

MINUTES

On May 20, 2021, the Condemnation Appeals Commission met at 4:00 p.m. for a Regular meeting via ZOOM video conference.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Tom Roller, Chairman	Yes	43	39
Frank Willburn, Vice Chair	No	38	23
Richard Constancio Jr.	Yes	43	31
Joel Favela	No	43	31
Jim Banes	Yes	22	15
ALTERNATE MEMBER			
George Cumming	Yes	43	22

Also in attendance were:

Johnny Scholl	DEPUTY BUILDING OFFICIAL, CITY OF AMARILLO
Justin Oppel	DEPUTY BUILDING OFFICIAL, CITY OF AMARILLO
Courtney White	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY I, CITY OF AMARILLO
Gwen Gonzales	BUILDING SAFETY MANAGER, CITY OF AMARILLO

This meeting of the Condemnation Appeals Commission was called to order by Mr. Tom Roller, established a quorum at 4:00 p.m.

ITEM 1: Public Comments:

The Chairman, Mr. Tom Roller opened the floor for any public comments to speak to any item on the agenda that does not have a public hearing.

ITEM 2: Minutes:

Mr. Richard Constancio made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. Jim Banes, the motion passed with a 3:0 vote.

ITEM 3: 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 August 5, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. to determine whether certain conditions of the properties located at 3803 SE 16th Avenue B, 1316 Hillcrest Street and 607 N Van Buren Street constitute dangerous structures and/or a public nuisance, and whether to 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. Jim Banes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard Constancio, the motion passed with a 3:0 vote.

ITEM 4: Resolution - Public Hearing:

This resolution conducts a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of substandard structures located at 1019 SW 15th Avenue.

Mr. Johnny Scholl, Deputy Building Official, presented the case with a PowerPoint presentation describing the conditions of the property.

This property consists of a fire damaged residential structure and an accumulation of solid waste. The property has been without water service since August 10, 2016. The Amarillo Police Department has been called out to this location 8 times since this property became vacant. Building Safety has worked 13 cases; including weeds, junk and debris, zoning violations, open structure and this Dangerous Structure case since the property became vacant. This property is located 4 blocks from an elementary school and park. The structure has been tagged with graffiti. 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. Scholl's recommendation is demolition; Item II and V. Mr. Scholl listed the notification information. The taxes are paid. There is money owed to the City for prior mowing and cleanup jobs. The Commissioners then had the opportunity to ask Mr. Scholl any questions. The Chairman then asked if there was anyone present with a legal interest in the property. No one was present. The Chairman then asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak concerning the property. Marcus Bettag, the Neighborhood Peace Officer assigned to this area, spoke. Officer Bettag said that he can corroborate what the Building Safety office has said. He was there as recently as last night and there is evidence of a fire as of yesterday that they were starting inside the residence. There is human feces inside. He and his partner have run vagrants off and on top of the 8 dispatched calls, he has personally been to this location 16 times personally to run off vagrants and make trespassing arrests. It is attracting the vagrancy. Neighbors are having issues also. The Chairman asked if anyone else had anything to say. There was no other response. The Chairman closed the hearing. Mr. Richard Constancio made a motion to approve the resolution for Option II and V, seconded by Mr. Jim Banes, the motion passed with a 3:0 vote.

ITEM 5: Resolution - Public Hearing:


This resolution conducts a public hearing on and considers ordering the removal of substandard structures located at 2707 S Williams Street.

Mr. Johnny Scholl, Deputy Building Official, presented the case with a PowerPoint presentation describing the conditions of the property.


This property consists of a fire damaged manufactured home, an accessory structure and an accumulation of solid waste. The property has had no water usage since January 17, 2020. The Amarillo Police Department has been called out to this location 2 times since this property became vacant. Building Safety has worked 4 cases; including weeds, junk and debris, open structure and this Dangerous Structure case since the property became vacant. This property is located 5 blocks from an elementary school and park. Since this case started, this property has become a public dumping ground. 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. Scholl's recommendation is demolition; Item II and V. Mr. Scholl listed the notification information. The current and delinquent taxes are due on both the real property and the manufactured home and there is money owed to the City for prior mowing and cleanup jobs. The Commissioners then had the opportunity to ask Mr. Scholl any questions. The Chairman then asked if there was anyone present with a legal interest in the property. No one was present. The Chairman then asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak concerning the property. Randy Hugg, 1700 SE 27th Avenue, was sworn in and spoke. He is a neighbor and he seconded everything that was said about the property. People are dumping more and trash. The building is falling down. The Chairman asked if anyone else had anything to say. There was no other response. The Chairman closed the hearing. Mr. Richard Constancio made a motion to approve the resolution for Option II and V, seconded by Mr. Jim Banes, the motion passed with a 3:0 vote.

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.



Frank Willburn, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:


Gwen Gonzales, Building Safety Manager