

**BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

July 27, 2015



Case # 2115 – 2013 Palasota Drive



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Milton Darwin's Subdivision, Block 1, Lot 13-15

STRUCTURE(S): single-family residence

PROPERTY OWNER(S): Albert C Fields JR

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

ACTIVE UTILITIES: yes no **DISCONNECTED ON:** Feb. 13, 2012

BRAZOS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT/TAX OFFICE INFORMATION:

PROPERTY ID: 25518

IMPROVEMENT VALUE: \$0

YEAR BUILT: 1950

SF OF LIVING AREA: 1206

CURRENT OWNER SINCE: 2007

PROPERTY TAXES OWED: \$0.00

BACKGROUND:

- Permit History: 2006 electrical permit to repair service; no other permits on file since at least 1998.
- In 2011, the property owner contacted the City about possibly relocating the structure.
- City staff noticed the home was still vacant and in need of repairs. Owner was notified about hold on utilities on February 9, 2015.
- City staff met with owner on March 4, 2015. Owner notified the City that he may tear the house down.
- Notices that the property would be scheduled for consideration by the Building and Standards Commission was mailed to the property owner on April 6, 2015 and May 18, 2015.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

**BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION
STAFF RECOMMENDATION**



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Building Address: 2013 Palasota Drive

Record Owner(s): Albert C Fields Jr

The City's Chief Building Official has requested this Commission hearing to discuss the 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 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 is unsecured and must be boarded up and/or fenced in such a manner to prevent unauthorized entry by a person, including a child, through missing or unlocked doors or windows or through other openings into the building.**
- 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:

- secure the building from unauthorized entry within 30 days.**
- demolish the building 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**
- secure the structure, demolish the building 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:



Front of house



Rotten siding, holes



Damaged interior finishes, un level ceilings



Damaged interior finishes



Holes in walls



Hole in ceiling, gas water heater vent not connected



Rotten wall around window



Older electrical panel, water leak stains



Rotten window trim/wall



Side of house, rotten overhang allowing water to
Enter wall



Rotten wall, damaged insulation/framing



Rear of house, rear exit blocked, damage landing/steps



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Dangerous Structures Survey Report

Chief Building Official

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A. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2013 Palasota Drive, Milton Darwin's Subd, Block 1, Lot 13-15

B. SPECIFICATIONS: No. Rooms 5-6 No. Stories 1 No. Structures 1

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 AND 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?

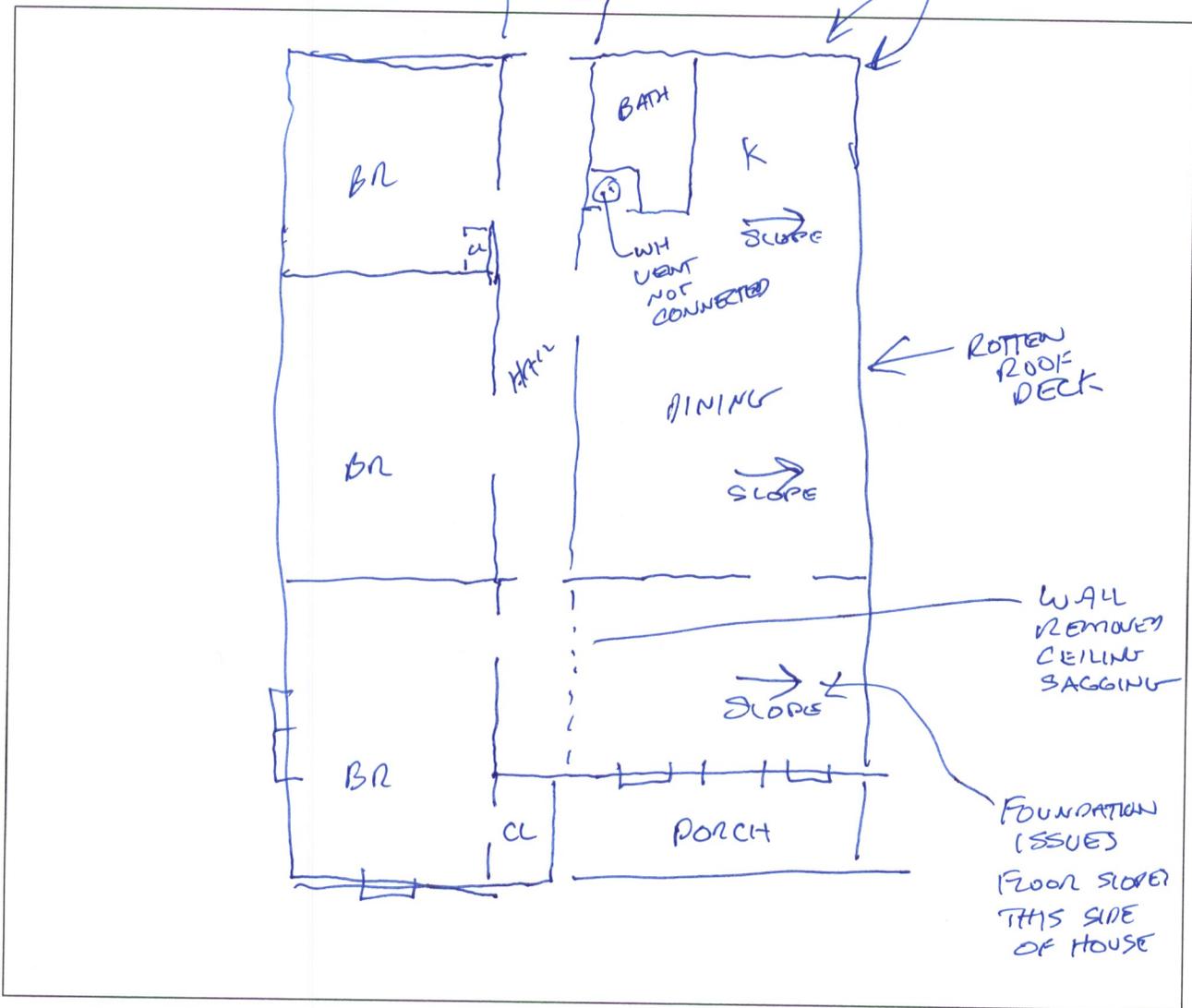
05. The structure has improperly distributed loads upon the structural members, or they have insufficient strength to be reasonably safe for the purpose used. Main structure? Accessory structure?

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?

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.

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature

CAROLAN S. COX

Printed Name

6-9-15

Date



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Dangerous Structures Survey Report

Fire Marshal

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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 50% 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?

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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?
09. The building, structure, or a part thereof presents an attractive nuisance to children.
Main Structure? Accessory Structure?

COMMENTS

open wiring
evidence of vagrants + prostitution
interior floors
Broken windows
open wires

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Signature

FRED TAYLOR / DSM

Printed Name/Title

6-10-13

Date