

CITY OF DERBY

BLIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Chair Carmen DiCenso called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Carmen DiCenso, Thomas Donofrio, Ron Sill

Absent: Joseph DiMartino

Also Present: Keith A. McLiverty, City Treasurer
Carlo Sarmiento, Building Inspector
Andrew Cota, Blight Inspector
Marc J. Garofalo, Town & City Clerk
Alderwoman Barbara L. DeGennaro
Alderman Stephen Iacuone
Thomas Welch, Corporation Counsel

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Donofrio to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2016 MEETING

Mr. DiCenso noted that under 7a. – it should say “feel” not “fell”

A MOTION was made by Mr. DiCenso with a second by Mr. Sill to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 Blight Committee meeting with the one correction. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. DiCenso asked three times if anyone wished to address the committee. Hearing no one wishing to address the committee the public portion closed.

UPDATE ON 182 DERBY AVENUE– DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. Sarmiento said he met with News, LLC and they performed some work; however they are not done. They just did some minimal grading. The foundation is still there and there is no erosion control. Ms. Finn said Atty. Welch sent out a letter, which everyone should have in their packages. The Notice to Proceed was issued on February 25, 2016 and there were given fifteen consecutive days to finish the project. We are well past that date. Mr. DiCenso asked if any repairs were made to the neighbor's driveway. Mr. Sarmiento said no – in fact when they applied the green seed spay it went all over the

neighbors cars. He said he would like to put a fence on the property since it is a safety issued. Atty. Welch said since there is a safety issue the fence can be immediately installed.

A MOTION was made by Mr. DiCenso with a second by Mr. Donofrio to bring 182 Derby Avenue to the full Board of Aldermen meeting for discussion and action. **Motion carried.**

125 HAWTHORNE AVENUE – DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Atty. Welch informed the committee that he has heard from the bank and they have asked that the City accept 25% of the blight lien (\$75,000) and they would fix the property within sixty day and not later than August 30, 2016. The committee members all agreed that it is a nice piece of property.

A MOTION was made by Mr. DiCenso with a second by Mr. Sill to bring 125 Hawthorne Avenue to the full Board of Aldermen with a recommendation to accept the 25% of the blight lien with the understanding that the property would be fixed within sixty days and not later than August 30, 2016. **Motion carried.**

323-325 DERBY AVENUE AND MANSFIELD STREET – DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. DiCenso said there is a big problem with them putting out the garbage on the street practically on a daily basis. Mr. Sarmiento said there is an ordinance posted on line about the placement of garbage for collection. He said it's really not a blight issue. Mr. Cota said they have assisted Public Works Department with this – they have photos – it doesn't depict blight, just garbage. Mr. DiCenso said is there a fine that could be incurred. Mr. Donofrio asked if there has been any letters sent to the people that live there. Mr. Cota said the letter was sent to the owner of the property. Mr. Sarmiento said they have tagged the door. Mr. Donofrio asked if there is a phone number associated with anyone that lives at the property. Mr. Sarmiento said there isn't.

A MOTION was made by Mr. DiCenso with a second by Mr. Donofrio to bring 323-325 Derby Avenue and Mansfield Street to the full Board of Aldermen to update them on the issues. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Donofrio to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Finn
Recording Secretary

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BLIGHT COMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.