

Marla Oglesby

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To: Marla Oglesby
Subject: 829 W Coates St

Marla,

In Summer of 2018, we contacted the real estate agent locally about the dilapidated and vacant structure and whom to contact as the property ownership showed CA as state of residence. We asked her to contact the owner about signing the property up for demolition as part of our Grant application due to the length of time it has been vacant and derelict.

It was noted that the siding was showing age and deterioration, the roof was past its life expectancy for the shingles and they were losing their outer layer.

The real estate agent would not give contact information but indicated they would pass information on.

We had not received any complaints so I left the message to be dealt with as a message via the agent. A separate letter informing the owner of the demolition grant and the opportunity was inserted into the mail with hopes of communication.

In Summer of 2019, we continued to monitor deterioration of the property. This has continued into shingles being blown off the roof, roof framing has become damaged and severely deteriorated around the edges, the front porch is questionable with regards to safety and deterioration. The house has become a blight issue at this time. We contacted the real estate agent and notified them of the issues and attempted to send a courtesy letter to the owner. With our demolition grant that was offered already entered and we were sure we would get the grant, we did not continue to pursue condemnation or pressure on houses that were not receiving complaints from the public. This house remained closed up and secured so it was put on a waiting list for condemnation and continued observation.

We are now far enough along in our demolition grant (this is where our dilapidated structure budget has been focused this year), that we are now beginning to look at condemnation of structures that are blight around town and no movement in the last two years has occurred on them. This is in preparation to resume cleanup of the blight in town with next fiscal years dilapidated structure budget. This property has been observed to be vacant, deteriorating, and classified at our office as a zombie property as the owner or real estate agent locally have not addressed any issues in the past two years. Therefore as I had mentioned, it is on our list to be condemned in the coming months in preparation for the next fiscal year.

The roof is damaged, the porch is dangerous, the exterior siding and trims are showing deterioration, there has been reports of groundhogs and other animals around the property (possibly burrowing). I can generate a more detailed list of issues if you desire.

Thank you and please let me know if you received this,
Aaron Decker
Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer
City of Moberly