

2015-05-01 – Overview of this Document

It my intention (Dave Murphy) to provide a documentation method for those in Green Mountain Estates who are concerned with the condition of the property at 13882 W. Virginia Drive. There has been an effort to improve this property through communications with the property owner, George Heath, since at least 1995.

The objectives of the efforts by GMCA and by neighbors in general have been to protect property values through the encouragement of Mr. Heath to maintain his property in a way that it is consistent with neighborhood standards. The first method to achieve this goal has been and remains the offer of support to Mr. Heath in working on his property. The subsequent method is to work with the city of Lakewood Code Enforcement, Police Department and other departments to add their encouragement to Mr. Heath. The effort is likely to expand to Jefferson County departments regard health and safety issues that are concerns of the neighbors.

This document is perhaps the first to document the events and efforts regarding this property. The hope is that while this will be a long process, the accumulation of documentation will ultimately assist in the successful resolution of the problem.

2015-04-30 – Agent Martinez, Sector Liaison, Lakewood Police Department

Agent Martinez visited the property and talked with Mr. Heath. The following is a recap of the agent's discussion as related to Dave Murphy regarding the visit with Mr. Heath.

1. Mr. Heath is 70 years old and Agent Martinez was respectful of that. The Agent said he had many resources such as the Senior Resource Center that could be brought to the aid of Mr. Heath. Mr. Heath stated that he wanted to do anything necessary on his own.
2. Mr. Heath said that this property is his primary residence and that while he did not always stay there, it is his primary residence for legal purposes.
3. The agent was invited to view the back yard. Mr. Heath said he would be cleaning that up. Agent Martinez was not certain if that was an enforceable code matter (and referred me to Lois Engbretson of Code Enforcement).
4. Agent Martinez did not get to see inside the house and did not report on anything else about the property visit.
5. Mr. Heath said that he would remove the boards that are on the roof (?).
6. Agent Martinez feels that Mr. Heath will continue to perform any remedial tasks for the property to avoid violations of city code. There was no discussion of issues like the roof, rats and other animals in the house, or animals in the back yard.

7. There was no discussion with Mr. Heath regarding the garage door or kids getting into the house through the garage door.
8. Agent Martinez said that the files he could find at the city included four reports and that they were trivial in nature. Information kept by other departments of the city if any are kept by those departments. He did not have any experience with county resources but does not discourage contacting them. Agent Martinez would be interested in anything of substance that we found out regarding county or state resources.

(This list was sent to Agent Martinez to insure accuracy.)

2015-05-05 – Approval and addition by Agent Martinez

“The notes look good. Regarding Point 7. We actually did discuss kids, but to the extent of them entering the backyard. Mr. Heath told me he didn’t drink, but I noticed a couple of beer bottles in the back yard, which he seemed surprised about. I asked him if he thought he would notice kids in his back yard and he was sure he would. I would definitely encourage neighbors to notify police if they see kids entering the garage or the back yard. “

Chad Martinez

2015-05-01 – Meet with Lois Engbretson (Code Enforcement Officer)

I met with Lois to see about the problem Code Enforcement had with the Problem Properties web page and to see if the visit she made to W. Virginia turned up anything new.

She said after further consideration, there was no problem with the web page.

As for the property, without new code, there was nothing she could do. I asked if she was familiar with anything in any jurisdiction in her experience that might give us a clue as to what we might do. She said she was only familiar with other jurisdiction condemning properties, but this was only in the case of rental property.

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