

## **BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES – June 15, 2022**

Mr. Procsal called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Those present included Mr. Procsal, Ms. Penrod, and Ms. Hughes. Also present included the Assistant Solicitor and Charlie Weller on behalf of the Department of Licensing and Inspections.

Ms. Penrod motioned to approve the draft minutes prepared by the Assistant Solicitor; Ms. Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee then boarded a PART bus in order to tour properties identified by the Department of Licensing and Inspections which may be blighted.

The tour stopped first at 109 N. Hanover Street. The property is a three-story attached single-family dwelling. The Committee departed the bus and toured the exterior of the property. The front porch is completely dilapidated, with the flooring removed, and unsafe. The railing around the porch is removed or missing. The Committee observed signs of structural issues, including cracks in the foundation. There is a collapsed second-floor porch on the rear of the building. The roof is sunken in and held up by one rotted pole. A neighbor approached the Committee during their tour and advised them that the property is vacant. There was no evidence to the contrary which suggests that the property is occupied. Ms. Penrod motioned to enact a resolution declaring the property to be blighted and request the Department of Licensing and Inspections to notify the property owner to remedy the blighted conditions; Ms. Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The tour next stopped at 308.5 Union Alley. The property is a two-story attached single-family dwelling. The Committee departed the bus and attempted to tour the exterior of the property. The Committee could not tour beyond the sidewalk area though because the property is overgrown and the sidewalk along the side of the property is blocked by loose or fallen bricks and debris. The Committee observed could observe from the street, however, that the front door is boarded, the soffits are rotted, the gutter is missing, the fence is falling down, and the heating oil pipe is rusted. There was no evidence to suggest that the property is occupied. Ms. Penrod motioned to enact a resolution declaring the property to be blighted and request the Department of Licensing and Inspections to notify the property owner to remedy the blighted conditions; Ms. Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The tour last stopped at 261 W. Beech Street. The property is a two-floor detached single family dwelling. The Committee departed the bus and toured the exterior of the property. The Committee observed several broken window and missing siding. The roof of the detached garage is collapsed, and the contents entirely exposed to the elements. A heating system is located outdoors in the rear yard and also exposed to the elements. The rear door of the dwelling is unsecured. There was no evidence to suggest that the property is occupied. Ms. Penrod motioned to enact a resolution declaring the property to be blighted and request the Department of Licensing and Inspections to

notify the property owner to remedy the blighted conditions; Ms. Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The tour returned to Borough Hall and the meeting adjourned at 5:02pm.