



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HEARING

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014

5:00 P.M.

THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

P-12 BUILDING

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Blair called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

2. ROLL CALL

A. Council Members Present: Victor Shen, Ata Ma'ae (telephonically), Dan Blair and Peter Denmark

B. Council Members Absent: Natasha Turituri, Dave Pinquoch and Shawni Phillips

C. Administration Present; Brenda Krol, City Clerk; and Dyanna Pratt, Tax Administrator

Others Present included: Arnie Erickson, Assessors from Appraisal Company of Alaska

3. TURN MEETING OVER TO ASSESSORS – Arnie Erickson

A. Assessor will read appeal or Appellant to state appeal.

B. Assessor will present a recommendation

C. Board to ask questions

D. Board to make a motion

E. Board to vote

F. Repeat the process for each appeal

Mayor Dan Blair turned the meeting over to the assessors.

Arnie Erickson reported that there were a total of ten appeals this year and nine of them were resolved. The only one that was not was a William Saabye and he owns unit #1513 in the Begich Towers.

Arnie Erickson stated that Mr. Saabye maintained in his appeal that essentially the unit should be condemned and that there are a variety of problems.

Arnie Erickson stated that in the packets provided to council there are two sets of pictures, one was taken in January of last year, 2013 and the other was taken on the 9th of May this year, 2014.

Arnie Erickson said “Dyanna and the Begich Towers building manager and I went through the unit on the 9th of May 2014 and then Dyanna and I went through it again today and it is ever changing.”

Arnie Erickson said "my impression on the 9th of May was that the unit if you turn the power on and you turn the water on you could move into it."

Arnie Erickson said "it needs some routine repairs and maintenance but it certainly is in good condition overall."

Arnie Erickson stated that William Saabye maintained that a contractor had drilled 24 holes in the roof of the Begich Towers and that water was pouring in and there was a constant water problem, mold problem, and mildew problem.

Arnie Erickson stated that he did not see it either two weeks ago or today.

Arnie Erickson stated that he saw no active dampness but he did notice today that it looks like somebody is getting in there and doing things, although Mr. Saabye and an associate that lives in Anchorage now that he spoke to last Friday, Mrs. Crawford maintains that nobody has access to that unit so it is very peculiar to him.

Arnie Erickson stated that upon the inspection it was his recommendation on the 9th of May that the appeal be denied and that no change be made in the improvement or land value.

Arnie Erickson stated that the land value is consistent with the rest of the assessments throughout the Begich Towers and the improvements are again consistent with assessing principles and standards that we utilize so that there is equity, non discrimination and fairness.

There was further brief discussion regarding the assessment of Begich Towers unit #1513.

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation of no change to the assessment of Begich Towers unit #1513

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Peter Denmark: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Ata Ma'ae: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes

Motion passed 4-0.

4. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 5:33 pm

M/S Peter Denmark/Victor Shen

Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:



Brenda Krol
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor