

Property Meeting Minutes 2-3-10

In attendance:

John Revolinski

Susan Silvers

Myron Gookin

John Morrissey

Tom Baker

Martha Norbeck

1. Discussion of Mobile home violations: Reviewed photos of Ranch and Green Acres trailer courts and asked City Attorney to send owner of each court a letter asking them to secure abandoned trailers and tidy up the grounds.
2. Zoning ordinance amendments were discussed. City Attorney reported we would need a new approach to allow homes on non-conforming lots to rebuild in case of fire or other calamity. He will bring wording of new ordinance to next property meeting on 2-8-10 at 7:10 p.m. at City Hall.
3. Building Code Ordinance
Report by John Revolinski on discussion with state inspection official (see below.)
Review of Martha's suggested changes to wording of ordinance was started but not completed. The committee highlighted areas to check with state officials and state code.

Notes from call to Brian Bishop, Plans Examiner and Construction Engineer, State Fire Marshalls Office, by John Revolinski reported to the Committee at their meeting on 2-3-10

Most Iowa municipalities that do not have their own inspector on staff maintain a contract with an inspection service. Brian heard of requiring inspections by contractor in other states, but cannot name any Iowa cities that uses this system.

We should consider language that requires inspectors to be an unaffiliated third party to insure contractors do not inspect their own work.

Regarding electrical inspections for industry: The Iowa Code exempts small-scale work. There must be significant changes over a certain threshold to require an electrical inspection in an industrial setting.

The City should insure that independent inspectors carry proper liability insurance.

