

**HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS
HEARING MINUTES
January 20, 2016
CITY HALL
10 N. DIVISION STREET
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
3RD FLOOR – ROOM 301
BATTLE CREEK MI 49014**

Call to Order: 1:03pm

Roll Call for Board Members: Kara Werner, Robert Whitfield, Andy Harrison

Staff Members Present: Jason Francisco, Code Compliance Manager; Dennis McKinley, Code Compliance Administrator; Elijah Martin, Senior Code Officer; Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector; Lisa Silkworth, Secretary

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: Remove 164 North Ave from the DB SC Hearing

Approval of Minutes: Andy Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2015, seconded by Kara Werner. Approved

Old Business: none

Dangerous Buildings Show Cause Hearings:

- a. 85 Ann Ave (House)
Issue#EN15-04294
Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property Owner, not present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the house has been vacant and lacks utilities and maintenance. Mr. Wilkinson stated there were some permits pulled. Mr. Harrison made a motion to affirm the property as a Dangerous Building, seconded by Ms. Werner. Affirmed.

Whitfield- y Harrison-y Werner-y

- b. 24 Arthur (House)
Issue#EN15-04295
Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property Owner, not present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the house has been vacant and lacks utilities and maintenance. Mr.

Harrison made a motion to affirm the property as a Dangerous Building, seconded by Ms. Werner. Affirmed.

Werner-y Whitfield-y Harrison-y

c. 196 Cliff St (House)

Issue#EN15-04296

Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property Owner, Linda Wyn, present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the property has been vacant and lacks maintenance and has no utilities. Ms. Wyn stated she is in the process of cleaning it out and plans on fixing the roof. Ms. Wyn requested at least a year to make corrections to the home. Mr. Wilkinson recommended affirming the property as a Dangerous Building. Ms. Werner made a motion to affirm the property as a Dangerous Building, seconded by Mr. Harrison. Affirmed.

Harrison-y Werner-y Whitfield-y

d. 45 Lark St (House)

Issue#EN15-04277

Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property Owner, William Nagy, son of the owner, present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the house has been vacant for some time and lacks water service. Mr. Wilkinson asked if there was a timeline for the repairs. Mr. Wilkinson recommended affirming the property as a Dangerous Building. Ms. Werner made a motion to affirm the property as a Dangerous Building, seconded by Mr. Harrison. Affirmed.

Werner-y Whitfield-y Harrison-y

e. 134 Morgan Ave (House)

Issue#EN15-04285

Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property Owner, not present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the house has been vacant and lacks utilities and maintenance. Ms. Werner made a motion to affirm the property as a Dangerous Building, seconded by Mr. Harrison. Affirmed.

Whitfield-y Harrison-y Werner-y

- f. 249 Parish St (House)
Issue#EN15-04285
Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property Owner, not present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the house has been vacant and lacks utilities and maintenance. Mr. Harrison made a motion to affirm the property as a Dangerous Building, seconded by Ms. Werner. Affirmed.

Werner-y Whitfield-y Harrison-y

- g. 261 Parish St (Commercial)
Issue#EN15-04283
Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property Owner, not present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the house has been vacant and lacks utilities and maintenance. Ms. Werner made a motion to affirm the property as a Dangerous Building, seconded by Mr. Harrison. Affirmed.

Whitfield-y Harrison-y Werner-y

- h. 421 Parkway (House)
Issue#EN15-04290
Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

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- i. 416 Upton (House)
Issue#EN15-05559
Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property Owner, not present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the house has been condemned due to the condition of the property. Mr. Harrison made a motion to affirm the property as a Dangerous Building, seconded by Ms. Werner. Affirmed.

Werner-y Whitfield-y Harrison-y

- j. 334 N Wood St (House)
Issue#EN10-04629
Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property Owner, not present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the house has been vacant and lacks utilities and maintenance. Ms. Werner made a motion to affirm the property as a Dangerous Building, seconded by Mr. Harrison. Affirmed.

Whitfield-y Harrison-y Werner-y

New Business:

1. 190 Battle Creek
Issue#EN15-06230
Code Compliance Officer: Elijah Martin

Property Owner, not present. Elijah Martin, Senior Code Officer, stated the inspection was in November and the exterior violations were noted. Mr. Martin stated he has spoken with the owner and he will remove the boards. Mr. Harrison made a motion to remove the property from the agenda, seconded by Ms. Werner. Removed.

Harrison-y Werner-y Whitfield-y

2. 254 Eldred
Issue#EN15-06146
Code Compliance Officer: Elijah Martin

Property Owner, Denise Griffin, present. Elijah Martin, Senior Code Officer, stated the violations were found during a rental inspection. Ms. Griffin has stated some items have been repaired. Ms. Griffin requested more time for the roof repair. Mr. Martin recommended a thirty day extension. Ms. Werner made a motion to grant an extension to February 16, 2016, seconded by Mr. Harrison. Extension granted.

Werner-y Whitfield-y Harrison-y

3. 212 W Fountain
Issue#EN15-05937
Code Compliance Officer: Elijah Martin

Property Owner, Robert Gordon, present. Elijah Martin stated the exterior violations were noted during a routine inspection. Mr. Gordon requested more time until the weather is better. Mr. Gordon stated he wants to paint it. Mr. Martin recommended granting an extension to May 17, 2016. Mr. Whitfield made a motion to grant an extension to May 17, 2016, seconded by Mr. Harrison. Extension granted.

Whitfield-y Harrison-y Werner-y

4. 544 Lakeview
Issue#EN15-05929
Code Compliance Officer: Elijah Martin

Property Owner, Karen Roebuck, present. Elijah Martin, Senior Code Officer, stated the exterior violations were noted during a routine inspection. Ms. Roebuck stated that Roach Home Improvements has pulled a permit. Mr. Harrison made a motion to grant an extension to February 16, 2016, seconded by Ms. Werner. Extension granted.

Harrison-y Werner-y Whitfield-y

5. 824 W Territorial
Issue#EN15-06097
Code Compliance Officer: Elijah Martin

Property Owner, Michael Morcombe, present. Elijah Martin, Senior Code Officer, stated the exterior violations were found after an apartment fire. Mr. Morcombe stated he needed more time and requested to May 1, 2016. Ms. Werner made a motion to grant an extension to March 15, 2016, seconded by Mr. Harrison. Extension granted.

Werner-y Whitfield-y Harrison-y

6. 119 Winter
Issue#EN15-06086
Code Compliance Officer: Elijah Martin

Property Owner, Lance Manfield, present. Elijah Martin, Senior Code Officer, stated the exterior violations noted were for the garage. Mr. Martin recommended granting a thirty day extension. Ms. Werner made a motion to grant an extension to February 16, 2016, seconded by Mr. Harrison. Extension granted.

Whitfield-y Harrison-y Werner-y

Public Comments: none

Board and Staff Members Comments: none

Adjournment: 1:50 pm

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