

**HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 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 1:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jackie Braman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Campbell, Code Officer, Doug Davis, Code Officer, Jason Francisco, Code Officer, Jon Presecan, Code Officer, Susan Bedsole, Director of Licensing and Compliance and Dennis McKinley, Code Compliance Administrator and Sandra Gray, Secretary

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Carlyle Sims, Chairman, asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.
Sandra Gray, Secretary, stated there were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Denise McCoy, supported by Frank Ballard to approve the August 20, 2008 Minutes. All yes. Motion carried.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SHOW-CAUSE HEARINGS:

159 Battle Creek Avenue (House): Sharon Hoyt, property owner, was present.

Sharon Hoyt stated that she has obtained the building permit and her husband would be doing the work.

Chairman Sims stated the inspection date was May 22, 2008 and a dangerous buildings hearing held on July 9, 2008 and no work has been done.

Sharon Hoyt stated they were waiting to get a hard copy of the building permit before they started the work.

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

95 S. McKinley Avenue (House & Attached Garage): Danny Frever, property owner, was present.

Toby Crow stated he is working with Danny Frever and the exterior work is completed. They are requesting a 90-day extension and they work should completed.

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

161 Oaklawn Avenue (House): Scott Cousino, property owner, was present.

Scott Cousino stated he plans on putting the property up for sale as is.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported Denise McCoy to affirm the order due to no progress being made on correcting the violations. All yes. Motion carried.

81 Post Avenue (House): Neighborhoods, Inc., property owner, was not present.

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

159 Post Avenue (House): Daniel Birmingham, property owner, was present.

Daniel Birmingham stated he works out of town during the week and can only do the work on the weekends.

Carlyle Sims stated an inspection was made on June 12, 2008 and a dangerous buildings hearing held on July 9, 2008 but no significant progress has been made on correcting the violations.

A motion was made by Jim Bauer, supported Denise McCoy to affirm the order due to no progress being made on correcting the violations. All yes. Motion carried.

165 Post Avenue (House): Tamara Farrell, property owner, was not present.

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

201 W. Roosevelt Avenue (House): Russell & Wendy Gleason, property owners, were present.

Russell Gleason stated new windows have been installed and he is in the process of repairing the roof. He stated he believes the exterior work could be done in 60 days.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

23 Caine Street: Earlene Johnson, property owner, was not present.

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

25 Highway Street: Complied.

66 Highway Street: Complied.

108 Highway Street: Complied.

43 Byron Street: Chidozie Ononiwu, property owner, was present.

Chidozie Ononiwu stated the work should be completed in 60 days.

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

120 Fremont Street: Complied.

91 Green Street: Complied.

148 Harvard Street: Complied.

195 Oneita Street: Complied.

48 Yale Street: Complied.

59 Yuba Street: Complied.

142 Central Street: Complied.

153 Third Street: Complied.

80 Carl Avenue: Marilyn Rose, 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.

182 Hudson Avenue: Linda Burnham, property owner, was present.

Linda Burnham stated the work should be done in 60 days.

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

96 Maryland Drive: Victor Sallee, 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.

668 W. Michigan Avenue: Ella Powell, 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.

169 N. 26th Street: Complied.

64 Mosher Avenue: Complied.

25 Oakley Street: Kim Rudd, daughter of Russell Moore, was present.

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

18 Ridgemoor Avenue: Christopher Wolfe, 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.

57 W. Rittenhouse Avenue: Patricia Lone, daughter of Theodore Lone, was present.

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

522 Surby Avenue: Complied.

314 Wentworth Avenue: Complied.

218 Iroquois Avenue: Sherry Wessel, property owner, was present.

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

503 Iroquois Avenue

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

18 Pleasant Avenue: Complied.

110 Pleasant Avenue: Elizabeth Johnson, 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.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Sims adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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