

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
SITTING AS A PROPERTY STANDARDS BOARD
HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2019

The Caddo Parish Commission, sitting as a Property Standards Board duly authorized to review and render directions for action on property standards violations brought to its attention pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 24, Property Standards, of the Caddo Parish Code of Ordinances, met on the above date at 2:45 p.m. in the Government Chambers with Mrs. Stormy Gage-Watts, President, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (9). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman, Jackson, and Louis Johnson (3).

Mr. Atkins gave the invocation, and Mr. Cawthorne led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

- Case 1: 3135 Edson Blvd (District 2)

Mr. Chuck Wilson said that this property is an abandoned burnt out structure and vegetation growing through the whole property. He said that this poses a safety hazard to the neighbors of the property. He pointed out that no one lives in the house. They have sent certified letters to the property owners, but no one has responded. Mr. Wilson's recommendation is to demolish the property.

It was **moved by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Department to demolish Property Standards Case No. 1, 3135 Edson Blvd after 30 days of a notice being sent to the property owners informing them of the demolition.*

Answering a question from Mr. Dominick regarding the no response to the certified letters, Mr. Wilson explained if no one responds, they property is listed in the Official Journal informing citizens of this property standards meeting.

Mr. Dominick also called out the property owners' names to see if they were in attendance. Mrs. Gage-Watts stated that there was no representation of the property owners at this meeting.

Mr. Wilson stated that a certified letter was sent to Gulden LLC, and a notice of receipt was sent back on November 8, 2018. The same letter was sent to Bruton LLC, but no green card was returned. At this point, they published it in the Official Journal twice.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson pointed out that Gulden LLC has acquired several pieces of adjudicated property within Caddo Parish.

At this time, Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman, Jackson, and Louis Johnson (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Case 2: 10002 Mansfield Road (District 2)

Mr. Chuck Wilson said that this property is an abandoned burnt out structure. Vegetation has taken over the whole property, the roof and ceiling is falling in, and some of the walls are missing. He said that this poses a safety hazard to the neighbors of the property. Mr. Wilson's recommendation is to demolish the property.

Mr. Wilson also pointed out that several letters have been sent to the property owner. The last letter was dated December 7, 2018 informing him of this board meeting. He also said that this was published in the newspaper on December 13, 2018. He also stated that they put a notice on the actual property, but no one has responded to any of the notices.

It was **moved by Mr. Smith**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Department to demolish Property Standards Case No. 2, 10002 Mansfield Road after 30 days of a notice being sent to the property owners informing them of the demolition.*

At this time, Mr. Smith's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman, Jackson, and Louis Johnson (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Case 3: 3417 Shreveport-Dixie Road LA 3049 (District 3)

Mr. Chuck Wilson said that this is a 7-acre tract of property with numerous dilapidated structures all over it, as well as inoperable vehicles. Vegetation has taken over most of the property. Mr.

Wilson also said that there is a trailer on the property with someone currently living in it. He explained that the Public Works Department will not demolish that portion of the property; they will only be dealing with the 150 feet from the right-of-way, as the ordinance states.

Mr. Wilson has spoken with the property owner on numerous occasions, and they have failed to get the property cleaned up. His recommendation is to demolish the dilapidated buildings and clean up the vegetation on the property.

The Clerk of the Commission noted that there were approximately 20 people who were in attendance in favor of cleanup and demolition of this property.

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, *to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Department to demolish the dilapidated structures on Property Standards Case No. 3, 3417 Shreveport-Dixie Road LA 3049 after 30 days of a notice being sent to the property owners informing them of the demolition.*

Answering a question from Mr. Dominick regarding the appropriated notification regarding this property, Mr. Wilson stated that he signed the certified letter and a notice of receipt was sent back. He also said that this has been published in the Official Journal. The property owner is not in attendance today.

Answering a question from Attorney Bernstein regarding the date of the last letter sent, Mr. Wilson stated it was sent on November 8, 2018. Attorney Bernstein requested that letter be furnished to the Commission Clerk's Office for the record.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson suggested that the Sheriff's Office accompany those demolishing the property since the property owner still lives on a portion of the property.

At this time, Mr. Dominick's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Cawthorne, Chavez, Dominick, Gage-Watts, Lyndon B. Johnson, Linn, Middleton, and Smith (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Bowman, Jackson, and Louis Johnson (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Mr. Middleton suggested that Mr. Wilson provide the dates the notices were sent on the summary of the cases.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.



Stormy Gage-Watts
President

Todd Hopkins
Commission Clerk