

MINUTES

CITY OF DICKINSON BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION Regular Meeting

May 14, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Building Standards Commission of the City of Dickinson, Texas was held on **May 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.** at City Hall, 1621 FM 517 East, for the purpose of considering the following items:

ITEM 1) CALL TO ORDER

Donald Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Board members present were Donald Smith, Frank Stansfield and Darren Burris. John McDonald, Carol McLemore, Cynthia Smith, Angela Forbes, Renee Wilson, Bill Boham, Louis Castro, Jose Solache Jr., Claudia Solache, Ruth Laird and Mel Laird were also in attendance. Frank Stansfield gave the invocation and Darren Burris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2) REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF ORDER

Frank Stansfield made a motion to move Agenda Item # 4, the Public Hearing for the property located at 2909 FM 517 E, Abstract 19 Page 10 Part of lots 3 Thru 6 (4-0) Block 3 Park & Dockrell, to be item # 2. Darren Burris seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 3) PUBLIC HEARING: 2909 FM 517 E, Abstract 19 Page 10 Part of lots 3 Thru 6 (4-0) Block 3 Park & Dockrell.

Donald Smith opened the Public Hearing at 6:38 pm.

Ms. Claudie Solache who resides at 4305 Benson Street, Dickinson, TX 77539, was present to discuss the property at 2909 FM 517 E, she is the daughter of the property owner. Ms. Solache addressed the Commission to request that her father be allowed to continue work on the structure so that it can be brought into full compliance. Ms. Solache stated the structure is not a danger to the City in the event of a hurricane and she would like the use the last storm as an example. Ms. Solache stated that her father would like

to finish the project because the family intends to move into the structure.

Mr. Louis Castro who resides at 2949 48th Street, Dickinson, TX 77539, was present to discuss the property at 2909 FM 517 E, he is a family friend of the property owner. Mr. Castro addressed the Commission to request that the property owner be given more time to complete the refurbishing of the drawing. Mr. Castro stated that an engineer inspected the structure and declared the structure to be sound. Mr. Castro expressed that the property owner was not aware that construction projects had a time frame in which to be completed nor did the property owner understand City issued permits had an expiration. Mr. Castro stated that the property owner was requesting 90 days to complete the project. Further he addressed the zoning designation of the property. Mr. Castro stated the property is zoned residential.

Mr. Bill Boham who resides at 3036 Longwood Lane, Dickinson, TX 77539, was present to discuss the property located at 2909 FM 517 E, he is a member of the Dickinson Historical Society and Keep Dickinson Beautiful. Mr. Boham stated the building located on 2909 FM 517 is one of the most historic buildings in the City of Dickinson and he believes the condition of the building and lack of maintenance to the structure is a travesty. Mr. Boham attended the meeting to express the Historical Society's concern regarding the property owner's intent to change the historical character of the property and they are also concern about the structure possibly being demolished. The Historical Society would like to have the structure saved, preserved and restored to it original condition.

Donald Smith closed the Public Hearing at 6:55 pm.

**ITEM 4) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:
2909 FM 517 E, Abstract 19 Page 10 Part of lots 3 Thru 6 (4-0)
Block 3 Park & Dockrell.**

Donald Smith asked for a report on the property which was presented by John McDonald, Carol McLemore and Cynthia Smith. Staff recommended the building be declared a hazard. Darren Burris made a motion to issue an Order of Demolition. Frank Stansfield seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 5) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING:
Approval of the Minutes for:

April 11, 2007
June 13, 2007
April 9, 2008

Donald Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Darren Burris seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEM 7) ADJOURNMENT

Donald Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Chairman