

**BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

February 23, 2015



Case # 2083 – 514 Dean Street



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: RUHANA WHITEHEAD ADDITION, LOT 18

STRUCTURE(S): single-family residence
 multi-family residence
 mixed use
 commercial
 accessory structure(s)

PROPERTY OWNER(S): Epifania Estrada

**LIENHOLDER(S)/
MORTGAGEE(S):** none

ACTIVE UTILITIES: yes no **DISCONNECTED ON:** Dec 12, 2014

BRAZOS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT/TAX OFFICE INFORMATION:

PROPERTY ID: 48465
IMPROVEMENT VALUE: \$12,140
YEAR BUILT: 1940
SF OF LIVING AREA: 852
CURRENT OWNER SINCE: 2/6/2001
PROPERTY TAXES OWED: \$1,036.39 (2011-2013)

BACKGROUND:

- Assistant Fire Marshal was notified on December 11, 2014 of the dilapidated structure on this property and poor living conditions after the tenant fell and had to be removed by EMS and hospitalized.
- Chief Building Official and Assistant Fire Marshal spoke with owner and had power removed on December 12, 2014 to eliminate imminent hazards due to condition of structure and electrical system.
- Some parts of the structure had collapsed and others parts appeared to be about to collapse.
- City staff spoke with property owner in early 2015 and owner advised that occupant would not return and the house would be demolished.
- Notices that property would be scheduled for consideration by the Building and Standards Commission were mailed to the listed property owner on December 29, 2014 and January 21, 2015.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. staff recommendation
2. pictures
3. dangerous structures survey reports

**BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION
STAFF RECOMMENDATION**



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Building Address: 514 Dean Street

Record Owner(s): Epifania Estrada

The City's Chief Building Official has requested this Commission hearing to discuss the building and one accessory structure on this property, and all legal notices of the hearing were provided to record owners, lienholders, and mortgagees. They were also notified that if they wanted to repair the building and/or accessory structure they needed to meet with City staff and come to the hearing with a detailed plan for repairs, including cost estimates. Based on the surveys, reports, photographs, and other evidence provided to the Commission, the City recommends that the Commission find the building unsafe based on the standards set forth in Bryan Code of Ordinances Section 14-224 subsection(s):

- 1) The building, structure, or any part thereof is likely to partially or fully collapse.
- 2) The structure or any part thereof was constructed or maintained in violation of any provision of the City's Building Code, or any other applicable ordinance or law of the city, county, state or federal government.
- 3) One or more walls or other vertical structural members list, lean, or buckle to such an extent that a plumb line passing through the center of gravity falls outside of the middle third or its base.
- 4) The foundation or the vertical or horizontal supporting members are twenty five percent (25%) or more damaged or deteriorated.
- 5) The non supporting coverings of walls, ceilings, roofs, or floors are fifty percent (50%) or more damaged or deteriorated.
- 6) The structure has improperly distributed loads upon the structural members, or they have insufficient strength to be reasonably safe for the purpose used.
- 7) The structure or any part thereof has been damaged by fire, water, earthquake, wind, vandalism, or other cause to such an extent that it has become dangerous to the public health, safety and welfare.
- 8) The structure or any part thereof has inadequate means of egress as required by the City's Building Code.
- 9) The structure does not have adequate light ventilation, or sanitation facilities as required by the City's Building Codes and Plumbing Code.

The City further recommends that the Commission find that:

- the building may not be feasibly repaired in compliance with City ordinances.**

The City recommends that the Commission issue an order to the owner, lienholder, or mortgagee to:

- demolish the building and accessory structure and remove the debris within 30 days.**

The City recommends that the Commission orders that the City may:

- disconnect water and electric utilities to the building and/or accessory structure; and**
- secure the structure, demolish the building and accessory structure and remove the debris in accordance with Chapter 14 of the City of Bryan's Code of Ordinances if the owner, lienholder, or mortgagee fails to comply with the Commission's order.**

PICTURES: 01-14-15



Front of house, damaged porch, walls, etc.



Left side, dilapidated siding, holes in walls



Dilapidated porch



Collapsed portion – bath room not functional



Back side of collapsed portion of bath room area



Trash and debris



Ceiling finish damage from roof leaks



rotten food, trash, debris



Ceiling damage from roof leaks



Ceiling damage from roof leaks, electrical hazards



Trash and debris, rotten food



Trash and debris, rotten food in kitchen



Collapsing structure in bedroom from roof leaks



Collapsing ceiling and structure from roof leaks



More ceiling damage from roof leaks



Bedroom, pet and human feces



Trash and debris



Dangerous Structures Survey Report

Chief Building Official

Case #2083

A. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 514 Dean Street, Ruhanah Whitehead Addn, Lot 18

B. SPECIFICATIONS: No. Rooms 6 No. Stories 1 No. Structures 2

STRUCTURAL USE

CONSTRUCTION

OCCUPANCY

- Residential/Single Family
 Mixed Use
 Commercial
 Residential/Multi Family
 Accessory Structure(s)

- Box
 Frame
 Masonry
 Mobile Home

- Occupied
 Vacant
 Open

C. FINDINGS

01. The structure or a part thereof was constructed or maintained in violation of a provision of the City's building code, other applicable ordinance, state law, or federal law. Specifically, the following:

2009 IRC 2011 NEC

Main structure? Accessory structure?

02. Any wall or other vertical structural members list, lean, or buckle to an extent that a plumbline passing through the center of gravity falls outside of the middle third of its base. Main structure? Accessory structure?

03. The foundation or the vertical or horizontal supporting members are materially damaged or deteriorated. Main structure? Accessory structure?

04. The non-supporting coverings of walls, ceilings, roofs, or floors are materially damaged or deteriorated. Main structure? Accessory structure?

05. The structure has improperly distributed loads upon the structural members, or they have insufficient strength to be reasonably safe for the purpose used. Main structure? Accessory structure?

06. The structure or any part thereof has inadequate means of egress as required by the city's building code. Main structure? Accessory structure?

07. The structure is unsanitary, unfit for human habitation, or likely to cause sickness due to damage, deterioration, or inadequate design/construction. Specifically the structure does not meet the city's requirements for:

- light
 ventilation
 sanitation facilities

Main structure? Accessory structure?

X 08. Injury to persons or damage to property will result because portion, member or appurtenance is likely to fail, become detached or dislodged, or collapse.
Main structure? X Accessory structure? _____

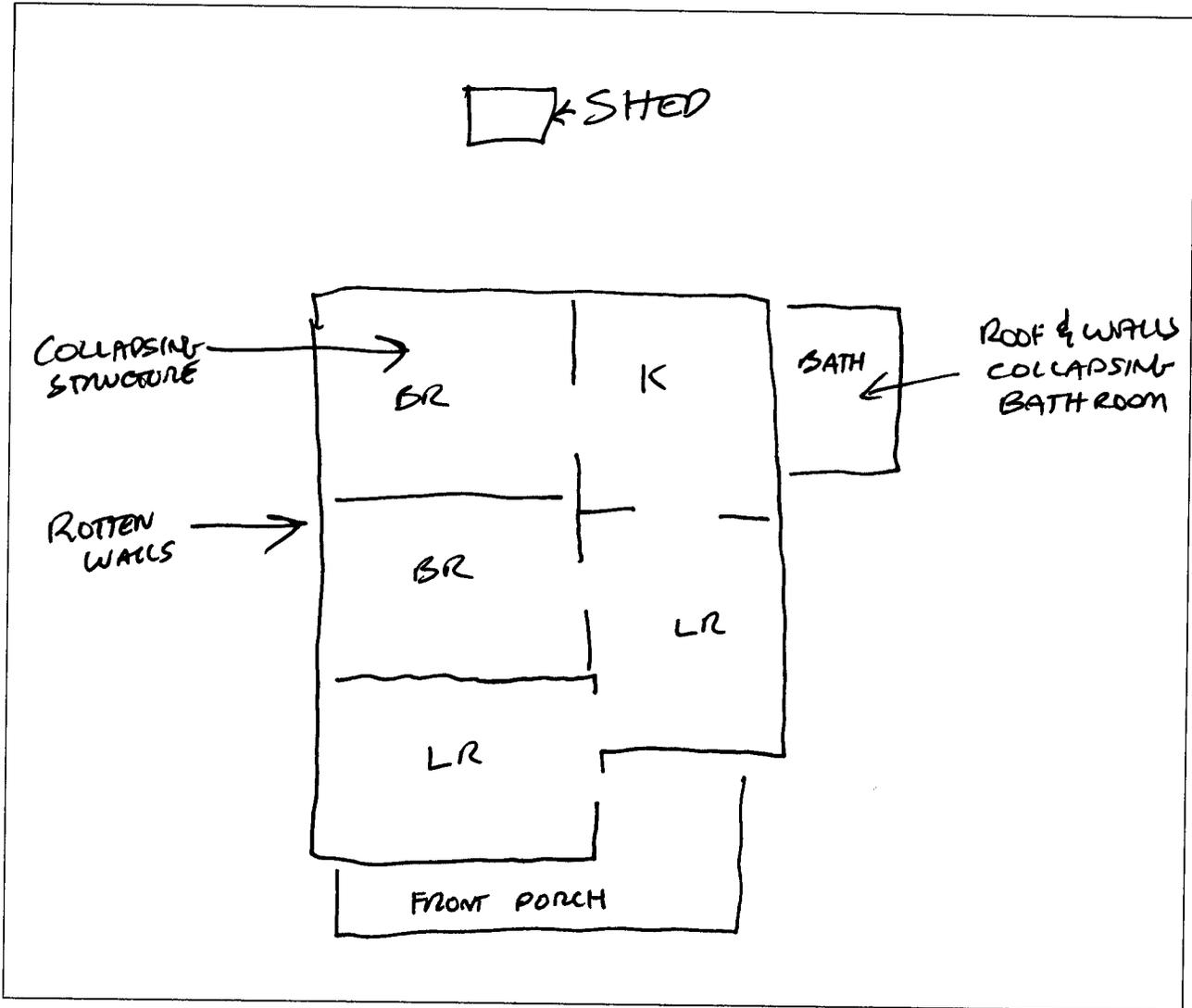
X 09. Unable to give reasonable protection to any occupants from weather elements or danger of collapse because of:
X Holes or cracks in the floor, exterior wall or roof
X Loose, rotten, warped or protruding boards
Main structure? X Accessory structure? _____

X 10. Is manifestly unsafe for the purpose for which it is being used or so as not to give reasonable protection from danger of collapse or fire because of:
X Defective materials
X Structural deterioration
X Interior walls or ceilings with holes, cracks or loose plaster
Main structure? X Accessory structure? _____

X 11. The building, structure, or a part thereof, is unsecured and open.
Main structure? X Accessory structure? _____

COMMENTS (1) TRASH & DEBRIS INSIDE, PET FECELS AND ROTTEN FOOD
(2) NOT FEASIBLE FOR REPAIRS (3) PARTS OF HOUSE IS COLLAPSING
(4) HAZARDOUS ELECTRICAL (5) POWER REMOVED IN DECEMBER 2014, (6) KITCHEN SINK FALLING THRU CABINET
(7) BATH ROOM COLLAPSING - NOT USABLE (8) ROTTEN FLOORS, WALLS, ROOF
(9) EXTENSION CORDS POWERING MOST OF HOUSE
(10) DAMAGED PLUMBING

D. FLOOR PLAN (if necessary)



E. DETERMINATION

1. It has been determined upon inspection and investigation that the structure is dangerous, unsafe, or a hazard to public health and must be secured and:
- A. ___ Be vacated OR remain unoccupied; and
 - B. ___ Be repaired OR be demolished.
- ___ 2. It has been determined upon inspection and investigation that the structure is not dangerous, unsafe, or a hazard to public health as defined by the City's Code of Ordinances.

Gregory S. Cox
Signature

Gregory S. Cox
Printed Name

1-14-15
Date



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Dangerous Structures Survey Report

Fire Marshal

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A. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 514 Dean Street, Ruhanah Whitehead Addn, Lot 18

B. SPECIFICATIONS: No. Rooms _____ No. Stories 1 No. Structures _____

STRUCTURAL USE

CONSTRUCTION

OCCUPANCY

- Residential/Single Family
- Mixed Use
- Commercial
- Residential/Multi Family
- Accessory Structure

- Box
- Frame
- Masonry
- Mobile Home

- Occupied
- Vacant
- Open

C. FINDINGS

- 01. The structure or a part thereof has been damaged by fire, water, earthquake, wind, vandalism, or other cause to such an extent that it has become dangerous to the public health, safety, and welfare.
I estimate that 100% of the main structure is considered a loss.
I estimate that _____% of the accessory structure is considered a loss.
- 02. The structure or a part thereof has deteriorated to such an extent that it has become dangerous to the public health, safety, and welfare.
Main Structure? Accessory Structure? _____
- 03. The structure or a part thereof does not have adequate means of egress as required by the City's building code, and poses a danger in case of fire or panic.
Main Structure? Accessory Structure? _____
- 04. The structure or a part thereof lacks necessary fire-resistive construction, and the threat of a fire in the structure poses a risk to inhabitants, neighboring structures, and fire department personnel.
Main Structure? Accessory Structure? _____
- 05. Obsolete, damaged, or deteriorated electric wiring, gas connections, heating apparatus, or other mechanical infrastructure present a risk of fire.
Main Structure? Accessory Structure? _____
- 06. The proximity of the structure or a part thereof to other structures on this or neighboring properties constitutes a fire hazard for the other structures.
Main Structure? Accessory Structure? _____
- 07. The structure or a part thereof is in violation of the City's fire code.
Main Structure? Accessory Structure? _____

08. The building, structure, or a part thereof is being used by criminals, vagrants, or squatters for the purpose of suspected illegal activity.
Main Structure? Accessory Structure?
- X 09. The building, structure, or a part thereof presents an attractive nuisance to children.
Main Structure? X Accessory Structure?

COMMENTS partial collapse
inward out of plumb
substandard wiring
no approved heat
structure slipping off blocks
broken doors

12,140 —

D. DETERMINATION

- X 1. It has been determined upon inspection and investigation that the structure is dangerous, unsafe, or a hazard to public health and must be secured and:
- A. Be vacated OR X remain unoccupied; and
- B. Be repaired OR X be demolished.
2. It has been determined upon inspection and investigation that the structure is not dangerous, unsafe, or a hazard to public health as defined by the City's Code of Ordinances.

[Signature]
Signature

ERIC TAYLOR / JSM
Printed Name/Title

1-6-15
Date