# MINUTES BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING MAY 25, 2018 9:00 AM

Kyle Denham, Chairman, called the May 25, 2018 Building Board of Appeals meeting to order with the following Board members present: Kyle Denham, Mark Callihan, David Pommert, Crystal Harrington, Rylee Hartwell and Ervin Wilson. City officials present: Jordan Paul, Assistant City Attorney, Bryan Wicklund, Building Specialist, Jeff Oliver, Building Inspector and Bet Willhite, Notary Public.

Mr. Denham We will call the May Board

We will call the May Board of Appeals meeting to Order. First order of

business is roll call. Do we have a motion to excuse Mr Tylle?

Mr Wilson

Mr Chairman, I make a motion that we excuse Mr Tylle from the meeting.

Mr Pommert

Second.

Mr Denham

Motion by Mr Wilson, second by Mr Pommert that we excuse Mr Tylle. All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Wilson and Mr Denham) Those opposed (none) Motion carries.

Mr Denham

If you'd like to make your way up to the podium, give us your name and address and the property you are here to discuss, please.

## **ITEM # 2837**

1604 CENTRAL AVE

OWNER: Sandy Acres Company (Terry Campbell)

ADDRESS: PO Box 1931, Joplin, MO 64802

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**BOARD**)

Mr Denham

Morning.

Mr Campbell

Morning. Uh, Terry Campbell, Sandy Acres. 1604 Central. Just here to

give you guys an update. Um ...

Mr Denham

This is Item # 2837. What have you gotten done since last time?

Mr Campbell

Um, we're, we're pretty much avoiding the Quiet Title. He's found the Trustee. He's trying to get a Quick Claim but, I guess, on top of that, I mean, we're lookin' at fixin' it. What, um, I guess I'm lookin' to see, I don't know, what, what do you guys want done and what kind of order to

pull it off of this list? So, that way, I can get it on the, uh, on our schedule to take care of...

Mr Denham Probably, you ought to schedule a meeting with, uh, Jeff Oliver with the

City and he can meet with you on site...

Mr Campbell Ok.

Mr Denham And kind of go through and give you a list of things.

Mr Campbell Yeah, 'cause, I mean, uh, I can pull a permit next week. We're goin' to

cover up that, um, cellar. Uh, we gotta get that covered up, cleaned out. We're goin' to get that done next week. Um, we're goin' to pull a permit and start getting' some of the stuff, you know, done. We just goin' to try and fit it into our schedule, too, 'cause we've got other stuff here. But, uh, if you want, I can get together with you next week and we can go over a list

of stuff.

Mr Oliver Sure.

Mr Campbell Start workin' on that list.

Mr Oliver Yep. Uh, you wrote your number down and everything on that sheet?

Mr Campbell Yeah. If you, if you want to give me, give me call on Monday or

something, we can set something up. I can come up here and meet with

you and we'll go over ...

Mr Oliver Sounds good.

Mr Campbell Kind of a bullet point. That good?

Mr Oliver Sounds good.

Mr Denham Any other questions or comments? Appreciate it. We have a motion to

continue?

Mr Pommert Mr Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that Item # 2837 at 1604 Central

Ave be continued to our June...

Mr Oliver 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr Pommert 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for a Progress Report or Demolition Hearing.

Mr Wilson Second.

Mr Denham

Motion by Mr Pommert, second by Mr Wilson that Item # 2837, 1604 Central Ave be continued to our June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for Progress Report and Demolition Hearing. All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Wilson and Mr Denham) Those opposed (none) Motion carries. Thank you.

Mr Campbell

Have a good weekend.

Mr Denham

You too. Let the, uh, Minutes reflect that Mr Tylle is in attendance.

Mr Tylle

I apologize for my tardiness.

Mr Denham

Oh, no problem.

## **ITEM # 2825**

## **1202 ROOSEVELT AVE**

**OWNER: Scott and Virginia Brown** 

ADDRESS: 3081 Hickory Hill Way, Joplin, MO 64804

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Mr Brown

Hello, my name's Scott Brown. 1202 Roosevelt. Um, the, we're essentially done. He'll finish it today, probably, the, uh, rim and the seal plate and the termite shield and all of that. The next biggest problem we have was to, because that was an old rock house, the, uh, old seal plate and everything, which was completely worthless, had to all be replaced. And there's no anchor bolts in it. So I came in and talked to Jeff about whether or not we could use hurricane straps. But I wanted to finish up the seal plate and then I was goin' to try to get some sample straps and just have you meet me over there to where, make sure that what we were tryin' to do to anchor it, 'cause, since it was never anchored, it was anchored into the stone wall and then the previous owner torn down the stone wall so there was no anchors in there. And there's no way to put anchors in at a diagonal on to a seventy, eighty, ninety year old foundation. So the only thing that I could come up with was usin', uh, hurricane straps but I want to make sure that whichever ones that we pick out, you approve.

Mr Oliver

Ok.

Mr Brown

And we'll probably start that next week. And then once we get that done, then we can put the windows and the siding on which is a no brainer. Any questions I can answer?

Mr Denham

What's the plans for the stone you're taking off, or that the previous owner has taken off the, the house?

Mr Brown

Well, I'm. I'm saving it because I'm thinkin' I'll probably use it to rebuild some pillars around front and build a, uh, flower bed type thing to the, uh, front door that would line a concrete ramp goin' up to the front door so that somebody in a wheelchair or something would have access into the house. Now, I don't know, until we're all done and see how it actually lays out, I won't start laying that, you know, I'm not goin' to build the flower pots and that kind of stuff until the house itself is done. But my intent is to save it and see if we can't use it.

Mr Denham

What's your schedule to complete the outside?

Mr Brown

Depending on whether we ought to be, if he get done, fixing the rim is a lot more work than people think. Uh, if he's able to, he's got only about eight or nine feet left to go. If he finishes that today, and, I, I really don't know what that strapping's goin' to be like because the foundation's not square. That's why I've gotta get with Jeff there because we might have to do four or five other things as we go around it. Uh, I might have to go have some custom made straps made. I don't know. If you really, if you can picture an old stone foundation, uh, that was backed up by concrete, when you take the stone off, there's no square thing to where everything just lines up perfect. So, uh, and if you try, uh, heat straps to try and bend 'em into place to where they'd fit, you'd weakin' 'em. So, I, putting the straps on could take one day or it could take two weeks. There's no way of knowing until after I meet Jeff over there and see what we're goin' to do.

Mr Denham

Is it deep enough to get in the crawl space, or are you tryin' to do this work from the outside?

Mr Brown

Well, it really needs to be done from the outside because the crawl space itself is only about eighteen inches. I mean, it's a ...

Mr Denham

Pretty tight.

Mr Brown

Uh, it'd take somebody a lot skinner than me to do it. I don't even though if you'd have enough room to set a powerful enough drill in there to, to drill down into the foundation. The reason why I wanted to use strapping is 'cause it's only about a six inch wide stem wall and I, that's old concrete. So to me, to try and drill down through the center of it was just, actually, going to weakin' it. So I wanted to come down and drill in this way to where you weren't goin' through three inches of concrete, you had lots of concrete all the way around your anchor. To me, that would be a trillion times stronger. Did I answer your question? You asked me about doin' it from the inside?

Mr Denham

Yeah.

Mr Brown

I think that's essentially impossible.

Mr Denham

Ok. Thank you. I appreciate your effort. Looks like its movin' forward.

Mr Brown

Yeah, we're, it's just a couple of us. When, between the weather and everything, that's, that's been a puff of a job and I hope you know what I mean.

Mr Denham

Any other questions or comments? Do we have a motion to continue?

Mr Brown

I'll call you on Tuesday and we'll figure out a time to try and, and figure out what we can do there.

Mr Oliver

Ok.

Mr Brown

Alright, thank you.

Mr Denham

Yep.

Mr Hartwell

Mr Chairman, I make a motion that Item # 2825, 1202 Roosevelt Ave be continued to our June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for a Progress Report and Demolition Hearing.

Mr Callihan

Second.

Mr Denham

Motion by Mr Hartwell, second by Mr Callihan that Item # 2827, 1010 Monroe, (so stated by Mr Denham, however, Item under discussion is Item # 2825, 1202 Roosevelt) be continued to our June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for Progress Report and Demolition Hearing. All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Tylle, Mr Wilson and Mr Denham) Those opposed (none) Motion carries.

#### ITEM # 2835

# **309 MICHIGAN AVE**

OWNER: Anglin & Associates #12

ADDRESS: PO Box 794548, Dallas, TX 75379

Demolition Hearing has been posted in the Joplin Globe Legal Section. Item continued from the April 27, 2018 meeting for a Demolition Hearing and Progress Report (SECOND TIME BEFORE THE BOARD)

Mr Jores

Uh, this is Item # 2835, uh, 309 Michigan. We got a building permit about ten days ago. Uh, we've started a clean out. We've got a dumpster over there. We're completely rebuildin' everything inside. We're upgradin' the all the wirin', the electrical, uh, unit plumbing, all new windows, flooring. Fixin' everything, puttin' hurricane ties down and everything. We're stripping all that and the plaster off so we're takin' it down the shell. It's

all oak so it's a good structure. It's just, it's, you know, a lot of damage from the burn out but...

Mr Denham

How bad was the damage to the framing?

Mr Jores

The framing's fine but, I mean, there's, there's issues in parts of it, obviously, by the living room ceiling. We will have to re-struss or, uh, put new ceiling joist all the way across there but the rest of its, actually, in pretty good shape. All the walls, the floors, the fire was more central located, I guess, in the, in kind of the kitchen area and the livin' room. The kitchen is going to be gutted, you know, rebuild all of it.

Mr Denham

How are you keepin' people out of it right now?

Mr Jores

Uh, we're not. We just now started. We were just talkin' about that, getting' it secured. Uh, we've got a dumpster we sat over by a couple of windows so we can throw stuff out but, uh, I'm, we're just talkin' about that, sending somebody over and go ahead and getting' everything boarded up. Make sure that people don't go in, in a window.

Mr Gossard

Cleanup has already started.

Mr Denham

I noticed the, uh, notice you posted. I didn't see it on the wall. That been removed or is that ...

Mr Oliver

It probably has. You know, kids could have took it, as far as that goes, but I've got a photo of it and ...

Mr Denham

Have you met with them or have you been inside since they've started?

Mr Oliver

I have not and I've just talked to the owner on the phone a couple of time over the last month.

Mr Jores

It just took us a while to get on page, the, the new, the people buyin' the place and everything. It's kind of what everybody wants to do and...

Mr Gossard

And insurance.

Mr Jores

Yeah, and insurance. Get our contractors lined out and everything.

Mr Denham

So there are new owners now?

Mr Gossard

No, it just regarded back to us. There were purchasers in there that we'd sold the property to.

Mr Callihan

What's your schedule, Sir?

Mr Jores I'm, uh, about three months, depending on weather and the like. Should be

around about three months.

Mr Denham I would like to see it secured as soon as possible. I think that...

Mr Jores We'll see to that today.

Mr Denham It, it's an attractive nuisance...

Mr Jores Yeah.

Mr Denham Especially for children, homeless to get in...

Mr Jores Yep, yep.

Mr Denham As you clean it up. Any other questions or comments? Do we have a

motion to continue?

Mr Jores Will we come back before you all here, then?

Mr Denham It will remain on our Agenda...

Mr Jores Ok.

Mr Denham And, uh, if you can't make a meeting, we'd, we'd like you to come back,

but if you can't, just communicate with Jeff Oliver, here, and give us an

update.

Mr Jores Ok.

Mr Wilson Mr Chairman, I'd make a motion that Item # 2835, 309 Michigan Ave be

continued to our June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for Progress Report and Demolition

Hearing.

Mr Tylle Second.

Mr Denham Motion by Mr Wilson, second by Mr Tylle that Item # 2835, 309

Michigan Ave be continued to our June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for Progress Report and Demolition Hearing. All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Tylle, Mr

Wilson and Mr Denham) Those opposed (none) Motion carries.

ITEM # 2819 1032 S CONNOR

**OWNER: Michael & Janet Russell Ostic** 

ADDRESS: 726 Indiana Ave, Joplin, MO 64801

Demolition Hearing has been posted in the Joplin Globe Legal Section. Item continued from the March 23, 2018 meeting for a Demolition Hearing and Progress Report (FIFTH TIME BEFORE THE BOARD)

Ms Ostic

Janet Ostic, 1032 S Connor.

Mr Denham

Can you tell us your, your progress since the last time you were here?

Ms Ostic

We've got all the siding up. We put up the trim. Um, we painted, um, the siding and the trim and we've cleaned up the back yard and we put, uh, I call it the flashing on the side of the house. But I don't understand what your definition of flashing is. What you had in mind.

Mr Denham

Pardon me?

Mr Hartwell

Your definition of what?

Ms Ostic

Flashing.

Mr Hartwell

Flashing, yeah.

Mr Callihan

That's right there where the, below the roof line and between the two roofs.

Ms Ostic

We got that.

Mr Callihan

Yeah, yeah, I saw you workin' on that, or somebody.

Mr Oliver

So, uh, Bryan and I went out a few months back and we kind of made a list for 'em. Basically, they've completed that list. I was out yesterday. There was a little bit of work left for 'em to do when I stopped by. Um, but they're pretty much there, so...

Mr Denham

Ready to release? Appreciate your effort.

Ms Ostic

Thank you.

Mr Denham

Do we have a motion to release?

Mr Hartwell

Mr Chairman, I make a motion, Item # 2819, 1032 S Connor be release

from our Agenda.

Mr Pommert

Second.

Ms Ostic

Thank you.

Mr Denham

Motion by Mr Hartwell, second by Mr Pommert that Item # 2819, 1032 S Connor be released from our Agenda due to the work being complete. All those in favor say "aye" All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Tylle, Mr Wilson and Mr Denham) Those opposed (none) Motion carries. Is there anyone else that would like to speak about a specific, uh, property?

**ITEM # 2784** 

2108 W 3RD ST

**OWNER:** Christopher Hills

ADDRESS: 833 Massachusetts, Joplin, MO 64801

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BOARD)

Mr Denham

Good Morning.

Mr Hills

Good morning. Christopher Hills, 208, 2108 W 3<sup>rd</sup> is the property I'm

inquiring about.

Mr Denham

Item # 2784. Can you tell us what's taken place since the last time?

Mr Hills

Um, I've got the yard completely cleaned up. I've got, uh, I need to mow but, um, I got the floors startin' to be laid down. I was, actually, supposed to have checked with him on my check list, on my girder beam and stuff but I almost cut my finger all the way off with a saw-saw so it's kind of just slowed me down just a little bit but I got a framer, a friend whose a framer and he's goin' to come by tomorrow and started helpin' me with the things that I can't do. So, I would have already been, gotten a hold of him with the girder beam and all that for the inspections and then I'd be movin' on to the framing, and he's actually a framer, like I was sayin', so it will be a little bit more breezy. But the thing that kind of slowed me down is my good hand. But so, it's completely unexpected. I just sawed my hand instead of the piece of wood. Yeah, almost lost it, though, so. But the yard is completely cleaned up. Everything is closed off. It almost looks like a house that could be habitable other than what we have goin' on inside on the interiors.

Mr Denham

Yeah, it looks much better on the outside. Appreciate your effort on that.

Mr Hills

Thank you very much, Sir.

Mrs Harrington

Mr Chairman, I was goin' to ask, um, Jeff, uh, have you been over there?

Mr Oliver

I've been by.

Mrs Harrington

Ok, and it looks like it's secure. Looks like there's...

Mr Oliver

It is.

Mrs Harrington

He's got it to the point where it, it isn't going to be open to anybody that

wants get inside.

Mr Oliver

Correct. The outside is done, like he was sayin'. The yard's been picked up. You need to stay on top of that though. I noticed it's startin' to get out of hand again.

Mr Hills

Yes, Sir.

Mr Oliver

But you did have all the piles picked up and so a personal opinion, he's got a permit. Uh, he's still workin' on it, although be it slow. Uh, the outside's secured. I don't think it's a danger to the public at this point.

Mrs Harrington

Feel like it's ready to be released?

Mr Oliver

Yeah, with the permit in place and everything.

Mr Denham

Ok.

Mrs Harrington

Uh, Mr Chairman, I make a motion that Item # 2784 at 2108 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St be released from our Agenda.

Mr Tylle

Second.

Mr Denham

Motion by Mrs Harrington, second by Mr Tylle that Item # 2784, 2108 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St be released from our Agenda. All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Tylle, Mr Wilson and Mr Denham) Those opposed (none) Motion carries. So this has been released. You don't have to come back. Just keep on workin' with Jeff and the staff with the inspections. If things fall through the cracks, it can go back on the, our Agenda. So just keep up with it and...

Mr Hills

Sounds great.

Mr Denham

Appreciate your hard work.

Mr Hills

Sounds great. I just want to say sorry about all the issues we've had. Um, I'm really passionate about getting' this done. It's just been a little bit longer than, obviously, I intended. But I've never flipped a house, so, um,

I just, you know, completely, I apologize to each and every one of you for any disrespect that I have been and just, if we can move forward, that'd be great.

Mr Denham

No problem. Appreciate your apology and watch your fingers.

Mr Hills

Thanks.

Mr Denham

Good luck.

Mr Hills

Thank you.

Mr Denham

Anyone else like to speak about a specific project or property? We got some to do the demo on?

Mr Paul

Yes, Sir.

**ITEM # 2836** 

1308 S SERGEANT AVE

**OWNER: Ethan Turner** 

ADDRESS: 1308 S Sergeant Ave, Joplin, MO 64801

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BOARD)

Mr Paul

Um, the first one will be Item # 2836, 1308 Sergeant. Actually, this is the only one I have at this point.

ITEM # 2840

**219 WASHINGTON** 

**OWNER:** Les Sadler

ADDRESS: 219 Washington, Joplin, MO 64801 Finding of Fact Hearing scheduled for this date

Mrs Harrington

Mr Chairman, that lady looks like she wants to say something. Can you

step up to the mic, ma'am?

Mr Denham

Morning.

Ms Veach

Yes, we were here about 219 Washington St.

Mr Denham

Yes, are you a neighbor, or are you...

Mr Veach

We are a neighbor, a concerned neighbor that this property's been nothing

but a problem for the whole neighborhood for years.

Mr Oliver

It's a, it's a New Item on our Agenda today.

Ms Veach

Ok.

Mr Oliver

Um, the Board has to automatically continue it for thirty days, so it will be

brought back to our June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Ms Veach

Ok.

Mr Oliver

And at that time, if nobody's come forward with interest, uh, in either demolishing it or repairing it, and I don't believe that's goin' to happen, the Board could possibly order it demolished at that time.

Ms Veach

Good. Uh, I would like to tell you that the property line on the north side is about, maybe a foot past the foundation of house and on the south side, the man that owns the house on the south side also owns about a half of the driveway at that house, too.

Mr Oliver

Ok.

Ms Veach

So, it's kind of a, would not be a good place for anybody to live anyway.

Ok, thank you.

Mr Denham

We appreciate you comin' in. It, sometimes, takes a, a little bit of time to get, to go through our process but it is on our Agenda and we will work through it.

Ms Willhite

Excuse me ma'am, did you, did you sign, sign the...

Ms Veach

Yes, I did.

Ms Willhite

Ok, thank you.

Mr Denham

Thank you. Do we have a motion to continue, uh, Item # 2840?

Mrs Harrington

Mr Chairman, I make a motion that Item # 2840 at 219 Washington be, uh, continued until June 22<sup>nd</sup> for a Progress Report and Demolition Hearing.

Mr Pommert

Second.

Mr Denham

Motion by Mrs Harrington, second by Mr Pommert that Item # 2840, 219 Washington be continued to our June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for Progress Report and Demolition Hearing. All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Tylle, Mr Wilson and Mr Denham) Those opposed (none) Motion carries.

ITEM # 2836 1308 S SERGEANT AVE (Con't)

Mr Denham We'll go back to Item, uh, # 2837

Mr Paul 36.

Mr Denham Excuse me, 36. Is there a motion to have a Dangerous Building Hearing

for that property?

Mr Wilson Mr Chairman, I make a motion that Item # 2836, 1308 S Sergeant Ave be

the subject of a Dangerous Building Hearing.

Mr Pommert Second.

Mr Denham Motion by Mr Wilson, second by Mr Pommert that Item # 2836, 1308

S Sergeant be the subject of a Dangerous Building Hearing. All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Tylle, Mr Wilson and Mr Denham) Those opposed

(none) Motion carries. The Board turns it over to the City.

Mr Paul Thank you. This is the Joplin Building Board of Appeals meeting in the

Joplin Municipal Building this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018, for the purpose of conducting a Dangerous Building Hearing. The City will present its evidence first, after which the public has the right to be heard, uh, cross examine witnesses as well as present witnesses or exhibits. Uh, the case for today is Item # 2836 on the Agenda, also known as 1308 Sergeant Ave.

The City calls Jeff Oliver.

Ms Willhite Jeff, do you solemnly affirm, under the penalty of perjury, that the

testimony you shall give in the matter at issue shall be the truth, the whole

truth and nothing but the truth?

Mr Oliver Yes.

Ms Willhite Thank you.

Mr Paul Do you, uh, please state your name and occupation.

Mr Oliver Jeff Oliver, Building Inspector for the City of Joplin.

Mr Paul And have you, or how long have you been employed in your current

position with the City of Joplin?

Mr Oliver A little over eight years.

Mr Paul And have you, in the official performance of you duties, had an occasion to

inspect the property known as 1308 Sergeant Ave?

Mr Oliver I have.

Mr Paul I want to show you what's been marked as Exhibit # 1. So you recognize

Exhibit # 1?

Mr Oliver Yes, these are, uh, photos that I have taken of the property, um, at 1308

Sergeant. Um, the first picture here, you'll see a posting of a Warning, uh, which is something we put on each property that, eventually, gets brought

to this Board.

Mr Paul And is that to give any interested party that might be on the property notice

of the proceeding before the Board?

Mr Oliver Yes.

Mr Paul Do the photographs show a reasonable likeness of the premises in their

present condition?

Mr Oliver Uh, yes, I will say there has been some cleanup done and, uh, some work

performed without a permit. I have had contact an owner. Um, I have instructed him that a permit is required and that has not taken place.

Mr Paul What work has been performed?

Mr Oliver Um, again, cleanup, some windows have been put up, put in but that's all

that I know of at this time.

Mr Paul Outside of those two issues you just mentioned, do the photographs

otherwise show a reasonable likeness of the premises in their current

condition?

Mr Oliver Yes.

Mr Paul If there's no objection, I'd like to offer Exhibit # 1.

Mr Denham The Board accepts.

Mr Paul What, if anything, did you do to ascertain ownership of the property?

Mr Oliver Had a title search done.

Mr Paul I'm going to show you what's marked as Exhibit # 2. Do you recognize

Exhibit # 2?

Mr Oliver This is a title search we received from Great American Title showing an

Ethan Turner as the owner and that is the person that I have had a couple of

phone conversations with.

Mr Paul So, in addition the different notifications we're about to talk you, you have

had, um, actual conversations with the owner and they have actual notice

that this is before the Board at this point?

Mr Oliver Yes.

Mr Paul Uh, does the title work also show a lien held by, uh, The Peoples Bank of

Seneca?

Mr Oliver Yes.

Mr Paul If there's no objections, I'd offer Exhibit # 2.

Mr Denham The Board accepts.

Mr Paul What, if anything else, did you do to notify the owner of the property of

this action?

Mr Oliver Sent certified letters.

Mr Paul I'm going to show you what would have been marked, well, let me start

with Exhibit # 3. Do you recognize it?

Mr Oliver Yeah, this is a, uh, certified letter sent to Ethan Turner to the address of

1308 Sergeant, um, letting him know of the Finding of Fact meeting for this particular property on April 27<sup>th</sup> of this year. I do not have a signed

receipt.

Mr Paul And I'm goin' to show you what's marked as Exhibit # 6. Do you

recognize Exhibit # 6?

Mr Oliver This is a, uh, printout, uh, from the Jasper County Beacon website, uh,

showing Ethan Turner's address of 1308 S Sergeant.

Mr Paul Which is the property in question, right?

Mr Oliver That's correct.

Mr Paul That's also where Exhibit # 3 was mailed, is that correct?

Mr Oliver Correct.

Mr Paul And, uh, Beacon is a, basically, a data base maintained by the County

Assessor, correct?

Mr Oliver That's correct.

Mr Paul And that's where, uh, tax statements are sent, correct.

Mr Oliver Correct.

Mr Paul And so that information they have on file is, basically, the most recent

address they have for him for the purpose for taxation?

Mr Oliver Yes.

Mr Paul If there's no objections, I'd offer Exhibits # 3 and # 6.

Mr Denham The Board accepts.

Mr Paul Did you also send, um, a certified letter to the lienholder?

Mr Oliver Yes.

Mr Paul I'm goin' to show what's marked Exhibit # 4. Do you recognize Exhibit #

4?

Mr Oliver Uh, Ethan Turner, uh, is who the letter was sent to letting him know of

today's meeting May 25<sup>th</sup>. Uh, I have a, I also have a certified letter sent to Peoples Bank of Seneca. Uh, one letter is for the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and a second for days, today's meeting, May 25<sup>th</sup>. I do have a signed receipt for

one of those letters.

Mr Paul And I'm goin' to show you what's marked as Exhibit # 7. Do you

recognize Exhibit #7?

Mr Oliver Um, this is a sheet, um, that is, uh, showing the Bank of Seneca in, uh, with

their, uh, address in Seneca, MO. That's where we sent the, uh, letter to.

Mr Paul And is Exhibit # 7 a print out from the Missouri Secretary of State?

Mr Oliver Yes.

Mr Paul And so that's where they've indicated there're registered Agent is located,

correct?

Mr Oliver Correct.

Mr Paul

And that's where you've mailed Exhibit # 4, correct?

Mr Oliver

Correct.

Mr Paul

And we do have signed receipts for a couple of letters from Peoples Bank

of Seneca, correct?

Mr Oliver

That's correct.

Mr Paul

If there's no objections, I'd offer Exhibits # 4 and 7.

Mr Denham

The Board accepts.

Mr Paul

What, if anything else, did you do to notify any interested parties of this action?

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Mr Oliver

It was published in the Joplin Globe.

Mr Paul

I'm going to show you what's marked as Exhibit # 5. Do you recognize it?

Mr Oliver

Yes, this is the, uh, confirmation sent over, uh, for the advertisement in the Joplin Globe with the, uh, advertisement dates of May 4<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Mr Paul

If there's no objection, I'd offer Exhibit # 5.

Mr Denham

The Board accepts.

Mr Paul

And Jeff, I have, uh, marked something as Exhibit # 8 here in the file. Do you recognize that?

Mr Oliver

Yes, this is a correction, uh, notice that was given to, uh, I don't believe it was Ethan, it was another contractor at the property, probably, about four months ago at this point. Um, a list of about six or seven items here for them to address on the property.

Mr Paul

Did they address those items?

Mr Oliver

Like I said, the windows, they've started on but it's all been without a permit. Um, cleanup was a large part of it as well as they do need to pull an electrical permit which has not been done.

Mr Paul

I know, are there several items listed in Exhibit A that they have not addressed?

Mr Oliver

Yes.

Mr Paul

And again, this was something given to them in connection with making them aware that there was a proceeding before the Board, correct?

Mr Oliver

Correct.

Mr Paul

If there's no objection, I'd offer Exhibit #8.

Mr Denham

The Board accepts.

Mr Oliver

I'll make note also that that was on, uh, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr Paul

Ok. What school and education have you had in the Building Industry that would qualify you as an expert in the construction of buildings?

Mr Oliver

Been a General Contractor on several residential projects in the Joplin area over a twenty year period.

Mr Paul

And from an inspection of the property at issue here, do you have an expert opinion as whether or not these premises constitute a dangerous building as defined in Chapter 26, Article X, Section 26-612 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin and if so which of the definitions of a Dangerous Building do you base your opinion, if any?

Mr Oliver

Yes, I do. Subsections Line 12: Whenever the building or structure, or land it occupies, exists or is maintained in violation of any specific requirement or prohibition applicable to such building or structure or land provided by this article or other applicable laws or ordinances of this state or city relating to the condition, use, location or maintenance of the building, structure of land. Then also Line 13: Whenever the building or structure has become an attractive nuisance to children or is open to unauthorized or unlawful entry. Also, Line 15: Whenever the electrical system is totally or partially damaged, destroyed, removed or otherwise made inoperable, unsafe or hazardous. Uh, as you can see by the photos that have been passed around, um, this property, obviously, needs some repair. Uh, there had been a small fire on the back portion of the house which is what prompted this several months ago. Um, at that time there was a couple livin' in it with some kids that had no power and a generator is believed to be what started the fire. So there was some structural damage from that. Um, there was also no electrical power. Again by the photos you can see the meter, the service going into the property, uh, is not up to code and it has been open for entry, so...

Mr Paul

Ok, thank you, Jeff. Now would be any interested parties' opportunity to ask questions of the witness. Uh, ma'am are you here today on this property? No? Ok. We are not aware of anybody else here at the gallery

Mr Callihan

Bryan, I talked, to, uh, the neighborhoods, uh, yesterday. They happened to be outside and I asked them if anybody's livin' there and they said they didn't think that anybody's there currently but they have had a history of squatters, you know. No, no utilities, no nothing.

Mr Denham

Thank you. Do we have a motion for demolition?

Mr Wilson

Mr Chairman, I have a motion that Item # 2836, 1308 Sergeant Ave be declared a Dangerous Building in accordance with Joplin Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Articles IX and X, Section 26-612, Subsections 2, 13 and 15.

Mr Denham

I believe its 12, 12.

Mr Wilson

Oh, 12, pardon, 12, 13, 15 and so ordered demolished, to include any out buildings.

Mr Tylle

Second.

Mr Denham

Motion by Mr Wilson, second by Mr Tylle, that Item # 2836, 1308 S Sergeant be declared a Dangerous Building and ordered demolished in accordance to the City of Joplin Code of Ordinances under Chapter 26, Articles IX & X, Section 26-612, Subsections 12, 13, and 15. Demolition shall include any outbuildings. All those in favor of demolition say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Tylle, Mr Wilson and Mr Denham) Those opposed (none) Motion carries.

#### ITEM # 2817

## 1903 1/2 S KENTUCKY

**OWNER: Joe & Silvia Casa** 

ADDRESS: 1903 S. Kentucky Ave. Joplin, MO 64801

Demolition Hearing has been posted in the Joplin Globe Legal Section. Item continued from the April 27, 2018 meeting for a Demolition Hearing and Progress Report (NINETH TIME BEFORE THE

**BOARD**)

Mr Oliver

Ok, Item # 2817, 1903 ½ S Kentucky. I believe this Item can be released. Um, he is goin' to be doin' some electrical work and what have you, inside and is goin' to be obtaining a permit for that but as far as the permit he has had in place with, uh, putting the windows and the siding in, he does have one window left to put in, I believe. Um, but I don't believe this is any longer a danger to the public.

Mr Denham

Since he's taken ownership it seems like it movin' forward prior to that.

that wishes to speak on this. No one contacted us about being here today. Um, this would be the Board's opportunity to ask questions of the witness. Does the Board have any questions?

Mr Denham

Is the building unoccupied at this point?

Mr Oliver

Well, that's another thing. We've had several calls from neighbors that, uh, someone has been staying in it at night. One of the neighbors even went on to say that, uh, they had children and, um, the school had been called about the living condition and things of that nature. Whether they're still there, right now, I could not tell you.

Mr Paul

Any other questions from the Board? I see none. Jeff, you're excused. Uh, I'd also request that the Board take notice of Chapter 26, Articles IX and X of the Joplin Code of Ordinances in as evidence and that the record be held open to include a copy of the Globe on the dates of publication.

Mr Denham

The Board accepts.

Mr Paul

The City rests. Um, before I do that, I'd also ask the Board to take notice of its minutes from last time, particularly the neighbor who came and spoke on this property.

Mr Denham

The Board accepts.

Mr Paul

Now the City rest. Uh, this would be the opportunity for any, uh, interest party to present evidence, exhibits or just speak in general. Again no one in the audience here to do that today. Not aware of anybody who expressed a desire interest to be here today, therefore, uh, the matter will be turned over to the Board for deliberation and a decision.

Mr Denham

Do we have a motion for demolition?

Mr Wicklund

I'd like to add, just real quick. Uh, Jeff and I have been by several times. Uh, if there is anybody staying in the house or the garage overnight, they are aware that they're not supposed to be there. We've posted the property in multiple locations, multiple times. There's no evidence in the house, that I could tell, that anybody's stayin' in the house. The garage looked like there was a stroller and a sleeping bag that might be newer but if there's anybody in there, they, they have no business being in there. It's not like they actually live there. They're, and they're never there during the day that we have found.

Mr Denham

Thank you.

Mr Oliver

Yes.

Mr Denham

Do we have a motion to release?

Mr Callihan

Mr Chairman, I make a motion that Item # 2817, 1903 ½ S Kentucky be

released from our Agenda.

Mr Hartwell

Second.

Mr Denham

Motion by Mr, uh, Callihan, second by Mr Hartwell that Item # 2817, 1903 ½ S Kentucky be released from our Agenda due to the construction being complete. All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Tylle, Mr Wilson and Mr Denham) Those opposed (none) Motion carries.

ITEM # 2827

1010 S MONROE

**OWNER: Clista Schrader** 

ADDRESS: 9505 S 679 Rd, Wyandotte, OK 74370

Demolition Hearing has been posted in the Joplin Globe Legal Section. Item continued from the April 27, 2018 meeting for a Demolition

**Hearing and Progress Report (FIFTH TIME BEFORE THE BOARD)** 

Mr Oliver

Item # 2827, 1010 S Monroe. Um, there is a permit in place and they've had that for two to three months at this point. Not a lot of progress. There was a dumpster set. It was there last month, um, but I'm not really seein' it move.

Mr Hartwell

I don't see anything happenin'.

Mr Denham

We about ready to do a demo on this?

Mr Callihan

Yes.

Mr Denham

Um, I looked back at the Minutes, it was several months ago she said she was going to put the roof on, like that next week.

Mr Hartwell

Has anybody talked to her?

Mr Oliver

I have not spoken with her in the last month.

Mr Denham

She showed up early on but she hasn't come for the last...

Mr Callihan

The grass is four feet high.

Mr Denham

Yeah, and you go around back, the alley is, it's bad.

Mr Hartwell

It's a disaster.

Mr Oliver

Yeah. I know the Code Enforcement Officer's going to address that. I

actually spoke her this morning.

Mr Callihan

That's grass but, I mean, it's just, you know...

Mr Denham

I mean, the roof's been open since ...

Mr Callihan

Nothing's been done.

Mr Denham

Last winter.

Mr Callihan

Yep.

Mr Denham

They haven't followed through on anything other than getting the dumpster out there, which is just like a prop, in my mind. It's not, it's not any activity. It's just reflects a potential activity. I may, I don't know if it, it's

something that could be ready sometime?

Mr Paul

You got a copy of here?

Mr Hartwell

Can we do it today?

Mr Denham

I can't image the interior being salvageable at this point, being open to all

the rain we've had but...

Mr Wilson

Well, if you look real close at the picture you'll notice that the tarp they had up there looks like it is ripped and just shredded to pieces. Is the building still secured?

Mr Oliver

No.

Mr Oliver

It's open.

Mr Callihan

It's open. It has been. I'm not in favor of entering anything at this point.

Mr Wilson

Even with the building permit, you know.

Mr Denham

I think the only thing they have done's been cut down a tree and it laid on

the ground for....

Mr Hartwell

Forever.

Mr Denham

Months.

Mr Paul

Yeah, but this can be ready next time.

Mr Denham

Ok.

Mrs Harrington

Can we, can we order it demoed with a permit in place? You said there's a

permit.

Mr Oliver

Yes, I don't actually have a copy of it in the folder. I just noticed I need to

get one in there but...

Mrs Harrington

As long as there's no progress.

Mr Oliver

You can revoke that.

Mr Paul

In the past, we've revoked it prior to proceeding. Usually, Bryan, don't you

make some kind of an asterisk on the record when we do it that way?

Mr Wicklund

Yes.

Mrs Harrington

If you talk to her, can you let her know it's on the Agenda for demo?

Mr Oliver

Ok.

Mr Denham

An out of state owner that I don't think's really taking it seriously.

Mr Callihan

I was encouraged that she showed up but since then, absolutely nothing. Just, it's a glaring eye sore. It's open. Nothing's been done. I can't see

that anything, you know, that there's any intent.

Mr Denham

We have a motion to continue?

Mr Wilson

Mr Chairman, I make a motion that Item # 2827, 1010 S Monroe be continued to our June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for Progress Report and Demolition

Hearing

Mr Tylle

Second.

Mr Denham

Motion by Mr Wilson, second by Mr Tylle the Item # 2827, 1010 Monroe, be continue to our June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for Progress Report and Demolition Hearing. All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Tylle, Mr Wilson and Mr Denham) Those opposed (none) Motion carries.

Mr Denham I may have misidentified a previous property. That one on Roosevelt, I may

have called this address so, uh, Bet, if you could change that in the

Minutes, I may have called it the wrong property. Item # 2825. I may have called it. Anyway, I think I said the wrong address by we discontinued it

anyway.

Ms Willhite OK.

Mr Callihan We're planning on voting the demolition next meeting, we better be

prepared for it.

Mr Denham If the City's prepared. If she comes and she's got a lot of work done

between now and then, that might sway my opinion.

Mr Oliver Ready?

Mr Denham Yes, Sir.

<u>ITEM # 2831</u> <u>912 S SERGEANT</u>

OWNER: Amal Singh and Kelvin Salendra

ADDRESS: 245 Fullerton Dr, Turlock, CA 68382

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BOARD)

Mr Oliver Ok. Item # 2831, 912 S Sergeant. Um, Bryan and I'd visited this property

in the past. They pulled the permit, um, and they have met the corrections that needed to be done on the list that Bryan and I have given them, so I

believe this one can be released as well.

Mr Denham Do we have a motion to release?

Mr Tylle Mr Chairman, I make a motion that Item # 2831, 912 S Sergeant be

released from our Agenda.

Mr Pommert Second.

Mr Denham Motion by Mr Tylle, second by Mr Pommert that Item # 2831, 912 S

Sergeant be released from our Agenda due to the work being complete.

All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Tylle, Mr Wilson and Mr Denham)

Those opposed (none) Motion carries.

ITEM # 2834

**2206 HARLEM** 

**OWNER: John Brigs** 

ADDRESS: 4404 Bradley Dr., Joplin, MO 64804

Demolition Hearing has been posted in the Joplin Globe Legal Section.

Item continued from the April 27, 2018 meeting for a Demolition

Hearing and Progress Report (THIRD TIME BEFORE THE BOARD)

Mr Oliver

Ok, Item # 2834, 2206 Harlem. Uh, the owner of this property signed a

Consent Form this morning, so this can be released.

Mr Denham

Wow! This is a record on releases.

Mr Oliver

Yeah! About time.

Mrs Harrington

We won't have anything to do next meeting.

Mr Denham

Oh, I bet we can find a few more. Do we have a motion to release?

Mr Hartwell

Mr Chairman, I make a motion that Item # 2834, 2206 Harlem be released

from our Agenda.

Mr Callihan

Second.

Mr Denham

Motion by Mr Hartwell, second by Mr Callihan that Item # 2834, 2206 Harlem be released from our Agenda due to the owners signing a release for the demolition. All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Tylle, Mr Wilson and

Mr Denham) Those opposed (none) Motion carries.

**ITEM # 2838** 

**2213 ADELE** 

**OWNER: David Williams** 

ADDRESS: 4601 Hickory Ln, Joplin, MO 64804 Finding of Fact Hearing scheduled for this date.

Mr Oliver

Ok, Item # 2838, 2213 Adele. Um, it's a new Item. Needs to be continued to June 22<sup>nd</sup>. I will say that I have had a, uh, gentleman come in, uh, last, latter part of last week and I visited with him at the counter about this property a little bit. I'm not sure what he's goin' to do yet. I suggested demolition but I don't know if that's the way they want to go, so...

Mr Denham

Ok. This is New Business. We have to automatically continue. Is there a

motion to continue?

Mr Callihan

Mr Chairman, I make a motion that Item # 2838, 2213 Adele be on our June 22<sup>nd</sup> Agenda for, uh, Progress Report and Demolition Hearing.

Mr Wilson

Second.

Mr Denham

Motion by Mr Callihan, second by Mr Wilson that Item 2838, 2213 Adele, be continued to our June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for Progress Report and Demolition Hearing. All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Tylle, Mr Wilson and Mr Denham) Those opposed (none) Motion carries.

ITEM # 2839

**1334 GRAND** 

OWNER: John and Patricia Miller

ADDRESS: 1334 Grand Ave, Joplin, MO 64801 Finding of Fact Hearing scheduled for this dated.

Mr Oliver

And Item # 2839, 1334 Grand. Um, needs to be continued since it's a New Item. It's in pretty bad shape.

Mr Denham

Hopefully, it will be standing next month. Pretty Bad.

Mr Callihan

No word from anybody?

Mr Oliver

Um, I actually posted four properties on that block when I went out that day, um, and I have talked to a couple of 'em. So, um, one has actually already been taken down by the owner. It was a little small one. I've had a couple of conversations with two of the different owners and I'm havin' a hard time remember which addresses right now. Um, anyway, got title work comin' and we'll see if we can't be ready.

Mr Denham

Good deal. Great.

Mr Tylle

Mr Chairman, I make a motion that Item # 2839, 1334 Grand Ave be

continued to our June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting?

Mr Oliver

Yes, Sir.

Mr Tylle

For Demolition Hearing and Report.

Mr Pommert

Second.

Mr Denham

Mr, uh, there's a motion by Mr Tylle, second by Mr Pommert that Item # 2839, 1334 Grand Ave be continue to our June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for Progress Report and Demolition Hearing. All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Tylle, Mr Wilson and Mr Denham) Those opposed (none) Motion carries.

Mr Denham

Did you want to address anything in particular, Ma'am? You're welcome to come up if you want.

Ms Micklethwaite

Good morning. Ashley Micklethwaite. 3820 Hawthorn Court, Joplin, MO. Um, I'd like, uh, to ask for two things from this Board. One, I would like to ask you to consider moving your meetings to the late afternoon or early evening so Joplin citizens can come and talk to you about their neighborhoods and the properties within their neighborhoods. It's difficult for citizens to come at this time, um, because they're working. Um, the other thing, um, your Minutes are not posted on the City's website, um, and they, uh, I think the only way to access them, um, are through the City Clerk and I would ask that you, uh, post your Minutes on the City Website again, so residents within the neighborhoods where properties are going to be discussed, uh, know which properties are on the Agenda so they can come and speak to you, um, or write a letter.

Mr Denham

Bet, is that something that the Minutes could be posted.

Ms Willhite

They're posted. Now, due to some other duties, um, they might not be until late. They might be a week or two before the next meeting, but the Minutes are posted and they are verified, that posting, by the City Clerk. So the Agenda is posted two weeks before the meeting and then the Minutes are posted as soon after the meeting as we can possible get them in there.

Mr Denham

And how do you find those Minutes on the Website?

Ms Willhite

They are, um, you go to, once you enter the website, you click on "Government"; and on "Government" there will be, to the left hand side of the page, will be "Agendas and Minutes" and you just click on that and then you go down to the Dangerous Building Board of Appeals and those minutes will be posted there.

Ms Wicklethwaite

Ok, so I, I was looking for the Minutes on the Board of Appeals, uh, link and the agendas are posted there but the Minutes are not.

Ms Wicklund

You need to go to the same spot where they post the Minutes for the City Council Meetings. They group all the Minutes together.

Ms Wicklethwaite

Together, Ok.

Ms Harrington I was going to say, we get these Minutes, uh, at least ten days to two weeks

before the meeting, so, and that's through the mail, so they're, obviously,

posted at least two weeks, I'd say, before the next meeting.

Ms Wicklethwaite That, that's more than adequate. I just could not find them and I'm,

I'm a pretty savvy, uh, network, uh, searcher but, that's nice to know. Thank you and I will pass that information, uh, along to the groups of

neighborhoods that we're working with.

Mr Denham I appreciate you coming down. As far as the timing and the schedules of

our meeting, uh, I guess that's something we could discuss because, I, I understand your point. A lot of people do work 8:00 to 5:00 and it's a bit

of a hardship but...

Mrs Harrington We also have to be respectful of the staff time.

Mr Denham Right. Yeah.

Ms Wicklethwaite Yes, I understand that.

Mr Denham I appreciate your comments. We'll, we'll look into that and see if that's a

possibility.

Mr Harrington I'm curious, how many years have you been connected with this Board,

one way or another, Kyle?

Mr Denham Uh...

Mrs Harrington Thirty?

Mr Denham No, uh, (laughter)

Mrs Harrington I remember going to the meetings over in the old building ...

Mr Denham Yeah.

Mrs Harrington The old building and...

Mr Denham Yeah, the old City Hall.

Mrs Harrington It, it was...

Mr Denham It's always been 9:00 at that time but that doesn't mean it can't change.

I'm, I'm not against changing it if there's a good way to do it. But we do have to make sure that the staff, because we have three staff members from

the City on this, the Attorney and two from the Building Department which, if we did do that at night that would be after the business ...

Ms Wicklethwaite I understand. Thank you for your consideration.

Mr Denham I appreciate you comin' up and uh...

Ms Willhite Ma'am, did you log in, did you sign in for the Minutes?

Ms Wicklethwaite No, I will.

Ms Willhite Ok. Thank you.

Mr Denham Thank you, Ashley. Mr Hartwell received a letter from, uh, Ann Leach that

I think, has everyone, have we passed those out? Did everyone get that?

Mrs Harrington Uh, no.

Mr Denham There was only two. Maybe...

Mr Hartwell Here's an extra.

Mr Denham I thought, or you thought she might attend today but it...

Mrs Harrington Yeah, I...

Mr Hartwell I had talked with Ann, uh, earlier. We'd talked about a property at 117 S

Byers. We've hand this in front of us, I know some of the members of the Board are, uh, neighbors to this home or they live in close proximity to it, to this, I should say, multi-unit dwelling and, uh, that is what sparked our conversation and she had talked with me about it as a concerned person whose active in the Murphyburg neighborhood and, uh, throughout the City of Joplin. So, she wanted to, uh, address some of these concerns and she is extremely concerned about the unit at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Byers. And, uh, I think there are others that share in her concerns as well, so I encouraged them to reach out to the Board. Uh, like I said, Ann is not feeling too well, so she passed these along. I printed them off for us this morning to give,

uh, to the Board and we can read them at our leisure.

Mr Denham Well, we released five or six items today.

Mr Tylle I think we've got quite a few that we could add to that list.

Mr Denham Oh, yeah. Sometimes it's hard to determine which house on the block is

the item that's on our Agenda. Jeff, if you could squeeze in a minute of

two to check these properties out, I'd appreciate it.

Mr Oliver Will do.

Mr Harrington Are you familiar with the one's that she's talking about, off the top of your

head, Jeff?

Mr Oliver Well, the one on Byers, obviously.

Mrs Harrington Well, I was just curious how much, I mean, I absolutely agree with her.

Um, what, what probably frustrates me the most when we, um, get input from a lot of the public is that, um, just because it's not recently been painted or it doesn't look like something you would want to live in, it doesn't always make it dangerous. I think there's a lot of confusion in the public about that. About what our, what our responsibilities and duties are with cleaning up these properties. I think what gets confused with, it doesn't look very nice instead of always being that it's ready to come

down.

Mr Denham We don't have control on esthetics either.

Mrs Harrington Yeah, well, that's, you said it so much better than I did, but, um, that's

exactly right. I mean, I understand frustration. Wouldn't want to live next door to any of the homes that I drive by but you can't actually put your finger on it, say this is bad and we need to do something about it because it's up to the property owner to, uh, live in the kind of home that they want

to.

Mr Wilson And plus, you've got to take into a consideration that, uh, some of these

home that people live in right now that don't look good, are, they may be elderly or disable and can't do the work and don't have to funds to do the work or hire somebody to do it. So, that, you know, people are just don't

understand.

Mrs Harrington Yeah.

Mr Wilson 'Cause, you know, being handicapped myself, I've run into problems with

people not understanding why I do what I do and how I do it.

Mrs Harrington Yeah, we deal with it once a month. I can't even imagine what, especially

two of these, three of these staff members, uh, have to deal with daily. I'm

sure it's the same thing.

Mr Denham The property on Markwardt that we released two or three months ago,

there's two skinny or three skinny little shotgun houses. An attorney showed up, there was a burned out truck or something behind it. I drove by that property yesterday. There's a lot of decay, a lot of rot in those, those

houses. Somebody's livin' in cab-over-camper between the two houses. Uh, it certainly hasn't improved since we released it. I, I know he had done the work that was specifically requested of him and I think that's why we released it but, it's not suitable for an animal to live in, truthfully. I, I just wished we could have done something different with those properties.

Mrs Harrington

It's a landlord ...

Mr Denham

Yes.

Mrs Harrington

Situation, right?

Mr Paul

It, that this...

Mrs Harrington

Those are the hardest.

Mr Hartwell

That's what we see a lot of, though. We, I don't think we go after the elderly or the disabled. I think we go after the scrupulous, the...

Mr Denham

Slum lords.

Mr Hartwell

Right, and this is their business model.

Mrs Harrington

When the, when the owner of the property is already familiar to us, 'cause we've seen them here on occasions about other properties, it's no, um, secret to us that it's an ongoing frame of mind that that individual has about owning properties that ...

Mr Denham

It's just disappointing that it, it has not improved at all. It has definitely gone downhill.

Mrs Harrington

And that's what makes, you know, these kind of comments difficult when somebody that you know and respect in the community, um, it's very difficult to sit on a Board like this and, and discover the limitations that we have.

Mr Callihan

That was a hard part for me as, you, you look at, you have to distinguish esthetics from the structural aspects. It can be ugly and still be ok.

Mrs Harrington

Well, in progress, that you know, in the definition of progress, there, some of them that we've had to deal with that any progress has to be allowed under the terms of our, um, order or what every and, um, ...

Mr Denham

Yeah. Any other comments or anything to bring to the Board? Do we have a motion to adjourn?

Mr Wilson

So moved.

Mr Pommert

Second.

Mr Denham

Motion by Mr Wilson, second by Mr Pommert, to adjourn. All those in favor say "aye" (Mr Callihan, Mr Hartwell, Mrs Harrington, Mr Pommert, Mr Tylle, Mr Wilson and Mr Denham) Those opposed (none) Motion carries.

There being no further business to come before the Building Board of Appeals during regular session, the regular session meeting stood adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Kyle Denham, Chairman

Approved

Elizabeth A Willhite, Notary

My Commission expires: November 8, 2020

**ELIZABETH A. WILLHITE** Notary Public Jasper County My Commission Expires November 8, 2020 Commission # 16542728