

**HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2008**

**CITY HALL
10 N. DIVISION STREET
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
3RD FLOOR – ROOM 311
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN**

CALL TO ORDER: Carlyle Sims, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carlyle Sims, Frank Ballard, Jim Bauer, Jackie Braman and Denise McCoy

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Bundle, Code Officer, Eric Campbell, Code Officer, Jeanette Cook, Code Officer, Doug Davis, Code Officer, Jason Francisco, Code Officer, Pam Lawson, Code Officer, Jon Presecan, Code Officer, Susan Bedsole, Director of Licensing and Compliance (also acting secretary) and Dennis McKinley, Code Compliance Administrator

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Carlyle Sims, Chairman, asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Susan Bedsole, acting secretary, stated there were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Denise McCoy to approve the July 16, 2008 Minutes. All yes. Motion carried.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SHOW-CAUSE HEARINGS:

101 Angell Street (House & Garage): Precious Holder, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Denis McCoy affirm the order due to the non appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

Susan Bedsole, Acting Secretary, stated that Precious Holder, property owner, entered the meeting after the sign-in sheet was given go the Chairman and she would like to be able to speak.

Precious Holder stated that she uses this property as storage and does not believe it to be dangerous. She also pointed out that she never received any notifications regarding today's hearing.

144 Dunning Avenue (House): Sharon McIntyre, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Denise McCoy to affirm the order due to the non appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

28 W. Fountain Street (House): Henry Moye, property owner, was present.

Henry Moye stated it is his intent to sell the property as is and does have someone that is willing to buy the house. If the sell does not pan out, he would seek out a loan to correct the violations.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to affirm the order due to no progress having been made on correcting the violations.

224 S. Kendall Street (House): TLC Property Management, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to affirm the order due to the non appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

469 E. Michigan Avenue (House): Robert Watson, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to affirm the order due to the non appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

196 North Avenue (Structure): Sandra Swartz, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Denise McCoy to affirm the order due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

199 Post Avenue (House): Sean Lawson, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Denise McCoy to affirm the order due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

203 Post Avenue (House): GMAC Mortgage LLC, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to affirm the order due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

35 Ridge Street (House): Shirley Thornton and Sandra Richmond, property owners, were not present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to affirm the order due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

29 Seivour Avenue (House): Lee Cornish., property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Denise McCoy to affirm the order due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

31 Marjorie Street: Complied.

62 Post Avenue: Complied.

98 Warren Street: Complied.

107 Marjorie Street: Complied.

192 North Avenue: Complied.

67 Sanderson Street: Complied.

46 S. Union Street: Complied.

186 Garfield Avenue: Complied.

144 Orchard Avenue: Complied.

31 Orchard Place: Dwight Bynum, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Denise McCoy, supported by Jim Bauer to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

51 Traverse Street: Complied.

77 N. Wabash Avenue: Complied.

152 N. Wabash Avenue: Complied.

25 Vineyard Avenue: Rose Armstrong, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Denise McCoy, supported by Jim Bauer to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

73 Walter Avenue: Calvin Wyrick, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

31 Windsor Ter: Helen Coy, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to grant a 90-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

136 Eldredge Street: Complied.

26 Fremont Street: Cynthia Vahovick, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

948 W. Michigan Avenue: Complied.

1609 W. Michigan Avenue: Brad Busick, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Denise McCoy, supported by Jim Bauer to deny the appeal due to the non appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

177 Harris Avenue: William Prosser, property owner, was present.

William Prosser stated that he has been laid off and would ask the Board for an extension until June 1, 2009. By then, he hopes to have the siding done which is the only thing left to do.

Jim Bauer stated that he would make a motion to grant an extension until June 1, 2009. This motion received no support.

Jackie Braman stated that she is not comfortable with granting that extension because everyone else in the Chambers would ask for the same.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

280 W. Goguac Street: Complied.

57 W. Rittenhouse Avenue: Patricia Lone spoke on behalf of her father Theodore Lone.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to grant a 30-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

522 Surby Avenue: Patricia Lone spoke on behalf of her father Theodore Lone.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to grant a 30-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

314 Wentworth Avenue: Patricia Lone spoke on behalf of her father Theodore Lone.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to grant a 30-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

64 Harris Avenue: Complied.

128 N. LaVista Blvd: Complied.

44 Seivour Avenue: Complied.

79 Seivour Avenue: Complied.

NEW BUSINESS:

23 Caine Street: Earlene Johnson, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to postpone for 30 days. All yes. Motion carried.

32 First Street: Juan Lemus, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to deny the appeal due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

52 Fonda Avenue: Matthew Mitchell, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

183 Grenville Street: Stephen Gillett, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to deny the appeal due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

25 Highway Street: Herbert (?) spoke on behalf of Ann Lawson, property owner.

Note: Frank Ballard, board member, stepped out before the vote.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to grant a 30-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

59 Highway Street: Edward Ricketts, property owner, was present.

Edward Ricketts presented the Board with estimates for the work to be done.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

66 Highway Street: Eva Alexander, property owner, was present.

Note: Frank Ballard, board member, stepped out before the vote.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to grant a 30-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

108 Highway Street: Teresa Gonzalez, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to grant a 30-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

18 Illinois Street: Complied.

52 E. Kingman Avenue: Beck Wade, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

34 W. Kingman Avenue: Complied.

507 E. Michigan Avenue: Donna Shea, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to deny the appeal due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

48 Yale Street: George Bauer, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to grant a 30-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

159 Chestnut Street: Deborah Reeves, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

34 Glenwood Avenue: Anthony Moracco, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Denise McCoy to deny the appeal due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

38 Groveland Street: Grace Cowens spoke on behalf of Agape One Properties.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

45 Lark Street: Jim Nagy, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Frank Ballard, supported by Jim Bauer to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

53 Lark Street: Patricia Worthington, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Denise McCoy to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

72 Magnolia Avenue: Evstolia Luna, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

63 Maple Grove Avenue: Allan Grossman, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Denise McCoy to deny the appeal due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

337 Pleasantview Drive: Leslie Babcock, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Frank Ballard to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

440 Pleasantview Drive: Complied.

109 Third Street: Complied.

147 Third Street: Jack Groeneveld, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

65 Vineyard Avenue: Christine Crump, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

169 N. 26th Street: Mike Hill, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to grant a 30-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

131 Broadway Blvd: Daniel Andrews, property owner was present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

174 Broadway Blvd: Complied.

155 Lacey Avenue: Dan Atzman, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

304 Morgan Avenue: Patricia Packham, property owner, was not present.

This property owner submitted a letter requesting that the property be scheduled for next month as she is out of town attending to health issues with a family member.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to postpone acting on this property until the meeting in October. All yes. Motion carried.

209 Taylor Avenue: Thomas Thompson, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to deny the appeal due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

140 WaWeeNork Drive: Mark Culp, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to deny the appeal due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

201 WaWeeNork Drive: Susan Blankenship, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to deny the appeal due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

94 N. Woodlawn Avenue: Complied.

107 Burr Street: Complied.

343 Burr Street: John Coston, son-in-law, spoke for Jose Vaquera, property owner.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Jackie Braman to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

31 Eldred Street: Starla Ruskin, property owner, was present.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported by Denise McCoy to grant a 60-day extension. All yes. Motion carried.

100 Eldred Street: Jessie Jenkins, property owner, was not present:

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to deny the appeal due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

277 Eldred Street: Matthew Skaggs, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to deny the appeal due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

56 Pleasant Avenue: Complied.

188 Winter Street: Mark Everhart, property owner, was not present.

A motion was made by Jackie Braman, supported by Jim Bauer to deny the appeal due to the non-appearance of the property owner. All yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Sims adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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