



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

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The Mayor and City Council shall hear and possibly take action to enter into an agreement for demolition and removal; temporary right of entry authorization and limited power of attorney with Lucia Gastelum, for the residence located at 44378 W. Maricopa Casa Grande Highway Discussion and Action.

In 2015 the City of Maricopa was awarded Community Development Block Grant Funding to improve the Heritage District. Some properties within the neighborhoods are abandoned, boarded up and have become health and public safety hazards. This project focuses on Old Town Neighborhood Three. This is the oldest neighborhood and abuts commercial streets or activity on three sides. Some homes have been sold and lots cleared facing Honeycutt Road. As redevelopment occurs, Honeycutt Road will be widened from two to four lanes of traffic. This area includes more vacant land and abandoned structures than the other neighborhoods.

To mitigate these hazards, the City of Maricopa worked in a multi-disciplinary team effort. The following agencies worked together; Maricopa Police Department Community Action Team, Code Enforcement, Fire Marshall, and the City Attorney. In support of best practices, this team of individuals worked with the property owners to develop an agreement to demolish and complete site clean-up. In the event a property owner is not willing to work with the City on an agreement, the lien process may begin. Relocation assistance will be provided as needed, however most properties are abandoned. All costs associated with asbestos testing and demolition will be covered through the Community Development Block Grant under grant project 15504 and the property the homeowner will be mitigating identified safety concerns and potentially spurring new opportunities within the Heritage District.

Homes were identified through windshield surveys' and the property owners are amenable to working with the City and removing the structures.

Staff recommends the Mayor and City Council approve agreement for demolition and removal; temporary right of entry authorization and limited power of attorney with Lucia Gastelum, for the residence located at 44378 W. Maricopa Casa Grande Highway.