

**MINUTES**

On November 21, 2019, the Condemnation Appeals Commission met at 4:00 p.m. for a Regular meeting at City Hall, 601 S Buchanan St., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>
Tom Roller, Chairman	Yes	31	27
Frank Willburn, Vice Chair	No	26	15
Richard Constancio Jr.	Yes	31	23
Joel Favela	Yes	31	26
Jim Banes	No	10	7
<b>ALTERNATE MEMBER</b>			
George Cumming	No	31	14

Also in attendance were:

Ismael "Izzy" Rivera Jr.  
 Leslie Schmidt  
 Gwen Gonzales  
 Stephanie Garcia

BUILDING OFFICIAL, CITY OF AMARILLO  
 SENOR ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY, CITY OF AMARILLO  
 BUILDING SAFETY MANAGER, CITY OF AMARILLO  
 ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I, CITY OF AMARILLO

This meeting of the Condemnation Appeals Commission was called to order by Mr. Tom Roller, established a quorum at 4:01 p.m. The Chairman, Mr. Tom Roller opened the floor for any public comments to speak to any item on the agenda that doesn't have a public hearing.

**ITEM 1: Minutes:**

Mr. Richard Constancio Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Joel Favela, the motion passed with a 3:0 vote.

**ITEM 2: Resolution-Calling a Public Hearing to determine whether certain conditions described herein constitute a Public Nuisance at the locations stated:**

This resolution sets the date and time for a public hearing on December 5, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. to determine if the properties located at 2432 Echo Street and 407 Tammy Street constitute public nuisances and thereby declare as dangerous structures or an accumulation of solid waste and order the removal of such. A copy of this resolution will be mailed to all interested parties providing ten (10) days notice of public hearing. Mr. Joel Favela made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard Constancio Jr., the motion passed with a 3:0 vote.

**ITEM 3: Resolution - Public Hearing:**

This resolution conducts a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of substandard structures located at 2508 S Arthur Street.

Mr. Ismael Rivera Jr., Building Official, presented the case with a PowerPoint presentation describing the conditions of the property. This property consists of a residential structure and an accumulation of solid waste. The property has been without water service since June 7, 2006. The Amarillo Police Department has been called out to this location 1 time since this property became vacant. Building Safety has worked 20 cases; including weeds, junk and debris, junk vehicles, open structure and this Dangerous Structure case. The structure has been tagged with graffiti. This property is located 3 blocks from an elementary school and park and 4 blocks from a City park. An interior demolition permit was issued in May 2008, however, no inspections were conducted. Building Safety has had no recent permit activity. This property is an attractive nuisance, represents a hazard to the neighborhood, blight on the area and an unsafe environment. Mr. Rivera's recommendation is to demolish the structures; Items II & V. The current taxes and delinquent taxes are due and there is money owed to the City for prior mowing and cleanup jobs. The Commissioners then had the opportunity to ask Mr. Rivera

any questions. The Chairman then asked if there was anyone present with a legal interest in the property. Diana Morales, 2306 S Garfield Street, approached the podium. She stated she was the owner of the property. She said she purchased the property as is and stated what she had planned on fixing up the property. She has been unable to do anything with the property because of a lack in funds. She agrees the property needs to be torn down. Ms. Morales was informed of the block grant she could look into applying for. She also needs to get the property under her name before she is eligible to apply for the block grant. The Chairman then asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak concerning the property. Delores Maldonado, 2604 S Cleveland, approached the podium. She agrees the property needs to be torn down. She says the trees are a problem with the electrical wires and the deterioration from the property is going into neighbors' yards. The Chairman closed the hearing. Mr. Joel Favela made a motion to approve the resolution for Options II & V, seconded by Mr. Richard Constancio Jr., the motion passed with a 3:0 vote.

**ITEM 4: Resolution – Public Hearing:**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**ITEM 5: Adjournment:**

The Chairman, Mr. Tom Roller concluded the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the Department of Building Safety.



Tom Roller, Chairman

ATTEST:



Gwen Gonzales, Building Safety Manager