may take whatever action is necessary to bring the property into compliance, and place a lien on the property for the work which will be done by the City.

VI. Update on cases heard by the commission to determine if recommendations have been complied with.

Bill Stern, Chief Inspector, updated the commission with the orders from 2009 to 2010.

VII. Adjournment

Motion was unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Michael Bray, Chairman
Panel "A"

Bill Stern, C.B.O., Deputy Building Official
Code Compliance Division