



**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 1, 2025
1:00 P.M.**

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF THE DOGWOOD TERRACE APARTMENTS, APPROXIMATELY 722 FEET OF BOLT DRIVE BETWEEN THIRD AVENUE AND FIFTEENTH AVENUE, AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED PLAT, HAS CEASED TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC TO THE EXTENT THAT NO SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC PURPOSE IS SERVED BY IT AND THAT ITS REMOVAL FROM THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM IS OTHERWISE IN THE BEST PUBLIC INTEREST WITH THE ABANDONED PROPERTY TO BE QUIT-CLAIMED TO THE APPROPRIATE PARTY(IES)

Present:

- Lanetha Pitts, Senior Staff Attorney, Augusta Law Department (Presiding)
- Christi Garcia, Augusta Law Department
- Douglas Freeman, Augusta Housing Authority
- Treyvon Beale, resident
- Arvelle Robinson, resident
- Jaleyah Dekle, resident

The public hearing was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Ms. Pitts. The purpose of the hearing was explained, and the floor was opened for public comment.

Public Comments:

- **Mr. Trayvon Bill, 2626 Carrington Drive, Augusta, GA**
 - Requested that the Dogwood Terrace property be reappraised.
 - Raised concerns regarding potential lead paint on the property.
 - Noted inconsistencies in addresses listed on environmental review records.
 - Stated opposition to the demolition of Dogwood Terrace and expressed concerns about community uses of the property (e.g., food distribution at 450 Bolt Drive).
 - Ultimately expressed opposition to the abandonment of Bolt Drive.
- **Ms. Arvelle Robinson, 1136 Nellieville Road**
 - Questioned how the abandonment would affect residents traveling through Dogwood Terrace to reach surrounding neighborhoods.
 - Concerned about rerouting traffic and access following demolition.



- Response: Mr. Freeman (Augusta Housing Authority) explained that turnarounds/cul-de-sacs would be constructed at First, Second, and Third Avenues, and that residents would use alternate routes via Fifteenth Street to Old Savannah Road.
- **Ms. Jalia Beagle, 2007 Hacken Court, Hephzibah, GA**
 - Asked about the redevelopment plans for Dogwood Terrace.
 - Response: Ms. Pitts clarified that redevelopment is a separate matter from the street abandonment. Mr. Freeman stated several meetings on redevelopment have been held and offered to provide additional information after the hearing.

Additional questions were raised regarding federal housing programs (e.g., Section 32 sales under HUD). Ms. Pitts clarified that those issues are separate from the road abandonment, noting that the City owns the roadway, while the Housing Authority owns the surrounding property.

Conclusion:

Ms. Pitts noted that all comments received during the hearing would be compiled and forwarded to the Augusta-Richmond County Commission for consideration at an upcoming committee and full commission meeting. Notice of those meetings will be provided in the usual manner, with agendas published online the Friday before each meeting.

The hearing was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Public Hearing held this 1st day of October, 2025.

Christi Garcia, Legal Secretary
Augusta Law Department



EXHIBIT A

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:00:27 All right. Good afternoon. The time is now 1:03 PM My name is Lanetha Pitts and I'm a senior staff attorney with Augusta Georgia Law Department. I would like to officially call this public meeting to order. If you have not already done so, please sign in at the attendance sheet on the attendance sheet located on the table at the back of the room. Copies of today's agenda are also available on that same table for your convenience. Um, the purpose of this public hearing is to receive, uh, comments on the proposed abandonment of 7 2722 feet of bolt drive located inside the former Dogwood Terrace. Um, it's only one street in the very middle of the project. All of the rest of the streets have been abandoned already. Um, and to consider the removal of this right of way for from Augusta's, uh, Georgia's road system as it has been proposed that doing so is in the best interest of the public, a map of the right of way proposed for abandonment is attached to the agenda. Alright. At this time, we invite members of the public to step forward if they would like to provide comments on the proposed abandonment.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:01:42 Are there any objectors.

Speaker 0 00:01:45 Are at

Speaker 1(**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:01:46 This time we are inviting members of the public to step forward if you would like to provide comments on the proposed abandonment,

Speaker 0 00:02:22 Just

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:02:23 Project. Okay. Okay. Um, I think the Dogwood tear property needs a, another appraisal. I'm here about the dwellings I with boat drive 4 4 8 Road 54, 50 Road, 1574 Road and South side. Is those, the different roads are system are in the system?

Speaker 1(**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:02:44 We're only talking about Bolt Road. Yes. Do you have a, you want it to be what? Appraised

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:02:51 Yes. Reappraised.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:02:54 Okay. Is that your only comment?

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:02:57 No.

Speaker 0 00:02:58 Okay.

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:03:07 Being the oldest housing authority, it has lead and the property, um, on a single family, the single stack have laid on the outside of the paint.



Speaker 0 00:03:16 Okay.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:03:18 I'm sorry, you said it has lead the

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:03:21 Paint on the tiles on the outside of the property. I'll just making it like for the record.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:03:25 Okay. 'cause we're talking about the road Bolt Drive. Yes. Okay.

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:03:37 Um, I looked at the environmental review record for Dogwood Terrace on page 211 out of two 470, and it stated that, um, on the Georgia Historic Preservation Division, the economic review form general information, the project name is Dogwood Terrace, but the project address is 2 0 5 1 Boat Road. And that was incorrect, saying that it's Boat Road instead of Boat Drive, not rd, but ROAD. And this incorrect address is a mistake or being matter factual

Speaker 1(**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:04:20 And Okay. But we're talking about the abandonment of Bolt Drive. Mm-hmm <affirmative>. So can we, we just need the comments to stick to why you are either against or for the abandonment of Bolt Drive by the city. Like, do you use that road every day and you want to continue to use it, something like that?

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:04:40 It is a dwelling space. I was speaking earlier about, um, when I spoke about the dwelling space Boat drive and the alleys are, have their own roads, like if you look it up on, on the maps that are, they, they connected the boat drive like 4, 4 8 road and four 50 road, but it's not stated on the pictures that you're looking at. And, um, 1574 Road and South Side it is, they are all alleys, but they have roads on the, on the maps, like road names.

Speaker 1(**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:05:14 Okay. Do you have any other comments?

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:05:15 Yes. That's not all the, um, the roadways that are on the map that's shown.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:05:21 Well, the map that's shown is the only part being abandoned.

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:05:24 Okay. Okay. Because I'm against, um, the demolition of Dogwood Terrace.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:05:29 Okay. But what about the abandonment of Bolt Drive?

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:05:31 Correct. Okay.



Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:05:33 Why are you against the abandonment of Bolt Drive? Just the street.

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:05:38 Okay. Okay. Like, be specific on that. Especially the address 2050 Boat Drive is a place that they feed for like, uh, they give away food on four 50 Boat Drive.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:05:50 Okay. So that's your, okay. Thank you.

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:05:53 Thank you.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:05:58 Yes, ma'am. You have something to say? Oh, I'm sorry. If you could get back up and just say your name and your address. I apologize. I should have asked you that, but for the beginning.

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:06:08 My name is Trayvon Beale L RX is there, and I live at 26 26 Carrington Drive El Georgia.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:06:17 Okay. Yes ma'am. If you could say your name and address also.

Speaker 3 (**Arvelle Robinson**) 00:06:25 Arvelle Robinson. 1136 Nellyville Road.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:06:27 Did you say Delia? Nelly.

Speaker 3 (**Arvelle Robinson**) 00:06:29 Nelly. L-L-I-E-V. I got, um, Marcuson, I'm not opposing the the environment, uh, but I wanna know how would it affect the homes, uh, outside of the Dogwood Terra? How we go? We used that, we used that road traveling Second Avenue, third Avenue. We travel down, down through the Dogwood Terra. How would that affect the people who lived in South Neville? We abandoned. Abandoned.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:07:03 Okay. Uh, just comments at me. But he said he would go ahead and, um, explain what's gonna happen with the roads. I believe they're gonna be turnarounds, but he's gonna come up here. He's from the Housing Authority.

Speaker 4 (**Douglas Freeman**) 00:07:15 Yes, ma'am. My name is Douglas Freeman. I'm with the Augusta Housing Authority. So, um, when the roads are abandoned and we begin demolition, they'll be removed, uh, temporarily while we do the redevelopment. But part of that requirement for us is to do turnarounds at the first, second, and third avenue where they enter Dogwood terrace. So there'll be a, effectively a roundabout, uh, at their, instead of a dead end. That way you can turn around and not get stuck at the end of the road. Um, we're working on the redevelopment plans now to show what those roads will look like, but that's what will happen at the end of those roads.

Speaker 3 (**Arvelle Robinson**) 00:07:52 Uh, you talking, uh, turnaround



Speaker 4 (**Douglas Freeman**) 00:07:55 Like, like a cul-de-sac.

Speaker 3 (**Arvelle Robinson**) 00:07:56 Okay. Then, uh, and, and the process of, uh, getting it straight, you know, during your demolition and everything, what does ville of people who live in that area where they, they would no longer go down? Uh, well, bow drive, what route? They have to take another route to 15th Street to get to Old Savannah Road.

Speaker 4 (**Douglas Freeman**) 00:08:18 That's correct. I don't have the map in front of me, but there are other roads that go from the Ville community up to 15th Street.

Speaker 3 (**Arvelle Robinson**) 00:08:26 Yeah, it's first, second, and third. Third. And we normally, uh, go from Second Avenue all the way down to Old Savannah Road going cross boat drive. And uh, if we going, if you are doing a demotion there, meeting that we have to take another route. Are you saying we for year, how, how long the project is going to be?

Speaker 4 (**Douglas Freeman**) 00:08:51 So those roads have already been abandoned. Those roads will not be coming back first, second, and third. Um, that'll be a, that'll be ending where it enters the property and that's where the turnarounds will be.

Speaker 3 (**Arvelle Robinson**) 00:09:03 Okay. That turnaround will be then, uh, in your process of, of doing this, meaning we have to reroute ourselves to 15th Street to get to Savannah Road? That's what I'm asking.

Speaker 4 (**Douglas Freeman**) 00:09:12 That's correct.

Speaker 3 (**Arvelle Robinson**) 00:09:16 Thank you.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:09:24 Are there any other public comments if you could give your name and address ma'am?

Speaker 5 (**Jaleyah Dekle**) 00:09:41 Jalia DLE 2007 Haken, court Heads Georgia. Um, my question, what is the redevelopment plan?

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:09:51 This is only for the abandonment of the road. They, I believe they had or will have a public hearing specifically about the redevelopment. Have you already had

Speaker 5 (**Jaleyah Dekle**) 00:10:01 We've

Speaker 6 (**Douglas Freeman**) 00:10:01 Had several, but I'll be happy to talk with her after this hearing.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:10:04 Right. So the redevelopment is separate from the abandonment of the road.



Speaker 5 (**Jaleyah Dekle**) 00:10:07 Okay. Yes, ma'am. Thank you.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:10:10 Um, did you sign in Ms. Beagle? Mm-hmm. Okay. Thank you. Are there any other comments? If there are no further comments, this concludes the public hearing on this matter. All comments received today will be compiled and forwarded to the Augusta Richmond County Commission for their consideration. Sure. Just say your name again. Yes.

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:10:47 My name is Trayvon and I was living 26 26 Carrington Drive. And I wanted to know about a Section 32 program for the Housing Urban Development where it says A PHA may sell a portion of a sell all or a portion of a housing development to eligible public or non-public housing residence. Am I eligible?

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:11:12 Eligible? That is, that's still separate from, um, the road hearing. That would, that would be a question you could ask housing.

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:11:21 Yes. I get what you're saying. But like in a, in the case of abandonment, that means that

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:11:29 The city owns the street, not the housing authority. Yes. Okay. The housing authority owns all the property around the street, so they're asking us to abandon the street so they can redevelop it, the area. Okay. So that doesn't,

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:11:43 Thank you.

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:11:44 Okay, thank you.

Speaker 2 (**Treyvon Beale**) 00:11:46 Don't constitute

Speaker 1 (**Lanetha Pitts**) 00:11:48 All comments received today will be compiled and forwarded to the Augusta Richmond County Commission for their consideration. The public can expect this matter to appear as an agenda I agenda item at an upcoming commission meeting, committee meeting. Notice of that meeting will be be provided to the public in the same manner as all commission meetings. Agendas are typically published online the Friday before the meeting at approximately 5:00 PM The time is now one 15 and we are adjourned. Thank you for your attendance and your participation.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the Public Hearing held this 1st day of October, 2025.

Christi Garcia, Legal Secretary
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