



**Housing Renewal Commission
Thursday, August 5, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room #2
85 South Main Street, Oberlin, Ohio**

Members Present: Doren Harley, Glen Turnbull, John Hall, Peter Crowley and Thomas Monroe

Members Absent:

Others Present: Burt Price; Elizabeth Young; Alan Campbell; Eric Severs, Law Director; Scott Broadwell, City Council Liaison; Steve Polinski, Residential Building Official and Saundra Phillips, Secretary to the Housing Renewal Commission

Harley called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2010

Monroe made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Hall seconded. Motion carried.

II. OLD BUSINESS

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II. NEW BUSINESS

a) Demolition Appeal Hearing for 230 W. College Street – Burt Price

Harley called the demolition Appeal Hearing to order for 230 W. College Street, Burt Price the homeowner. Harley informed the Commission that there may be a couple of other speakers, including Alan Campbell. The Law Director, Eric Severs introduced himself and explained that by the rules of the City's Code, whoever is going to say anything should be sworn in first. I know it is a formality but we really need to make sure we do that.

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So probably Mr. Price and maybe Mr. Campbell will be saying something and presuming this will probably be resolved but we have to follow the rules, so I would ask that you to gentlemen and anyone else who are going to say anything other than the Board should stand up. Severs asked all interested parties if they would raise their right hands.

“Do you swear or affirm that the statements you are about to make are true to the best of you knowledge or belief.” Burt Price and Alan Campbell both responded with a yes answer.”

Harley asked Mr. Price if he disagrees with the Demolition Order of 230 W. College Street. Price said he disagrees with the order and the reason for my disagreement is the house just needs to be repaired and not demolished. The problem is I cannot afford to fix the house. Harley asked Mr. Price if he could just continue to clean up the rubbish/junk around the house, which does not take any money to do. It is just a matter of putting the rubbish/junk on the curb and allowing the City to haul it away. Mr. Price told the Commission that he has done a lot of cleaning already.

Severs said if there is a purchase of the property in progress, the City and Commission should see a copy of the signed purchase agreement and if that is the case then we have a rehabilitation agreement that the purchaser can sign indicating a time line as to when they are going to rehab the house. The purchaser is going to sign a contract with the City and if they do not comply with the agreement within a reasonable time period, then the house will come down.

Mr. Campbell said Mr. Price has the purchase agreement that was drawn up by Frank Carlson. Price and I have signed the purchase agreement and we are happy about the agreement. We are now in the middle of financing the house. I have talked to Polinski about the process of rehabbing the house. The first phase will consist of the outside repairs, including reroofing and then rehab to take place in the interior of the house, hoping to have all the work completed by Spring. Harley asked when the purchase will be completed. Campbell said with this agreement signed and dated, I hope to have the purchase completed within two months.

Severs said the hearing should not continue until the purchase is completed. Once the purchase has been completed then the Commission can look it over and approve it.

Monroe asked how long the discussion of purchase has been going on. Campbell said the discussion has been going on for about two weeks. Monroe asked if there is a problem with Price signing the purchase agreement. Campbell said he believes Price has not signed it because he has cold feet and unsure of what is going on. He does not want to sign the agreement and then the City tear the house down. He wants assurance that if he moves forward, nothing will happen with the house.

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Severs said the hearing should continue when the deal has closed and Campbell has the title, because the City cannot knock the house down before the deal goes through.

Price said he tried for a long time to get some aid to put a roof on the house. Then two weeks before the house was condemned, I got approval to put a roof on the house. I then was going to tackle the plumbing and from then on everything was going to be ok.

Monroe made a motion that the Housing Renewal Commission not act on the demolition at this time and that the appeal hearing will continue on September 23, 2010. Hall seconded. Vote passed.

The Commission members witnessed Burt Price and Alan Campbell signing the purchase agreement.

Action: Send notices out to Mr. Price and Alan Campbell by September 1, 2010.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Review of the Updated Fee Schedule

The Commission members agreed to table the review of updates to the fee schedule to September 23, 2010.

b) Discussed a List of Addresses for Future Demolition

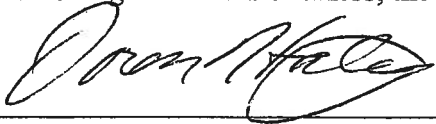
Polinski gave three addresses that are on the list for demolition in the future. The addresses listed are 61 Orchard Street, 66 S. Park Street, and 17 N. Pleasant Street. Polinski explained that one of the banks that have an interest in the property at 61 Orchard Street has been in contact and wishes to rehab the house.

Severs said the property at 66 S. Park Street needs to be boarded up before the weather changes. Polinski said he is working on getting that property and 17 N. Pleasant Street boarded up.

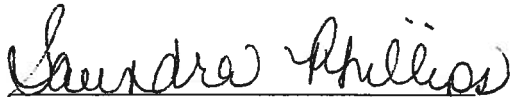
Hall also mentioned the sidewalks on West College Street have shrubs growing over them.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.



Doren Harley, Housing Renewal Commission Chair



Sandra Phillips, Secretary to the Housing Renewal Commission