

**CITY OF EL PASO  
BUILDING & STANDARDS COMMISSION BOARD PANEL "A"  
2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MARCH 29, 2006  
5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Building & Standards Commission Panel "A" held a public hearing in City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the City Hall Building on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

**Board Members Present:**

Tedd Richardson (Chairman)  
Jimmy Stevens  
Frederic Dalbin  
Carl L. Robinson  
John Cordova  
Margie Aguilar-Desrosiers  
Michael Bray  
Sema Gonzalez  
Carlos Bombach

**Others Present:**

R. Alan Shubert, Director for Development Services  
Cindy Crosby, Assistant City Attorney  
Tom Maguire, Chief Inspector  
Bill Stern, Residential Inspector Supervisor  
Leo Casso-Lopez, Residential Inspector  
Wayne Fannin, Residential Inspector  
Rocio Genera, Recording Secretary

**AGENDA**

I. Call to Order

The Building & Standards Commission meeting, Panel "A" was called to order by Chairman Tedd Richardson at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes for the meetings held August 31, 2005 and January 25, 2006.

Mr. Michael Bray made some corrections to the minutes for August 31, 2005 and January 25, 2006. Motion made by Mr. John Cordova, seconded by Mr. Frederick Dalbin, and unanimously carried to accept the approval of the revised minutes.

IV. Public hearing to determine if the property located at **1725 Arizona 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 December 26, 2003. The owner of this property, Joseph Sib Abraham, Jr. (the "Owner"), 717 E. San Antonio Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, El Paso, Texas 79949, has been notified of the violations at this property.

Cindy Crosby, Assistant City Attorney, recommended to postponed Item IV for 60 days due to receipt of a Temporary Restraining Order. Motion was made by Mr. John Codova, seconded by Mr. Carl Robinson, unanimously carried to approve the postponement of this item for 60 days.

Bill Stern, Residential Inspector Supervisor introduced Mr. Herschel Stringfield, who will be on the Building Standards Commission for Panel "B".

Mr. Tedd Richardson, Chairman, excused himself from the commission at 5:36 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Mr. John Cordova, Vice-Chairman of the commission. Mr. John Cordova proceeded with the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

**Carry Over:**

- III. Public hearing to determine if the property located at **503 ½ S. Estrella Street AKA 503 ½ and 507 S. Estrella Street**, 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 October 28, 2005. The owner of this property, Elva K. Rocha, 4317 Larchmont Drive, El Paso, Texas 79902, has been notified of the violations at this property.

Motion made by Mr. Michael Bray, seconded by Mr. Carl Robinson, and carried to accept the staff recommendations as follows:

Abstain: Mr. Tedd Richardson

1. That the owners have not complied with the Building and Standards Commission Order of January 25, 2006; and
2. All structures be demolished and the property cleaned of all weeds, trash and debris within 30 days.
3. That the City Clerk file a certified copy of the Order with the District Clerk of the County of El Paso; and
4. That the owners be placed on notice that continuing failure to comply with Building Standards Commission Order of January 25, 2006 and clean with the premises may result in additional and more severe penalties.
5. Since the owners or any other interested parties failed 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.

Mr. John Cordova, Vice-Chairman called Mr. Tedd Richardson, Chairman back to the meeting. Mr. Tedd Richardson, then returned to the Chambers and proceeded with the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

**Regular Items:**

- V. Public hearing to determine if the property located at **9217 Leonardo 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 December 8, 2005. The owners of this property, Luis Ortega and Felipa Ortega (both deceased) (the "Owners"), have been notified of the violations at this property.

Motion was made by Mr. Carlos Bombach, seconded by Mr. Michael Bray, unanimously carried to approve the staff recommendations and make the following findings:

1. That the main 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 building 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 since the owner has failed to comply to supply any drawings, plans, or reports to indicate otherwise, the building cannot be repaired; and
5. That the main structure be demolished within 30 days; and
6. That the premises be cleaned 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 **810 S. Oregon Street AKA 808 S. Oregon Street**, 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 4, 2004. The owner of this property, Harann Investments, c/o Harry Garber (the "**Owner**"), 700 S. Santa Fe Street Suite A, El Paso, Texas 79901, has been notified of the violations at this property.

Motion was made by Mr. Carl Robinson, seconded by Ms. Sema Gonzalez, carried to approve the staff recommendations and make the following findings:

Nays: Mr. Carlos Bombach

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 building 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 can not be repaired; and
5. That the structure be demolished within 30 days; and
6. That the premises be cleaned 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.

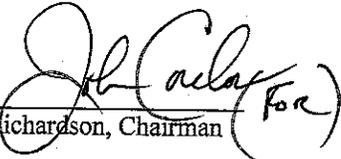
VII. Public hearing to determine if the property located at **1048 Richard Drive**, in the City of El Paso (legal description on file with the City Clerk) is a fire and safety hazard, and a nuisance and whether the same should be repaired or demolished. First investigated January 26, 2006. The owner of this property, Mary B. Gibson (the "**Owner**"), 4716 Tumbleweed Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79924-3038 and Mary B. Gibson, 1048 Richard Drive, El Paso, Texas 79907, has been notified of the violations at this property.

Motion was made by Mr. Frederick Dalbin, seconded by Mr. John Cordova, unanimously carried to approve the staff recommendations and make the following findings:

1. That the main structure and accessory building be condemned as substandard, and unfit for habitation or use and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
2. That the buildings 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 structure can be repaired; and
5. That the main structure be secured within 30 days; and
6. That the premises be cleaned 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.

#### Adjournment

Motion was unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 6:40 p.m.

  
Tedd Richardson, Chairman (for)

  
Bill Stern, C.B.O., Residential Inspector Supervisor  
Development Services Department