

**HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS
HEARING MINUTES
February 17, 2016
CITY HALL
10 N. DIVISION STREET
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
3RD FLOOR – ROOM 301
BATTLE CREEK MI 49014**

Call to Order: 1:00pm

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

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

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: Remove 31 N Washington

Approval of Minutes: Robert Whitfield made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2016, seconded by Ms. Werner. Approved

Old Business: none

Dangerous Buildings Show Cause Hearings:

- a. 115 Bowen Ave (House)
Issue#EN15-04300
Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property owner, not present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the property has been vacant for more than 180 days, lacks utilities, and lacks maintenance. Mr. Wilkinson recommended affirming the property as a dangerous building. Mr. Chubinski made a motion to affirm the property as a dangerous building, seconded by Mr. Harrison. Affirmed.

Chubinski-y Whitfield-y Harrison-y Werner-y

- b. 42 Gardenia (House)
Issue#EN12-06879
Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property owner, not present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the property has been vacant for more than 180 days, lacks utilities, and

lacks maintenance. Mr. Wilkinson recommended affirming the property as a dangerous building. Mr. Harrison made a motion to affirm the property as a dangerous building, seconded by Mr. Whitfield. Affirmed.

Whitfield-y Harrison-y Werner-y Chubinski-y

c. 135 Magnolia Ave (House)

Issue#EN15-04301

Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property owner, not present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the property has been vacant for more than 180 days, lacks utilities, and lacks maintenance. Mr. Wilkinson recommended affirming the property as a dangerous building. Mr. Whitfield made a motion to affirm the property as a dangerous building, seconded by Ms. Werner. Affirmed.

Harrison-y Werner-y Chubinski-y Whitfield-y

d. 19 Scenery (House)

Issue#EN15-04299

Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property owner, not present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the property has been vacant for more than 180 days, lacks utilities, and lacks maintenance. Mr. Wilkinson recommended affirming the property as a dangerous building. Mr. Chubinski made a motion to affirm the property as a dangerous building, seconded by Mr. Whitfield. Affirmed.

Werner-y Chubinski-y Whitfield-y Harrison-y

e. 55 Shepard (House)

Issue#EN09-27074

Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property owner, not present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the property has been vacant for more than 180 days, lacks utilities, and lacks maintenance. 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.

Chubinski-y Whitfield-y Harrison-y Werner-y

- f. 99 Walter (House)
Issue#EN15-04302
Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property owner, not present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the property has been vacant for more than 180 days, lacks utilities, and lacks maintenance. Mr. Wilkinson recommended affirming the property as a dangerous building. Mr. Chubinski made a motion to affirm the property as a dangerous building, seconded by Mr. Harrison. Affirmed.

Whitfield-y Harrison-y Werner-y Chubinski-y

- g. 184 Yale (House)
Issue#EN15-04303
Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property owner, not present. Don Wilkinson, Building Inspector, stated the property has been vacant for more than 180 days, lacks utilities, and lacks maintenance. Mr. Wilkinson recommended affirming the property as a dangerous building. Mr. Chubinski made a motion to affirm the property as a dangerous building, seconded by Mr. Whitfield. Affirmed.

Harrison-y Werner-y Chubinski-y Whitfield-y

New Business:

1. 209 W Goguc
Issue#EN15-06421
Code Compliance Officer: Elijah Martin

Property owner, Sharon Frey, present. Elijah Martin, Senior Code Officer, stated the violations were noted on the exterior of the property via a complaint. Ms. Frey stated she needs additional time due to the weather and finances. Ms. Frey stated she does intend to make the corrections. Mr. Martin stated Ms. Frey has made previous corrections and the exterior violations are not visible from the street in front of the house. Mr. Whitfield made a motion to grant an extension to April 19, 2016, seconded by Ms. Werner. Extension granted.

Werner-y Chubinski-y Whitfield-y Harrison-y

Public Comments: 135 Magnolia - The property owner, Kimberly Cameron, stated she has a pre-trial and would speak then per her attorney. Ms. Cameron thought her dad took care of stuff in 2010. Mr. Wilkinson explained the safety process.

Board and Staff Members Comments: Mr. McKinley noted he was taking a new position and the Chief Building Official; Ted Hanson would take over the Housing Board of Appeals.

Adjournment: 1:25pm

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