

MINUTES
BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION
JANUARY 13, 1998
4:08

Members Present: Bill Sullivant, Lee Birkhead, Thomas Robinson, Jim Goldsworthy, and Donna Doty

Members Absent: Jan Russell

Staff Present: Roy Lewis and Darrin Cone

Visitors: Alvie Price, Luis Manon, Dolores Cloer, Alfred Bradley, Bob Harbin

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

Mr. Sullivant stated the agenda indicates that there are no minutes from the last meeting due to circumstances beyond our control.

Mr. Lewis replied the tape has disappeared and we don't know if it was just misplaced or if someone got it and taped over it or what has happened to it.

The first item of business on the agenda is the consideration and action on the determination of the Building Official of the Substandard condition of a structure located at 802 N. Commerce St. Case # BS-97-11.

Mr. Lewis stated he was going to send pictures around for everyone to look at for evidence. She has the case numbers on them. Behind us here is my assistant Darrin Cone and in the future he may be presenting some of the cases for me. This structure was burned last fall. If you remember in the paper we had several fires at one time over in the north part of town. The building is valued at eight thousand eight hundred and eleven dollars (\$ 8,811.00) . Replacement value is estimated at thirty five thousand (\$ 35,000.00). I don't believe you could repair it and make it worth the replacement value. We have been receiving a lot of complaints from that area, children playing on the property and some near by homeowners are concerned that someone may get hurt there. So I am recommending demolition on this property.

Mr. Robinson asked has the owner of the property been in contact with you?

Mr. Lewis replied they have not talked to me.

Mr. Robinson stated so they have not responded to any of the City notices as of demolition being recommenced down to the foundation as of yet. What sort of foundation are we talking

about here.

Mr. Lewis replied that most of it is wood, I believe the front porch is made of concrete and it does have an old storm cellar behind the house. Part of the complaint is they are afraid someone might fall into that cellar and it holds water all the time.

Mr. Birkhead asked is there anyone here to represent this property?

Dolores Cloer stated yes I am, this house belongs to my great Aunt and she had no children and the house is in her name. I'm just here because she doesn't have anyone else to do this for her.

Mr. Sullivant stated can I get you to raise your right hand please so you can be sworn in at this time. Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you God?

Ms. Cloer replied I do.

Mr. Sullivant stated you may say what it is you need to now.

Ms. Cloer stated my Aunt died in 1996 and we just left the house alone we did not want to bother it. She had left some antiques in it and then last fall I believe he said some arsonists set fire to it. We did go over and look at it after the fire and we do agree it does need to be demolished. The deed is still in my Great Aunt's name and I really don't know what to do about it. Some people have called me about the habitat for humanity they say that they want the property if I would give it to them. I would be willing to do that if they would be willing to have it cleaned up and all of that stuff.

Mr. Birkhead stated there are no back taxes owed on this.

Ms. Cloer replied I have just paid the taxes on the property.

Mr. Goldsworthy asked did you inherit the property when your Aunt passed away ?

Ms. Cloer replied well guess but I don't have anything showing it to be in my name. The deed is still in her name not mine.

Mr. Sullivant asked was there any administration on her estate ?

Ms. Cloer replied no not really she did not have anybody.

Mr. Sullivant asked does the record show her name and there where no heirs, is that correct.

Ms. Cloer replied she did not have any children or anybody to take care of her I was the only one.

Mr. Sullivant stated you are the only living relative? Chances are you have the title to it just not the record title.

Ms. Cloer stated that she did have relatives living in Ardmore I think, but I don't know who they are.

Mr. Sullivant stated let me tell you how to get the title to it, so you would be able to give it away to someone. You have to have administration on the estate, or you may be able to get by with affidavit of heirship. Some way or another you have to get it on record as to who the heir's of the deceased person are. Other wise will not be able to give it to the habitat for humanity or anyone else. I believe you would have to show who the property would pass to upon the death of the owner.

Ms. Cloer stated ok after I do that then what do I do ?

Mr. Sullivant replied assuming you are the heir it goes to, you then would have title to it, but that has to court record.

Mr. Robinson stated that if the house is demolished this point, if she intends to give it to Habitat or who ever then the lien against that property would the City have possession of the property at that point. Would the City have the property and would they be able to do anything without having an legal expense, would that be a better route to go if that is the direction she want's to go with it ?

Mr. Sullivant replied the City would have a lien against it for the amount of demolition.

Ms. Williams replied yes they would and of course we are saying here that I don't know what is just the value of just the land does anyone know.

Mr. Birkhead replied oh I could make a stab at it, it would probably be somewhere around \$1500.00 dollars.

Mr. Goldsworthy stated his concern is that the property is a hazard to the public in that area.

Mr. Robinson stated now you are saying that you do want something done with the property?

Ms. Cloer replied that is right.

Mr. Birkhead stated you might be able to help more, what is it going to cost her to have this done ?

Mr. Sullivant replied serval hundred dollars if not more.

Ms. Cloer stated she did not want to spend that much. Do I have any legal rights?

Mr. Robinson stated it might be better to just let the City have the property and demolish it and place a lien against the property. Then that way they could dispose of it or do what ever they wanted to do with it.

Mr. Birkhead stated the ultimate goal is to give it to the Habitat for Humanity, if that is a good location for them.

Mr. Goldsworthy stated this is not a satisfactory deal for the City but I would not be apposed to my tax dollars being spent to prevent that hazard and then going to the Habitat for Humanity. Or just to maintain the lot, it obvious that people have been going in and out of the place. I have passed it on several occasions and there is nothing to keep kids or whoever wants to get in there out, nor would there be a way to do that.

Mr. Birkhead stated well if that be your goal maybe we could help you out a little bit and get rid of the eye sore and the hazard and so forth.

Ms. Cloer replied I will be willing to do that. They have called me about that.

Mr. Sullivant asked do I hear any motions being made ?

Mr. Robinson stated I'll make motion that we demolish or however we need to propose that.

Ms. Cloer asked how long would it be before you can demolish it.

Mr. Birkhead replied now that's a question.

Mr. Lewis replied I turn them over to the Director of Public Works and then they go on his schedule to be done as he can do them.

Mr. Goldsworthy asked where does he stand now on this demolition list do you know ?

Mr. Lewis replied he is probably about 10 behind right now.

Ms. Williams stated we should have some way of moving one up to the front of the list.

Mr. Lewis replied we do have if there is reason for it.

Mr. Robinson stated we haven't been very busy.

Mr. Lewis replied he hasn't been either.

Mr. Robinson stated well at one time they were like 30 behind or so.

Mr. Lewis stated if you determine that it needs to be at the top of the list I'll move it up there.

Mr. Sullivant stated alright we have a motion that this property be referred for demolition. Is there a second for that.

Mr. Goldsworthy stated he would second that motion.

Mr. Sullivant stated will there be any other discussion at this time, if not then all in favor of the motion.

AYES: ALL NAYS: NONE ABSENT: JAN RUSSELL ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Sullivant stated the motion carries, is that okay.

Ms. Cloer stated will someone get in contact with me and let me know what is going on.

Mr. Lewis stated if you will leave Darrin your name and address he will.

Ms. Cloer asked is it okay if I leave now.

The fourth item of Business on the agenda is the consideration and action on the determination of the Building Official of the Substandard condition of a structure located at 606 Belcher St. Case # BS-97-12.

Mr. Lewis stated he would like to send the pictures around for everyone to look at as evidence. This was total destroyed by fire a couple of years ago and we had trouble in locating the owner. I don't think they can do anything with it but take it down. There is not enough left to rebuild, you will see what I mean once you see the pictures.

Mr. Sullivant stated is there anyone here that wishes to speak on behalf of this property.

Mr. Birkhead stated that since there is no owner of record to make contact with-----
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Mr. Lewis stated it's on the second page. It's right around the corner and the rock house is on the corner.

Mr. Birkhead asked has anyone responded to the notices as of yet.

Mr. Lewis replied not to my knowledge yet.

Mr. Sullivant stated he has been paying on the taxes.

Mr. Lewis stated he had two or three houses there so he's been paying the taxes on that one piece of property. There is nothing there but a rock shell and a few sticks, that did not completely burn so there's nothing really to do.

Mr. Sullivant asked are you recommending demolition Roy.

Mr. Lewis replied yes I am.

Mr. Robinson stated I move that this property be added to the demolition list.

Ms. Doty stated I second the motion.

Mr. Sullivant stated okay we have a second to the motion, will there be any other decussionation to the motion. If not those in favor say Aye, opposed Nay, motion carries.

AYES: ALL, NAYS: NONE, ABSENT: Jan Russell, ABSTENTIONS: NONE.

The Fifth Item of Business on the Agenda is the consideration and action on the determination of Building Official of the Substandard condition of a structure located at 807 S. Taylor Case # BS-97-07.

Mr. Lewis stated look in the interior information here -----.

Mr. Birkhead replied okay.

Mr. Lewis stated that Marcia had been called away for a medical emergenge, that's why she could not be here. I have pictures here to send around and I have never been on the inside of the property. We have had a lot of complaints from neighbors that said it is in real bad shape. They where afraid there might be rats and snakes around the place. Now on the outside of the place it has some roofing and siding problems and it looks like it may be being used for storage which is not a residential use. technically going by the check list we go by it's substandard even if I don't go in and look at the inside of the place. It needs to be fixed up or what ever you determine on this one. The last time I was over there which was back before I was injured it was still full of junk. It looks like it would be possible to fix with a new roof and new siding.

Mr. Price stated we sold the property to him so I guess you would need to talk to him.

Mr. Sullivant stated please raise your right hand, do you solemnly swear that the testimony you give to be the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you God?

Mr. Manon replied yes I do.

Ms. Williams stated you also need them to state there names and address for the record.

My name is Luis Manon and I live at 820 S. Taylor.

Mr. Sullivant stated okay Mr. Manon you may go ahead and tell us what you need to.

Mr. Manon stated we got this property from Mr. Alvin, we want to remodel but right now we do not have the money to start with and we are trying to get some money from Mexico because we have someone that they could help us out with some money. I have been trying to save some money, but I do not have some money to start with yet.

Mr. Sullivant asked are you working now.

Mr. Manon replied yes, my brother and me will work together to fix the house. He works in Dallas for the school. And we just don't have the money to remodel yet.

Mr. Sullivant asked do you have any type of schedule or time limit as to when you might be able to do something to the house.

Mr. Manon replied I can not tell you one month or two months I don't know. Because my Grandma in Mexico she told us that she wanted to sell the house that she is living in down in Mexico and take that money to bring her over here. It should be around eight thousand dollars and take the money that is left and fix the house up.

Mr. Birkhead asked who owns the house now?

Mr. Manon replied we have not changed the names yet.

Mr. Birkhead stated so he needs the money to buy the house and do the repairs.

Mr. Price stated no we have already settled up on the money for the house.

Mr. Robinson stated the house has been purchased yet the title has not been transferred at this point.

Mr. Price replied all we like is transferring the title, he has the abstract and everything we just haven't taken it over there yet.

Mr. Manon stated I don't know where to go to change the names.

Mr. Sullivant stated you will need someone to draw up a deed. Mr. Price can give you what you need.

Mr. Price stated didn't you say it would be about 6 months or so before the house sold in Mexico.

Mr. Manon replied yea well it all depends on well like here because school vacation here and he went in December to talk with my Grandma. He will go back in April to see if there is anyone that can get her out and bring the money.

Mr. Birkhead stated your ultimate goal is to live in the house.

Mr. Manon replied no right now I live with my brother.

Mr. Birkhead stated okay so your going to fix it up and sell it to a relative that's going to move here.

Mr. Manon replied yes or my Grandmother can live there or what ever she wants. My brother and I always work together and if he wants to sell it then that's fine too.

Mr. Brikhead asked how much money are you looking for.

Mr. Manon replied we are looking for about eight thousand or so form Mexico and any money we can save here. I want to ask the inspector how the remodel has to be done.

Mr. Lewis replied yes I remember him coming in and asking some questions. I believe it was two or three months ago. We talked about the proper way to do some stuff to the house.

Mr. Birkhead asked is eight thousand reasonable do you think.

Mr. Lewis replied for a roof and siding I don't know what it needs on the inside.

Mr. Birkhead asked what plumbing and electrical.

Mr. Lewis replied it will need a new meter loop and if they are able to do it them selves it won't be to bad.

Mr. Robinson stated and the rest is he will have to shore up the foundation a little bit and take the decking off and replace it.

Mr. Lewis stated it does need a new roof for sure and then there are some places on the siding that needs to be replaced.

Mr. Robinson stated I was just wondering if he was anywhere close to the right amount of money he would need.

Mr. Birkhead replied eight to ten thousand is about right on the material and don't forget the labor. We don't want to come back next year and you still say you need eight thousand dollars in it and you still not be finished and it not meeting our standards okay. We do appreciate you trying to do something with the place we don't want to tear them down unless we have to.

Mr. Manon stated the house we live in right now was almost in the same shape when we moved in and we have fixed it up. And little by little I added a room here and there. The problem is that I don't have a great income.

Ms. Doty stated that the place does need to be secure and safe right away, like the door that

is hanging open needs to be locked and the windows need to be scoured so that people can't go in and out. So the children can't get into the house and hurt them selves until you are able to go in and finish. Because there is a door way open, the back door is the one I'm speaking of all the windows look to be okay at this time. If they do get broken out before you are able to finish you would need to secure them with a board or something. So again people or children can't get in there and get hurt.

Mr. Birkhead stated that if your not there everyday or every other day someone will break in the house and tear it up.

Mr. Manon stated we can go every day and my brother lives right across the street.

Mr. Birkhead replied that is good. You can get some temporary electrical over there and put a light up and maybe use you power tools can't you.

Mr. Manon replied yes I can do that.

Mr. Robinson asked how much time do you need?

Mr. Lewis stated that if he is not going have any money for at least 6 month then maybe you should table it and let him come back then and bring you up to date on the Stacie at that point.

Mr. Robinson stated I think we should give him a little bit of time and if we have any questions and need to see how he is doing. I think he needs to put up tamper meter and put up a light outside.

Mr. Manon asked if the house is to big and I want to make it smaller what would I have to do? Can I do that? Some of my friends live out of the City limits and they said that if I want to bring some of the trash out there it would be okay by them.

Mr. Robinson stated that the City has what they call spring clean up and if you need to get rid of limbs and some trash you can place it on the curb and the city will pick it up. Of course you would have to have it neatly stacked and bundled up at that point and time so it would not be there for a long period of time so the grass and weeds would not grow up around it and create another problem for you. You would have to time that to the clean up time so that you would not have it setting out there for three months.

Mr. Sullivant asked do we have a motion on this case?

Mr. Robinson stated I would recommend giving him a period of time but we need to discuss how long before we get back together so we can make sure it is progressing.

Mr. Sullivant stated I would guess about 90 days or so.

Ms. Doty stated with the condition that it be scoured within 30 days.

Mr. Birkhead stated I move that we table this project and bring it back up again in 90 days and add to that to ask Roy to do a little supervision on making sure that they get the building secure so it won't attract any vandals within 30 days.

Mr. Goldsworthy replied I second that.

Mr. Sullivant stated we have a motion and a second on the floor is there further discussion?

AYES: ALL, NAYS: NONE, ABSENT: JAN RUSSELL, ABSTENTIONS: NONE

The Sixth Item of Business on the Agenda is the consideration and action on the determination of the Building Official of the Substandard condition of a structure located at 306 N. Denison St. Case # BS-97-06.

Mr. Lewis stated I believe this may have been assigned a new case # because we have had this case before and last time we ordered Ms. Thomason to secure the building which she never did. In the mean time I think she sold it because the title search show new owners. I brought it back this time and it's still in the same shape it was. It needs to be condemned until we can get someone to do something with it.

Mr. Robinson asked what would it cost to have that demolished?

Mr. Birkhead stated we just need someone to come up here and blow that thing up.

Ms. Doty stated I have a question, when ever we make a motion and we second it and we place a requirements on the property owner to demolish, secure and or repair. Does that not go on the title as a limitation so if someone else buys a restriction on the title. So if someone else buys it isn't that restriction already in place?

Mr. Lewis replied suppose to.

Ms. Doty stated because we have other properties come up to us that the new owner says I'm not under your time obligation that has previously been set, I want ----- and I want and then we start all over again.

Mr. Lewis stated I just started that about a year ago when I found out how to do it.

Ms. Doty replied oh so this has just started, so we haven't always been able to do this. Now on this property did we have a proper filling on our restrictions on getting this property in shape before it sold to the new owners?

Mr. Lewis replied no because all we had ordered was for it to be secured and back there on the title search the warranty deed is dated May 13 according to this title search which is about the same time period as our last meeting when you ordered it scoured. So I don't know if Ms. Thomas had anything to do with it or not.

Mr. Robinson asked has the new owners responded yet? Or have we even contacted them at all?

Mr. Lewis replied I have not been able to talk to them as of yet.

Mr. Sullivant asked did you notify them of the meeting?

Mr. Lewis replied we sent everybody a letter around the first of the month.

Mr. Robinson asked do you have any indication weather they got it or not?

Mr. Lewis replied let me look in the file. This one that came back is from Bob Mc Doulett so he did not get it, notice is unclaimed. This one is for Ken Thomas and it was unclaimed is there anyone here to talk on this property? This is 306 N. Denison or 314 N. Denison it's the old grain mill.

Ms. Doty stated the one to Guaranty acceptance Corp. was that returned also? I think what you were talking about your title search, showed?

Mr. Lewis replied the title search showed it to be sold about the time of the last meeting around May 13, and the last meeting was somewhere around there May 8 or 13.

Ms. Doty stated this notice that was sent out in December was it sent to the new owners or not?

Mr. Lewis replied yes but it came back unclaimed.

Ms. Doty stated and that's the new owner and Guaranty acceptance is the.

Mr. Lewis stated well we have Guaranty Acceptance here and FYG here I don't know if they changed their name or what. The one for Ken Thomas was unclaimed.

Ms. Doty stated so that one is not a bad address.

Mr. Lewis stated that it does not show him as being the owner.

Ms. Doty stated well if you sent it to the address that the tax office gave you even if it's not the right address.

Mr. Sullivant stated I say we should proceed then do we have any motions.

Mr. Birkhead stated put it on Jim's smallest demo list.

Mr. Goldsworthy stated it looks like it would be rather expensive to demolish. You have here about 3 million dollars to demo this place.

Mr. Lewis replied that is just my estaminet I really don't know for sure. There was some architect that came around a while back and I told them that they might be able to use the bottom part of the building as a warehouse and the 6 story part into apartments with some remodeling, but they could not get enough investors together to do it though. So it is still just sitting there with kids running in and out of the place.

Ms. Doty stated I think the thing to do would be to scoured to start with fence it in or something.

Mr. Robinson stated I think the first thing we need to do is to get scoured you know it is a pretty dangerous piece of property.

Ms. Doty stated with a lien placed on it for the cost of scouring the property.

Ms. Williams stated I would think we would be able to get that out of the property if we had to.

Mr. Lewis stated I don't think your going to get the City to put a fence around it.

Ms. Doty stated I think we should order them to do it.

Mr. Birkhead stated what is going to happen if some kid gets killed in that building. They will then wish they had put a fence around it.

Mr. Lewis stated if they don't respond I'll see if I can't find someway to a attach some padlocks on the doors.

Ms. Doty stated I'll make a motion that all the bottom level be scoured windows and doors to prevent access to the building, and a lien be placed on the property for the cost to the City to secure the building.

Mr. Lewis asked if we put a lien on that are we respectable for the property then?

Ms. Doty replied for scouring it I wouldn't think it would make us responsible for it.

Ms. Williams stated not unless we can make a certain that we are scouring it perfectly .

Ms. Doty stated what if we do this on a Monday and on Friday someone knocks in a door and we don't notice it, it's still their property and someone comes in so we're not from the City prospective not taking on any lability.

Mr. Birkhead stated if we're not taking some kind of action.

Mr. Robinson stated if we didn't secure properties are you still liable and if you do are you still liable because you made no effect to secure it.

Mr. Sullivant stated I think we should make a motion that would make the owner to secure it but I think we will see if anything will be done. Then if they don't do it in 30 days then have the City at least secure it.

Ms. Doty stated I make motion that we order the owners to secure with in 30 days and if they do not then the City will do so until further action can be taken. With a lien being placed on the property for our cost.

Mr. Sullivant asked is there a second on the motion?

Mr. Robinson stated he would second the motion.

AYES: ALL, NAYS: NONE, ABSENT: JAN RUSSELL, ABSTENTIONS: NONE

The Seventh Item of Business on the Agenda is the consideration and action on the determination of Building Official of the Substandard condition of a structure located at 706 Throckmorton St. Case # BS-97-09.

Mr. Lewis stated this is another structure that had a fire back in the fall. After looking at it and I didn't get inside of it and walk around everything. From the outside it didn't look safe so I'm just recommending demolition on this one. This might be why Alfred is here to talk about this property.

Mr. Sullivant asked is there anyone that wants to talk to the Board regarding this property?

Mr. Bradley stated the only house I Owen and property I Owen is the cafe and the house behind the cafe and empty lot. Lula Mae Biggers now they Owen the other half.

Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Bradley have you ever owned any of this property at anytime.

Mr. Bradley replied no sir I have not.

Mr. Lewis stated well then there must be some mistake over at the tax office because that's where your name came from.

Mr. Bradley stated no I do not own that property.

Mr. Lewis stated we will make note of this in the file.

Mr. Birkhead stated if your talking about the little yellow house someone has been paying taxes on it.

Mr. Lewis replied no we are talking about the one that burned over there on Throckmorton at 706.

Mr. Robinson stated it burned the back end completely off didn't it?

Mr. Bradley stated I can tell you who used to own it and that was Fanny Bell. The Biggers were living in this house well that's who's house this is.

Mr. Lewis stated yes her name is on the title. You see over at the tax office they had your name on there too. You need to go to the tax office and talk to them about this.

Mr. Bradley replied I will go talk to them about this.

Mr. Harbin stated I will complicate this a little bit more. Cooke County has an abstract of judgment on that, really it was against Jesusita Bradley and I don't where she came up on the property.

Ms. Doty stated she does show as one of the owners on the title. The tax office shows that Jesusita Bradley, Leroy E. Bradley, Lula Mae Biggers and Alfred R. Bradley to be owners of this property. Actually the tax office shows Jesusita Bradley and Leroy E. Bradley as owners. But the title search shows Lula Mae Biggers and Alfred Ray Bradley on it.

Mr. Bradley stated well I'm Alfred Ray Bradley.

Ms. Doty replied your Alfred Ray Bradley. The title search says that you are co-owner to the property. The title search is done through Cooke County Abstract.

Mr. Sullivant asked you don't have any interest one way or the other if we take it down or not.

Mr. Harbin stated we have no objection as to what the City wants to do with the property.

Ms. Doty asked how much is the lien on the property.

Mr. Harbin replied one hundred thirty one dollars and plus 10% interest for handling.

Mr. Sullivant asked do I hear a motion on this case?

Mr. Robinson stated I make a motion that this property be demolished.

Ms. Doty replied I second that.

AYES: ALL, NAYS: NONE, ABSENT: JAN RUSSELL, ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Lewis stated that he has withdrawn the last two cases, so nothing needs to be done.

Mr. Birkhead asked how much property does the City own?

Mr. Lewis replied I don't know I can try to find out for you. I have a lien on 8 or 9 properties at this time.

Ms. Doty stated that once we get the lien filed, completely done and demolished.

Mr. Birkhead stated that if at sometime the City would like to get rid of those properties to try to recoup some of the cost.

Mr. Lewis stated that Mr. Hennesy was suppose to show up today to talk about his property and as you can see he did not, he was sent a certified letter to him asking him to be here today.

Mr. Lewis stated now I would like to talk about the house at 421 N. Weaver St. the old two story hotel or what ever it was. He said he was going to tear it down and Mike Land wanted to try to tie him down with a time limit. 314 and 316 W. Scott St. he pulled a permit on it with in the 30 days from the last meeting. We then had to stop him due to some zoning problems, he is still wanting to remodel it into a restaurant and a car garage.

Mr. Goldsworthy asked has he ever shown that he owns it?

Mr. Lewis replied he does not have the actual deed to the property, but Mike did get some thing from him that is to be sent to someone to see if he dose own it or not.

Ms. Doty stated that the property should be secured in the mean time.

Mr. Lewis stated that it is secured.

Ms. Doty replied I saw broken windows and all sorts of things that should have been done since the last meeting.

Mr. Lewis stated he would go back by and look again I haven't been by there recently.

Ms. Doty stated she would like to make a comment that if anyone has observed that the old Dairy Queen has been demolished up on Grand street, I mean it's not perfect yet but it sure looks a lot better now.

Mr. Robinson stated even the car wash looks a lot better.

Ms. Doty stated that the old mill on north Commerce is looking better, a lot of that is being done, that's a major project. Did he maybe arrange to work with the highway department on that?

Mr. Lewis replied I don't know.

Ms. Doty stated they are putting in a lot of effort into this and I think they need to be

commend on the job they are doing.