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In May of 2019, City Council passed a resolution creating a Vacant, Abandoned, Substandard Properties (VASP) Working Group, tasked with making progress on recommendations made in a report by the Center for Community Progress to identify potential solutions for vacant, abandoned, and substandard residential properties, including the option of establishing a land bank in Albuquerque. As required by R-19-147, VASP membership is representative of City Council and the Administration, to include the following departments:

- City Legal Department
- City Planning Department Real Property Division
- ADAPT
- Office of Neighborhood Coordination
- Metro Redevelopment Agency
- Family and Community Services, Community
- Development
- Division County Treasurer's Office
- Greater Albuquerque Association of Realtors
- Albuquerque Housing Authority

VASP Working Group Progress

The VASP Working Group is required to meet on a regular basis, no less than monthly, and is required to provide a quarterly progress report and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council pertaining to vacant, abandoned, and sub-standard properties. The VASP Working Group began meeting in October of 2019, and has met four times since.

The group has engaged in robust conversations sharing information on processes and sharing data pertaining to residential vacant, abandoned, and sub-standard properties and their impact on the community. VASP members have provided a number of presentations to the group including a presentation on the current foreclosure process from the Assistant City Attorney for the Real Property Division and Property & Finance Division. While this process has proven to be successful in a number of ways, the group identified certain points in the process that require further exploration. We request additional assistance in this matter from the City Attorney's Office.

VASP is looking at developing a Q & A communication tool to help Albuquerque residents understand the processes associated with problem properties, such as, nuisance abatement, housing code compliance, foreclosure and remediation.

Another VASP group focus is to identify the top 100 vacant and substandard residential nuisance properties, which most severely affect surrounding communities. VASP has taken on this complex task by working with key datasets (attachment I) to create a rubric, which is to be used to identify such properties.

We expect that by creating a rubric which takes into consideration a variety of data points, such as, number of APD/AFR calls for service, liens placed for securing and cleaning properties, code violations, and others, we may be able to address those problem properties far in advance of them becoming a long-term nuisance. We anticipate a recommendation on this matter in our next progress report. VASP members have also been discussing whether a land bank option might meet Albuquerque's needs. Further exploration is necessary at this time.

Potential Data for VASP Working Group (in no specific order)

					Currently
Dataset	Description	Source	Format	Status Notes	Available
				A list of delinquent properties that were on	1
	List of properties that have been delinquent on taxes for X		tabular; can be mapped using either the	the State's auction list on 11/7/2019 was	
Tax Delinquent Properties	number of years or have been on the state auction list	Bernalillo County Treasurer	address or Uniform Property Code (UPC)	provided.	Yes
	service, and Code Enforcement violations aggegated to tax				
	assessor parcels. The dataset includes land use			Dataset is undeted approximately even 2	
	information, the types of calls and violations, and tax			Dataset is updated approximately every 2	
	assessor property information. Point values are assigned	ADAPT Database; APD Tiburon System; AFR		months; will have more regular updates	
ADAPT Points	to each type of call or violation.	Image Trend; POSSE Permitting System	GIS; tabular	soon.	Yes
	Properties that ADAPT has interacted with since the				
	program began in July 2019. Each data point includes the				
	process stage of the property, occupancy status, and	ADAPT Database; APD Tiburon System; AFR			
ADAPT Stages	inspection notes.	Image Trend; POSSE Permitting System	GIS; tabular	Dataset is continuously updated by ADAPT	Yes
				updated by Code Enforcement Staff. Data	
				can be pulled from the POSSE system and	
	Any violation that falls within the substandard dwelling			then mapped using the address of the	
		DOSSE (Dianning (Code Enforcement)	CIC: tabular	violation.	Vac
Substandard Code Violations	definition in the Uniform Housing Code.	POSSE (Planning/Code Enforcement)	GIS; tabular	Code Enforcement is currently entering	Yes
				liens in excel spreadsheets and within	
				POSSE. Those records with addresses or	
		Event approaches to /DOSSE / Diapping / Code			
		Excel spreadsheets/POSSE (Planning/Code		Uniform Property Code data can be	
Substandard Liens and other Code Liens	Liens related to Code Enforcement violations	Enforcement)	tabular	mapped, creating a GIS layer. Need to determine how Solid Waste is	Yes
	Costs was an extended to be and up and share up		University CIC burns and be seened of		
	Costs per property related to board up and clean up		Unknown; GIS layer can be created if	tracking this information and if it is	
Solid Waste Board Up/Clean Up Costs	activities conducted by Solid Waste	Unknown	contains addresses	available at the property level	Unknown
				Need to research costs of purchasing data	
			Unknown; GIS layer can be created if	and what company provides the best data	
Foreclosure Filings	Addresses of foreclosures in Albuquerque	Purchase from third party vendor	contains addresses	source	No
	Dataset containing addresses of properties that have had		Unknown; GIS layer can be created if	Need to research if it is possible for utilities	
Utility Shut-Offs/ Tampering	water or electric shut off for 6 months or more	ABCWUA and PNM	contains addresses	to share this type of data	No
			tabular; GIS layer can be created if it	This is continuously maintained by Code	
	The addresses of properties that have registered a vacant	Excel Spreadsheets(Planning/Code	contains addresses or UPC from tax	Enforcement Staff. Any Code Violations	
Vacant Building registration	building with Code Enforcement	Enforcement)	assessor parcels	need to be resolved.	Yes
			tabular; GIS layer can be created if it		
		311 or POSSE (311 calls for code issues are	contains addresses or coordinates of the		
311 data	311 data related to code complaints	automatically imported into POSSE)	call location	The data is updated continuously.	Yes
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				A list of properties have been visited by	
				AFR ADAPT inspectors, but the information	
	Buildings that have been deemed unsafe for interior			still needs to be compiled and a GIS tool	
Structurally Compromised Buildings	firefighting or search operations	To be created GIS database	GIS; tabular	created for updating.	Pending
Structurally compromised Buildings	Attributing reinspection fees will enable the tracking of		tabular; GIS layer can be created if it	created for updating.	renuing
Code Enforcement Deinen etie. 5	the number of times properties are being visited by Code		contains addresses or coordinates of the		Dauralia
Code Enforcement Reinspection Fees	Enforcement staff.	POSSE (Planning/Code Enforcement)	call location	Not available yet	Pending