

**CITY OF SAVANNAH
MID-CITY
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

STATUS REPORT

PETITIONER: Ms. Juanita Simmons
City of Savannah
Property Maintenance Department
PO Box 1027
Savannah, GA 31402

FILE NO.: N-080903-48241-2

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 209 West 33rd Street

PROPERTY OWNER: Catherine Pearson c/o Jonnette Pearson
8505 Waters Avenue Apt 201
Savannah, Georgia 31406

PIN NUMBER: 2-0066-27-015

STAFF REVIEWER: Beth Reiter

DATE: June 2, 2009

STAFF REPORT

The City of Savannah is requesting approval to demolish 209 West 33rd Street, a contributing structure within the MidCity Zoning District.

The residence was built ca. 1911 is rated as contributing to the Mid City design review district and as contributing to the Thomas Square National Register District. It was damaged by fire destroying much of the roof and rear structural portion of the house. The structure was condemned by the City in July 2008.

An application was received from Property Maintenance to demolish the structure. In accordance with the Mid City Ordinance the Neighborhood Association and Historic Savannah Foundation were notified. At the October 2 meeting of MPC Historic Savannah Foundation asked for a continuance in order to contact the owner and granted approval to demolish the rear burned portion. This was accomplished and Historic Savannah provided further architectural and legal assistance in order for the title to be transferred and architectural drawing produced. During this time the property was cleaned up, but trash continued to accumulate after the clean-up. The building has continually been unboarded and been the site of continuous trespassing and illegal activity. The rear burned portion has not been removed.

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Staff has been contacted by additional claimants to the estate that they would not agree to the title change and were not interested in rehabilitating the property.

MPC has received numerous complaints about the condition of the property and the illegal activity occurring on the property. Nine months have elapsed since the initial application to MPC and 11 months since the initial condemnation.

Based on the unchanged condition of the property and its adverse effect on neighboring rehabbed and newly constructed properties staff recommends approval to demolish the structure.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval to demolish 209 West 33rd Street.