

LAFAYETTE HEARING AUTHORITY
January 24, 2017

The Lafayette Hearing Authority met on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of Lafayette City Hall. Present were: Gary Henriott, Ron Shriner and Cindy Murray

Jacque Chosnek, 1st Deputy Attorney, was also present.

Mr. Shriner called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Mr. Henriott moved for approval of the September 27, 2016 minutes. Mrs. Murray seconded. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Henriott asked whether 1915 Congress Street has been demolished. Scott Dieterle, Engineering, stated that the structure was demolished. Mr. Dieterle also stated that all the structures on the demolition list have either been demolished or tax sale.

NEW BUSINESS

Order to Comply and Notice to Appear at Demolition Hearing-3016 Commanche Trail

Mr. Dieterle stated that this property had a fire on February 11, 2015 and is owned by Steve Haby. Mr. Dieterle stated that Mr. Haby was caught with working without a permit on the burnt structures. Mr. Haby then obtained a permit of June 9, 2015. With that permit Mr. Haby built a garage but had not started work on the home. Mr. Dieterle stated that the permit expired on June 8, 2016 with not work yet being done to the house. Mr. Dieterle stated that Mr. Haby was in contact with Mark Gick and Dave Redmon with the Engineering Office regarding the work that he would be doing to the house. No inspection was made on the garage due to lack of communication on the behalf of Mr. Haby. Mr. Dieterle then sent a letter to Mr. Haby regarding the unsafe house. Mr. Haby contacted Mr. Dieterle and told him that he would not tear down the house. Mr. Haby dropped off a letter to the Engineering Office on January 23, 2017 about him willing to do the work this spring and summer to fix the house. Mr. Dieterle recommended affirming the order for demolition. Mr. Dieterle stated that if work was to be done on the house, there would need to be a structural engineering contacted first along with a timetable for the work and a new building permit.

Mr. Haby, 1129 Ocala Avenue, passed around pictures of the two structures on the property, the house and garage. Mr. Haby stated that he is the landlord/owner of the property at 3016 Commanche Trail. Mr. Haby stated that he knows that the property does not look very nice but looks ok from the street view. Mr. Haby stated that he has been a landlord in Lafayette for 30 years owning around 80 properties. This property was purchased by Mr. Haby January 2015 and a week after the purchase the structures caught fire. Mr. Haby explained that his insurance company suggested that he not turn this loss over to insurance so Mr. Haby is fixing the structures with his own money. Mr. Haby stated that he has saved his money and is ready to go forward with the rehabilitation. Mr. Haby stated that he knows that this property is worth saving and the work will be done with spring and summer. Discussion ensued. Mr. Henriott moved to affirm the order for demolition. Mrs. Murray seconded. Motion Carried.

Petition to Declare Property Abandoned-2517 Edgelea Drive

Jacque Chosnek explained the process of the petition to declare properties abandoned to the Hearing Authority. Mrs. Chosnek requested removing this property from the abandoned property list due to the

property owner contacting Mrs. Chosnek's office expressing interest. The property owner is trying to actively sell the property.

Petition to Declare Property Abandoned-2104 Roosevelt Avenue

Mrs. Chosnek stated that publication was published on January 5 & 6, 2017 and to the property owner. The mortgage company was also notified via certified mail. This property is declared abandoned because the property is below the community standards for public safety and sanitation. There are also broken windows. Mr. Henriott moved to approve the petition to declare the property abandoned. Mrs. Murray seconded. Motion Carried.

Petition to Declare Property Abandoned-1616 Grove Street

Mrs. Chosnek stated that publication was published on January 5 & 6, 2017 and on January 10, 2017 to the property owners via certified mail. This property is declared abandoned because the property is below the community standards for public safety and sanitation. The property has windows and entrances that are boarded up or closed off, window panes are broken and unrepaired, one or more doors are smashed, broken or unhinged. Mr. Henriott moved to approve the petition to declare the property abandoned. Mrs. Murray seconded. Motion Carried.

Petition to Declare Property Abandoned-1605 Virginia Street

Mrs. Chosnek requested removing this property from the abandoned property list due to the property owner contacting Mrs. Chosnek's office expressing interest. The property owners have obtained an investor and are doing work on the property. They are also working with a realtor to sell the home.

Petition to Declare Property Abandoned-1512 N. 12th Street

Mrs. Chosnek stated that publication was published on January 5 & 6, 2017. The property owner is deceased. This property is declared abandoned because the property is below the community standards for public safety and sanitation. The property has windows and entrances that are boarded up or closed off. Mrs. Murray moved to approve the petition to declare the property abandoned. Mr. Henriott seconded. Motion Carried.

Petition to Declare Property Abandoned-1218 Queen Street

Mrs. Chosnek requested removing this property from the abandoned property list due to the property owner contacting Mrs. Chosnek's office expressing interest. The property has since replaced the broken doors and is no longer open.

Petition to Declare Property Abandoned-1105 North 18th Street

Mrs. Chosnek requested removing this property from the abandoned property list due to the property owner contacting Mrs. Chosnek's office expressing interest in donating the property to the City of Lafayette.

Petition to Declare Property Abandoned-2408 North 19th Street

Mrs. Chosnek stated that publication was published on January 5 & 6, 2017 and the property owner was notified via first class mail. The mortgage company was also notified via certified mail. This property is declared abandoned because the property is below the community standards for public safety and sanitation. The property has windows and entrances that are boarded up or closed off, window panes that are broken and unrepaired, one or doors are smashed through, broken off or unhinged and the property is

deteriorating. Mr. Henriott moved to approve the petition to declare the property abandoned. Mrs. Murray seconded. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

UNSAFE STRUCTURES REPORT
January 24, 2017

2408 N 19th St

Property owner: Paul Hensley

Initial contact: None

HOUSE

Shingles are deteriorated
Fascia and soffit missing or deteriorated
Siding missing or deteriorated
Exposed plywood rotted
Wood fencing being used as siding on portion of home
Non-treated wood rotting
Structural wood exposed to weather rotting
Major foundation issues
Interior floor trusses rotted and missing

Last contact: None

Taxes Current: No- \$1092.90

Recommendation: Demolition

3016 Commanche Trl

Property owner: Steven Haby

Initial contact: 10/19/16

HOUSE

There was a major fire to the house
Shingles are deteriorated
Fascia and soffit missing in areas
Siding and exterior plywood missing in areas
Structural wood damaged by fire
Non-treated wood deteriorated by exposure to weather
Attic trusses damaged by fire
Insulation and drywall deteriorated from exposure to weather
Foundation issues caused by fire

Last contact: 10/19/16

Taxes Current: Yes

Recommendation: Demolition

Time: 9:40 a.m.

Ron Shriner s/s
President

Minutes prepared by Mindy Miller, 1st Deputy Clerk
A digital audio recording of this meeting is available in the Lafayette City Clerk's Office.