

**DANGEROUS BUILDINGS HEARING  
DECEMBER 10, 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 2:03 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** None

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**38 Janoah Avenue (House):** Linda Bouffard, property owner, was present.

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

Linda Bouffard stated it is her intent to repair the house, however, because her husband and son are not available to assist at this time, she will do the work herself. She stated that CAA is willing to assist with the insulation but not the rebuild. Ms. Bouffard contacted the city about a loan but was told that 51 percent of the structure had to be salvageable. She also stated that there is a dumpster on site and she has been removing damaged materials a little at a time.

Carman Hamilton stated from the pictures provided by the Code Officer, it did not look like the house could be saved but asked how much time are you requesting?

Linda Bouffard replied how much time do you give a person who has to scrape and paint. She further commented that she has two estimates and no insurance on the house. Neither one of the contractor are willing to do the work without having the money up front.

Carman Hamilton commented that scraping and painting has nothing to do with the dangerous buildings process.

Linda Bouffard asked what she needs to do to make it safe.

Ralph Britton, Fire Inspector, commented the house would need to be secured so that no one could get in and possibly get hurt. However, the damage to the house exceeds the value of the house and it is his recommendation that the house be demolished.

Linda Bouffard asked if a modular could be placed there if she demolished the existing structure.

Jon Presecan, Code Officer, replied that you would need to speak with the Inspections Division regarding that question.

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 **(30) thirty days** to bring it into compliance and/or demolish the structure.

**22 Seedorf Street (House):** George Flenorl, property owner, was present.

Jon Presecan, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house, he found the following: fire damaged.

George Flenorl stated he has been trying to get estimates but it's been difficult to get someone out at this time.

Carman Hamilton commented that Mr. Flenorl should get the estimates and submit a copy to the Housing Board of Appeals.

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 **(30) thirty 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 2:30 p.m.

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