CITY OF EL PASO
BUILDING & STANDARDS COMMISSION BOARD PANEL "B"
2ND FLOOR, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 27, 2008
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Building & Standards Commission Panel "B" held a public hearing in City Council Chambers, 2nd floor of the City Hall Building on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Board Members Present:
Bob Ayoub
Jimmy Stevens
Jim Tolbert
William Correa
Hector Zamora
Anibal Olague
Paul Zacour

Others Present:
Larry F. Nichols, Deputy Director for BP & I
Bill Stern, Chief Building Inspector
Mark Shoesmith, Assistant City Attorney
Leo CassoLopez, Residential Inspector
Zully Davila, Residential Inspector
Nellie Avalos, Residential Inspector
Nancy Spencer, Recording Secretary
Robert Gonzalez, Residential Inspector
Raul Bueno, Residential Inspector
Tom Maguire, Chief Building Inspector

Late Members
Roman Bustillos, 5:40 p.m.

Absent Members
Fred Perez

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

The Building & Standards Commission meeting, Panel "B" was called to order by Bob Ayoub, Chair at 5:36 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes for the meeting held October 30, 2007.

Motion made by Jimmy Stevens seconded by Paul Zacour to approve the minutes for the October 30, 2007 meeting unanimously carried.

Introduction of board members were made.

Regular Items:

III. Public hearing to determine if the property located at 1212 N. Copia St., 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 August 13, 2007. The owner of this property, El Paso County (TR) (**the "Owner"**), 500 E. San Antonio Ave., Room 503, El Paso, Texas 79901, has been notified of the violations at this property.

Bill Stern, Chief Building Inspector, was present for discussion.

Signey Reimer, Assistant County Attorney for the County of El Paso, was present for discussion and advised that the correct address is 1212 to 1216 North Copia St.

Motion made by Hector Zamora seconded by Jimmy Stevens to accept staff recommendations unanimously carried.

The owner has been notified of the 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 structures' certificate of occupancy be revoked; and
4. That the structure cannot be repaired; and
5. That the structure be demolished within 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.

IV. Public hearing to determine if the property located at 3830 Johnson Ave.., 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 September 5, 2007. The owner of this property, Veronica S. Jarosz (**the "Owner"**), 615 E Schuster Ave. Ste 1, El Paso, Texas, 79902, has been notified of the violations at this property.

Nellie Avalos, Residential Inspector, was present for discussion.

Property owner was not present for discussion.

Motion made by Roman Bustillos, seconded by Jimmy Stevens to accept staff recommendations unanimously carried.

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

1. That the structures be condemned as substandard, and unfit for habitation or use and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
2. That the structures are 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 structures can be repaired; and
5. That the structures be secured and maintained secure within 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 4224 Hampshire Ln., 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 September 18, 2007. The owners of this property, Cecilia Alonzo **(the "Owner"),** 4224 Hampshire Lane, El Paso, Texas 79902, has been notified of the violations at this property.

Zully Davila, Residential Inspector, was present for discussion.

Property owner was not present for discussion.

Motion made by Roman Bustillos, seconded by Jimmy Stevens to accept staff recommendations unanimously carried.

The owner has been notified of the 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 structures' certificate of occupancy be revoked; and
4. That the structure can be repaired; and
5. That the structure be secured and maintained secure within 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.

VI. Public hearing to determine if the property located at 3029 Tularosa Ave., 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 September 6, 2007. The owner of this property, Maria L. Montes (**the "Owner"**), 3029 Tularosa Ave., El Paso, Texas 79903, has been notified of the violations at this property.

Leo CassoLopez, Building Inspector Supervisor, was present for discussion.

Property owner was not present for discussion.

Motion made by Jimmy Stevens, seconded by William Correa to accept staff recommendations unanimously carried.

The owner has been notified of the 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 structures' certificate of occupancy be revoked; and
4. That the structure can be repaired; and
5. That the structure be secured and maintained secure within 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.

VII. Public hearing to determine if the property located at 5850 Auburn Ave., 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 December 3, 2007. The owner of this property, Jeanette Ornelas (**the "Owner"**), 2919 E. Yandell Dr., El Paso, Texas 79903, has been notified of the violations at this property.

Nellie Avalos, Residential Inspector, was present for discussion.

Jessie Ornelas, brother of property owner and representative was present for discussion.

Motion made by Jimmy Stevens, seconded by William Correa to accept staff recommendations unanimously carried.

The owner has been notified of the 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 structures be condemned as substandard, and unfit for habitation or use and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
2. That the structures are 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 structures can be repaired; and
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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.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Bob Ayoub, Chairman

Bill Stern, C.B.O., Chief Building Inspector
Development Services Department