

MINUTES
BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION
September 5, 1995
4:08 p.m.

Members present: Bill Sullivant, Donna Doty, Whit Williams,
Lee Birkhead,

Members absent: Jan Russell

Staff present: Stephen Gullatt, Roy Lewis, Nancy Williams, Sue
Samples

Visitors: Pat Jackson and Jesse Jackson

The first item of business on the agenda was the calling of the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

The second item of business on the agenda was the consideration and approval of minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, August 21, 1995.

Donna Doty stated that on the minutes on page two it said the meetings would be held every month. She also said that in the last meeting it was discussed that the meetings would take place every other month.

Roy Lewis responded that the meetings would be every other month. Donna Doty said the minutes needed to be corrected starting with October 3, 1995.

Bill Sullivant made a motion to accept the minutes with a second by Lee Birkhead. Ayes: Birkhead, Sullivant, Doty and Williams. Nays: None. Absent: Jan Russell. Abstentions: None.

The third item of business on the agenda was consideration and action on the substandard condition of a structure located at 402 Preston case No. BS-95-24.

Whit Williams stated that 402 Preston case was the reason for calling this meeting.

Nancy Williams asked Mrs. Jackson if she was going to testify about the property.

Mrs. Jackson responded that she was going to testify.

Nancy Williams asked for Mrs. Jackson and Pat Jackson to stand so she could be sworn in. She stated do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the

testimony you are about to give. Both said I do.

Roy Lewis stated that this was one of the houses that was looked at and feels like it could be fixed up fairly easily. The windows are broken out and the inside is unfinished.

Whit Williams said it was obvious that this was a house that someone cared for, and someone has tried to care for. Mrs. Jackson replied she tried to fix it up and someone broke into it.

Roy Lewis said that previously the only address he had showed up was the finance company. He also said he had not been able to contact Mrs. Jackson before.

Whit Williams asked at this time what the plans were for the house at this time.

Mrs. Jackson said she would like to fix it up and move into it. She also said she tried to use insurance money to fix up and pay off the note on the house.

Whit Williams asked if she had planned to move back into this house.

Mrs. Jackson replied yes she had.

Whit Williams asked where she was living at this time.

Mrs. Jackson said down the street.

Roy stated the address was 416 Preston.

Mrs. Jackson said the finance company were going to foreclose on the property.

Whit Williams asked if she had received an official notice of foreclosure.

Mrs. Jackson replied nothing but a letter from an attorney, on December 6, 1994.

Roy Lewis asked how much she owed on the property.

Ms. Jackson responded that she owed about two or three months, but she claimed I owed \$500.00 so I sent her \$1311.37. The amount of \$1311.37 was mailed back because they had already foreclosed.

Donna Doty asked if that was the whole amount she owed or the amount she was behind. Donna Doty then asked if Mrs. Jackson felt that the amount of \$1311.37 was going to pay of the entire note.

Mrs. Jackson that she did not know how much she owed, but she had been paying on the note since 1971.

Bill Sullivant asked if she took the letter she received to an attorney when she received it.

Mrs. Jackson said she did not.

Whit Williams asked if Mr. Henry had done some work for her.

Mrs. Jackson said yes he had.

Bill Sullivant told Mrs. Jackson to take the letter from the lawyer to Kip Sheller, and to tell the lawyer to call him if he needed to.

Whit Williams explains that his interest is not getting her out of her house, but to get her into the house.

Mrs. Jackson said that she money left over from the insurance and told them if they would mail it to her she would try to get it fixed were she could move into it.

Bill Sullivant expressed he felt Mrs. Jackson really needed to do that as soon as possible, and if she waits to long with the foreclosure notice it can get beyond where someone can't help you.

Mrs. Jackson asked if there was anyone who would do the work on the house that needed to be done, and not start and as soon as they do what they want to so they can get paid for it.

Lee Birkhead asked what needed to be done to the house at this point.

Roy Lewis stated that the house was all boarded up where you could not see in it. The kitchen cabinets needed to be finished, and there was work to be done on the bathroom.

Mrs. Jackson stated the house needed a few windows.

Whit Williams said the house needed a few repairs.

Donna Doty asked if there was some damage that the insurance was suppose to pay.

Mrs. Jackson said yes when her house got burned.

Donna Doty asked if what Mrs. Jackson was saying was that the insurance company paid for repairs without talking to you first.

Mrs. Jackson yes they did, and that she did not even see the check.

Bill Sullivant asked Mrs. Jackson again if the house had been burned.

Mrs. Jackson said about ten years ago in 1985.

Donna Doty stated she felt that Mrs. Jackson had some recourse against the insurance company for paying for repairs without her knowledge.

Bill Sullivant said he really didn't know anything without looking at it, but it sounded like the insurance company dropped the ball by paying the contractor without checking to see if the job had been finished.

Lee Birkhead replied that if she would call Joe Walters they probably could send some repair man out to take a look at it. They would be able to establish how much it is going to cost to fix it up to make it livable and acceptable to our inspection department.

Donna Doty asked Mrs Jackson if she thought if in 60 days she could have time to go see an attorney. This would also give her time to see how much the cost of repairs on the house would be.

Donna Doty made a motion to hold on action for 60 days until the December meeting. Lee Birkhead seconded the motion. Ayes: Sullivant, Doty, Williams, Birkhead. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstentions: None.

With no other official business the meeting was adjourned at 4:25.