

Commission grants demolition reprieve

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission voted unanimously Monday evening to grant a 90-day reprieve for a house that had been slated for demolition.

Commissioner Brian Shefferd requested the 90 days to allow a group of volunteers to make a difference in cleaning up the property at 310 Hiawatha Avenue.

Shefferd said he has been working with Richard and Amanda Davidson on their property.

The Commission had voted at their May 23 meeting to proceed with demolition of the property, which is on the city's minimum housing codes violation list, after being told no notable progress had made.

The Commission declined at their June 13 meeting to reconsider their decision.

Shefferd said about 50 people are willing to help clean up the property and others in town to prevent them from being torn down. He said several youth groups are also willing to help.

He said they plan their first cleanup this Saturday, beginning at 8:00 in the morning. Those interested in helping should contact Shefferd.

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