

CITY OF DERBY

BLIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM OFF OF THE JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Chairman Joseph DiMartino called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Joseph DiMartino, Thomas Donofrio, Jim DiMartino

Also Present: Carlo Sarmiento, Building Official
James Watson, Blight Official
Marc J. Garofalo, Town & City Clerk

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. DiMartino said he would like to delete item #7.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Mr. Carl Nielsen, 10 Elm Street, Derby, CT – Mr. Nielsen said he is here this evening regarding the conditions at 6-8 Elm Street. He said this house has been on the blight list for a long time and nothing has been done. Mr. Nielsen said it was also supposed to be foreclosed on last November. He has met with Andrew Baklik, Carmen DiCenso and Corporation Counsel to let them know what a disaster this property is. He informed the committee that he keeps the people in the neighborhood updated on any progress to correct this situation and will let them know that he attended tonight's meeting.

Mr. Joseph DiMartino said he will meet with Corporation Counsel tomorrow regarding this property.

Mr. Sarmiento said he has been waiting on Corporation Counsel and noted that in the past the previous Corp. Counsel didn't really move on foreclosures. He asked Mr. Nielsen to reach out to him and he will give him updates after meeting with Corporation Counsel to discuss.

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2019 MEETING

Mr. Donofrio stated that there needs to be three corrections as Mr. Jim DiMartino was absent from the meeting and he made the second on the motions. Ms. Finn said she will make the noted corrections and will re-file the minutes.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Donofrio to approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2019 meeting with the noted corrections. **Motion carried.**

39 GRANDVIEW BOULEVARD – DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN

MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO REMOVE 26 CAMPTOWN ROAD FROM THE BLIGHT LIST.

Mr. Watson informed the committee members that this property has been remediated.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Donofrio to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen that 26 Camptown Road be removed from the Blight List. **Motion carried.**

MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN TO REMOVE 435 NEW HAVEN AVENUE FROM THE BLIGHT LIST.

Mr. Watson said all the garbage has been cleaned up noting this is the site behind Krauzer's. Mr. Sarmiento said going forward garbage is not considered blight and we will need to approach and take a different action if something like this occurs again. He said Derby is now part of a Statewide Coalition on Blight, which works in part with the State Prosecutor's Office. If we have chronic offenders for blight we can now hand it over to the State and they will institute infractions, which could result in arrest. The City would also be able to acquire their blight fines. Mr. Sarmiento said he will work with Mr. Watson and Mr. Cota to put something together that he could present to the committee.

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 435 New Haven Avenue be removed from the Blight List. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Joseph DiMartino with a second by Mr. Donofrio to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Finn
Recording Secretary

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