

**DANGEROUS BUILDINGS HEARING**  
**MARCH 11, 2009**  
**1:00 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 1:00 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** None

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**106 Clay Street (House):** Shonn Dreams, property owner, was present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house, she found the following: interior and exterior violations.

Hearing Officer Hamilton asked what the plans are for this property and if you have a written action plan.

Shonn Dreams stated he has purchased some of the materials and does plan on rehabbing and then renting it out. However, he does not have a written action plan to present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, suggested that Mr. Dreams schedule a safety inspection with the Inspections Division to determine the extent of any violations to the interior as well.

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.

**165 Fremont Street (House):** Specialty Properties International VIII LLC, property owner, was not present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house, she found the following: fire damaged.

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.

**105 Harris Avenue (House):** David Fredo, property owner, was not present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house, she found the following: interior and exterior violations.

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.

**57 Harrison Street (House):** Stephen Moore, property owner, was present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the structure, she found the following: interior and exterior violations.

Hearing Officer Hamilton asked what the plans are for this property and if you have a written action plan.

Stephen Moore presented the Hearing Officer with his action which states the roof, sanding and painting would be completed by June 30, 2009. The boat illegally dumped on his property would be removed by March 30 and once the exterior and interior work is completed, he will rent it out.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, suggested that Mr. Moore schedule a safety inspection with the Inspections Division to determine the extent of any violations to the interior as well.

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.

**53 Highway Street (House):** IRA #29541, property owner, was not present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house, she found the following: interior and exterior violations.

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.

**187 Howland Street (House):** Samuel & Nora Morrow, property owners, were not present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house, she found the following: interior and exterior violations.

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.

**226 Howland Street (House):** Lawrence Lawson, property owner, was not present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house, she found the following: interior and exterior violations.

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.

**232 Howland Street (House):** Emily Baker, property owner, was not present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house, she found the following: interior and exterior violations.

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.

**56 Illinois Street (House):** Johnny Farhat, property owner, was not present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house, she found the following: interior and exterior violations.

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.

**338 Main Street (House):** Evelyn Porter, property owner, was present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house, she found the following: interior and exterior violations.

Hearing Officer Hamilton asked what the plans are for this property and if you have a written action plan.

Evelyn Porter replied she does not have an action plan to present and needed more time.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, suggested that Ms. Porter schedule a safety inspection with the Inspections Division to determine the extent of any violations to the interior as well.

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.

**92 W. Manchester Street (House & Garage):** Linda Whitfield and Althea Evans, property owners, were not present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house and garage, she found the following: interior and exterior violations.

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.

**19 Reed Court (House):** Lucille Van Orthwick, property owner, was present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house, she found the following: fire damaged.

Lucille Van Orthwick submitted copies of the proposals from Sims Electric and Sheriff-Goslin and informed the Board that her address has changed. Ms. Van Orthwick stated she did not know how much time would be needed to complete the work but is working on it.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, suggested that Ms. Van Orthwick schedule a safety inspection with the Inspection Division to determine the extent of the exterior and interior violations.

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.

**41 Tennyson Avenue (House):** Nicole Young, property owner, was present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house, she found the following: interior and exterior violations.

Nicole Young stated it is her intent to rehabilitate the house.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, suggested that Ms. Young schedule a safety inspection with the Inspection Division to determine the extent of the exterior and interior violations.

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.

**474 S. Washington Avenue (House):** Alice and Robie Depalma, Sr., property owners, were not present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house, she found the following: interior and exterior violations.

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.

**86 Wilkes Street (House):** Gladys Bradley and Alice and A. D. Jennings, property owners, were not present.

Pam Lawson, Code Officer, stated that upon the inspection of the house, she found the following: interior & exterior violations.

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:**

The Hearing Officer adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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