

Vacant Property Review Commission

Summary - June 17, 2015

Members present: Chip Crawford, Bill Johnston, Martina Ockerman, Shevawn Akers

Also in attendance: Melissa Murphy, Jonathan Hollinger, Lauren Kesselring, Ginny Daley

Meeting called to order at 10:11am

Motion by Wesley Barringer, seconded by Bill Johnston, to approve the April 15, 2015 summary. Approved Unanimously.

Motion by Wesley Barringer, seconded by Bill Johnston, to approve the May 4, 2015 summary. Approved Unanimously.

Motion by Wesley Barringer, seconded by Bill Johnston, to approve the May 18, 2015 summary. Approved Unanimously.

Motion by Wesley Barringer, seconded by Bill Johnston, to approve the June 1, 2015 summary. Approved Unanimously.

The Commission discussed the appeal hearing process and ways to refine it in future years. Overall the consensus was that the appeals went well.

The Commission discussed the Code Enforcement process for boarded up properties. There is concern that property owners are not being given consistent information. Hollinger will clarify with Fire and Code Enforcement.

Martina Ockerman joined the meeting.

The Commission discussed whether any decisions will be appealed to Court. Legal Counsel believes that at least one will be appealed.

The Commission discussed the property list summary. They would like to begin reviewing properties as quickly as possible.

The Commission discussed the tax rate. It will be set by Council in the fall. The Commission would like to present to Council in September or October with a status update on the progress so far.

The Commission discussed commercial properties. There is some difference between the state

statute and the two sections of the local ordinance with regard to the property being in a predominately residential area. Commercial properties will be evaluated using the same criteria as residential properties.

The Commission discussed building permits. Hollinger will generate a specific list of work types and work with Home Builder's Association of Lexington to generate a list of work that does and does not require permits.

Motion by Wesley Barringer, seconded by Bill Johnston, to adjourn. Approved Unanimously.