CITY OF DERBY

BLIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.

DERBY CITY HALL

MINUTES

Chairman Joseph DiMartino called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Joseph DiMartino, Jim DiMartino, Bev Moran

Excused Absence: Thomas Donofrio

Also Present: Alderman Charles Sampson
Dr. Matthew Conway, Superintendent of Schools
Andrew Cota, Blight Officer
Marc J. Garofalo, Town & City Clerk
Vincent Marino, Corporation Counsel

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA
There were none.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Jim DiMartino to adopt the agenda as posted. ***Motion carried.***

PUBLIC PORTION
Mr. Joseph DiMartino asked if anyone wished to speak during public portion.

Dr. Matthew Conway, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Conway said he would like to publicly thank Mr. Joseph DiMartino for his phone call the other night, prior to any other phone calls, regarding the mud coming down Chatfield Street by the library. It gave me a heads up of what was coming so I could be prepared and respond prior to more phone calls coming in so I very much appreciate it.

Mr. Joseph DiMartino asked three more times if anyone wished to speak during public portion. Hearing no requests the public portion was closed.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 26, 2018 MEETING

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Jim DiMartino to approve the Minutes of the July 26, 2018 meeting as presented. ***Motion carried***.

MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO ADD 68 SEYMOUR AVENUE TO THE BLIGHT LIST.

Mr. Cota said this property has been in their sights for about a year. The owner passed away and his relatives are not responding.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Jim DiMartino to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen that 68 Seymour Avenue be added to the Blight List. ***Motion carried***.

MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO ADD 210 HAWKINS STREET TO THE BLIGHT LIST.

Mr. Cota said this property has been on and off the blight list. He said the owner has some disabilities; however they need to put some pressure on this person.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Jim DiMartino to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen that 210 Hawkins Street be added to the Blight List. ***Motion carried***.

MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO ADD 16 LAFAYETTE STREET TO THE BLIGHT LIST.

Mr. Cota said this property was brought to his attention about four months ago, noting the tenant made the complaint. There is furniture in the back and side yards. The vegetation is overgrown and there is also an unregistered motor vehicle. Mr. Cota said letters have been sent to the owner with no response.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Ms. Moran to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen that 16 Lafayette Street be added to the Blight List. ***Motion carried***.

MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO ADD 44 EMMETT AVENUE TO THE BLIGHT LIST.

Mr. Cota said the owner has been notified several times regarding the condition of the property. He said the vegetation is so overgrown you can't see the house.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Jim DiMartino to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen that 44 Emmett Avenue be added to the Blight List. ***Motion carried***.

MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO ADD 15 TENTH STREET TO THE BLIGHT LIST.

Mr. Cota said they came upon this blighted property when they were inspecting 210 Hawkins Street. The entire property is totally overgrown. The property is vacant and bank owned. The bank was notified and did cut down some of the vegetation. Mr. Jim

DiMartino asked if the house is for sale. Mr. Cota said it is and informed the committee that the bank contacted his office the other day to see if the blight had been remediated at which time Mr. Cota informed them that the vegetation that had been cut down had regrown.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Ms. Moran to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen that 15 Tenth Street be added to the Blight List. ***Motion carried***.

MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO ADD 25 PARK AVENUE TO THE BLIGHT LIST.

Mr. Cota said they have sent several notifications to the property owner. The vegetation is so overgrown you can't see the house and it is now encroaching on the neighbor's property.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Ms. Moran to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen that 25 Park Avenue be added to the Blight List. ***Motion carried***.

MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO REMOVE 370 DAVID HUMPHREYS ROAD FROM THE BLIGHT LIST.

Mr. Cota said the property owner has remediated all the blight.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Ms. Moran to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen to remove 370 David Humphreys Road from the blight list. ***Motion carried.***

MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO REMOVE 170 PARK AVENUE FROM THE BLIGHT LIST.

Mr. Cota said this property was on the blight list for some time. All the blight has been remediated and he would recommend that it be removed from the blight list with no penalty.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Ms. Moran to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen to remove 170 Park Avenue from the blight list with no penalty. ***Motion carried.***

MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO REMOVE 67-71 MINERVA STREET FROM THE BLIGHT LIST.

Mr. Cota informed the committee that this property is now city-owned.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Ms. Moran to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen to remove 67-71 Minerva Street from the blight list. ***Motion carried.***

MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO INITIATE FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS ON 6-8 ELM STREET.

Mr. Cota said his office has sent numerous notifications. The fines currently total $133,800. There is a large unregistered camper in the yard and you can't see the house due to overgrown vegetation. There is garbage in the backyard and on both sides of the house. Mr. Cota said the property is occupied but it is not fair to the neighbors to have to put up with the conditions of this property.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Ms. Moran to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen to initiate foreclosure proceedings on 6-8 Elm Street. ***Motion carried.***

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Ms. Moran to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. ***Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Finn

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Recording Secretary

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