

Information Item

Date: January 31, 2018

To: The City Manager

From: Marla Newman, Community Development

Subject: December Council Meeting Assessment Role Discussion - G3-17-923 Thomas Ellis Powell, 4210 Shamel Street

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Improve Character and Condition of Neighborhoods

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: Yes



Mr. Peter Roscana of 480 Hunters Knoll Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106, stated he believed he was an heir to Mr. Thomas Powell and the property located at 4210 Shamel Street was willed to him and to his knowledge is still standing.

The item was pulled by Council from the Assessment Role and staff was asked to research the issue.

Our findings show that Mr. Thomas Ellis Powell was the son of Minnie Gibson Powell (she died at 92 years of age in 2001. Mr. Powell died 12/11/2007.

Mr. Roscana became the Power of Attorney for Mr. Thomas Powell from 1990 until his death. No Will was located nor was an estate opened for Mr. Thomas Powell. A North Carolina General Warranty Deed from Minnie Gibson Powell to Thomas Ellis Powell conveyed "a life estate interest for the life and benefit of Thomas Ellis Powell" in the property located at 4210 Shamel Street.

The property was demolished on December 19, 2016.

We will contact Mr. Roscana and inform him of our findings.