

**DANGEROUS BUILDINGS HEARING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2008  
2:00 P.M.**

City Hall  
Commission Chambers  
10 N. Division Street  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor – Room 301  
Battle Creek, MI

**Call to Order:** Carman Hamilton, Hearing Officer, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Carman Hamilton, Hearing Officer

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jon Presecan, Code Officer, Ralph Britton, Fire Inspector and Sandra Gray, Secretary

**NEW BUSINESS**

**124 W. Manchester Street (Garage):** Nina LaGrand, property owner, was present.

Jon Presecan, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection, he found the garage has roof system failure and the rear wall is deteriorated.

Nina LaGrand stated that she is seeking out a loan and/or assistance from the city's Housing Rehab Department. Mrs. LaGrand stated that it is her intent to preserve the structure because it is in the historic district and is worth saving.

Carman Hamilton asked how much time do you think you'll need to correct the violations.

Nina LaGrand replied that she would accept the allotted time given by the Board.

Carman Hamilton asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none, Mr. Hamilton stated that this property represents a hazardous condition in this neighborhood and the community as a whole; therefore, the Board has granted the property owner **ninety days** to bring it into compliance and/or demolish the structure.

**111 Marjorie Street (House):** Jennifer Stetson, property owner, were not present.

Jon Presecan, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection, he found the house was severely fire damaged.

Jenifer Stetson stated that the house was insured and is waiting for the Hasting Mutual to issue the check. Phillips Custom Building will do the work on the house once the insurance matter is settled.

Ralph Britton, Fire Inspector, stated there was an electrical fire at 111 Marjorie Street but the house is structurally secure. Therefore, his recommendation would be to allow the property owner the time to make the repairs.

Carman Hamilton asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none, Mr. Hamilton stated that this property represents a hazardous condition in this neighborhood and the community as a whole; therefore, the Board has granted the property owner **ninety days** to bring it into compliance and/or demolish the structure.

**32 Sylvan Street (House)**: Kathryn A. Lambrecht, property owner, was not present.

Jon Presecan, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection, he found the house had roof damage and incomplete in areas, damaged and missing facia, soffits, missing and incomplete chimney.

Carman Hamilton asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none, Mr. Hamilton stated that this property represents a hazardous condition in this neighborhood and the community as a whole; therefore, the Board has granted the property owner **thirty days** to bring it into compliance and/or demolish the structure.

**43 N. Union Street (House)**: Emma Suarez, property owner, was present.

Jon Presecan, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection, he found the house had extensive fire damage along with roof and interior.

Emma Suarez stated that she will demolish the house and not rebuild. At this time, she is seeking bids for demolition and the insurance company will be issuing a check to the city.

Ralph Britton, Fire Inspector, stated that since the house is going to be demolished, his recommendation would be to allow the property owner the time to get bids and proceed with the demolition.

Carman Hamilton asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none, Mr. Hamilton stated that this property represents a hazardous condition in this neighborhood and the community as a whole; therefore, the Board has granted the property owner **sixty days** to bring it into compliance and/or demolish the structure.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**: None.

**BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Hearing Officer Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

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