

AGENDA

Committee on Public Safety AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 28, 2021 AT 4:00 PM



UPDATED 10/26/2021

Lansing City Hall, City Council Conference Room
124 W. Michigan Avenue, 10th Floor

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Council Member Garza, Chairperson
Council Member Wood, Vice Chairperson
Council Member Jackson, Member

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Minutes**
 - A. October 14, 2021
- 4. Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
- 5. Discussion/Action:**
 - B. RESOLUTION - Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 4108 Deerfield Ave.
 - C. DISCUSSION - 1428 New York Ave.
- 6. Other**
- 7. Adjourn**

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MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, October 14, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Garza called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

PRESENT

Council Member Jeremy Garza, Chair
Council Member Carol Wood, Vice Chair
Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Mary Bowen, OCA
Michael Robbins
Andy Kilpatrick, Public Service
Princess Thompson

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2021, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Robbins stated he was there to speak on 321 N Butler and if he should wait. Council Member Wood asked to move this to the front of the Agenda, so Mr. Robbins did not have to sit through the meeting and wait.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

321 N. Butler

Michael Robbins began that he has lived next to 321 N Butler, a apartment building, for about a year now with his family. He indicated that the building what hit by a vehicle last Sunday around 12:03am and he contacted LFD and LPD. He indicated that one of the pillars is severally damaged and dangerous, postal workers are afraid to walk near it and there is a family with small children that live right below it. He continued that there is constant drug activity, prostitution and guns and that one female tenant has been broken into multiple times and management has not done anything. Mr. Robbins finished that the previous management company was good and then the current was hired, and they don't do anything to help the tenants or the building or the activity going on the property. Mr. Robbins lastly stated that it's been long enough and something needs to be done. Council Member Wood stated after her conversation with Mr. Robbins she sent out an email including Code, Building Safety, LPD and

OCA, Code replied to the email and they cited the building for trash but Building Safety needed to be contacted for the structure. Council Member Wood explained the Officer Brooks who is the CPO for the Genesee neighborhood and Mr. Swan from Building Safety were at the building and Officer Brooks spoke to a few tenants on their complaints/issues. Mr. Swan stated in an email that he has been working with the owners representative on getting some temporary shoring in place and they had to have it completed by the end of the day, Oct. 14, 2021 and if not then the City would get a contractor out first thing the next morning. Council Member Wood asked that OCA arrange a meeting with Officer Brooks and the management company on how they are going to address the issues with the tenants, and if there are drug issues we have a nuisance letter that can be done because there is a timeline as OCA knows and it has to be within a certain amount of time. Lisa Hagen said she would meet with Jim Smiertka after the meeting with her request and reach out to LPD and pull call logs on the area and get back with the Committee. Council Member Wood asked Mr. Robbins when he returns home if he could reach out to Mr. Swan on a report of anything happening at the apartment and if he could keep a log of the activity of what he is seeing. Mr. Robbins said he would text when he returned home and then asked if it's possible for LPD to tie into the camera's at the property and they can see as well. Council Member Wood gave an example of QD on Pine/Saginaw, and they've allowed LPD to monitor their cameras as part of the SRAM program. Council Member Jackson commented that the goal is to get the building safe inside and out and we've got the names of some tenants from Officer Brooks and they need help. Council Member Garza mentioned that if the management company doesn't get it shored up we have a contractor on standby that can come in correct, and Council Member Wood confirmed that is what Mr. Swans email indicated.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order Nos. 21-19 and 21-20; regulate parking along Haverhill Drive and Winterset Drive

Andy Kilpatrick informed the Committee that the Management Company (Legacy LLC) of Village Townhomes at Haverhill Dr/Winterset Dr sent a request for a parking prohibition on the north side of Haverhill and west side of Winterset. Council Member Wood asked if overnight parking was allowed at that location and Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed. He indicated that it is currently unrestricted on both sides so it gets congested and only one vehicle at a time can go down and prohibits emergency vehicles from a clear path. Council Member Jackson asked why not just have one side all parking and Mr. Kilpatrick indicated they try to do one side so they can provide clear passage and they worked with Legacy LLC on this and it was discussed to stagger the parking to allow for visitors, delivery drop offs, and an open area for emergency vehicles. Council Member Jackson asked if this is the only option, Mr. Kilpatrick said this is their recommendation on the planning with Legacy LLC, it then went to the Public Service Board and now to Committee. Council Member Jackson asked if further discussion can be held with Legacy LLC for other options and Mr. Kilpatrick said he would reach out to them. Council Member Wood asked Mr. Kilpatrick to bring the updates to the next Council meeting on 10/25.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NOS. 21-19 AND 21-20; REGULATE PARKING ALONG HAVERHILL DRIVE AND WINTERSET DRIVE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order Nos. 21-15; regulate parking along Taffy Parkway between Hughes Road and Haag Road

Council Member Wood asked the person who arrived during the first agenda item, what she was in attendance for and Ms. Princess Thompson said she was there for items B & C and was with the Management Company. Ms. Thompson informed the Committee they would be open to further discussion as it's been a while and there has been some change over. Ms. Thompson gave her email contact to Mr. Kilpatrick. Mr. Kilpatrick indicated they received a petition signed by 60% of the residents, and that Taffy Parkway is two blocks long and begins at Hughes Rd and ends at Haag Rd. He continued that Taffy Parkway is approximately 25 ft wide, which is narrow, and a gravel/dirt surface with no parking restrictions on either side of the street. Council Member Jackson asked about the mailboxes and are they on both sides of the street or just one and asked if having parking on one side would be easiest. Council Member Wood indicated the request was brought by a resident and we try to accommodate the request. Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed that they try to maximize parking and with vehicles like landscaping they may park where they are not supposed to be and then it causes issues.

Council Member Jackson left the meeting at 4:34pm

Council Member Garza reading the information that the eastside does not have mailboxes and Mr. Kilpatrick said he would have to look at the street view and will get that information for a recommendation. Council Member Wood then clarified that they knew the deadline for the Council meeting and we can always pull off the agenda if needed.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NOS. 21-15; REGULATE PARKING ALONG TAFFY PARKWAY BETWEEN HUGHES ROAD AND HAAG ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Council Member Jackson returned at 4:37pm

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order Nos. 21-16; regulate traffic at the intersection of Lansing Avenue and Queen Street

Mr. Kilpatrick indicated a study was requested by a resident and in our investigation the safe approach speed is 17mph, the Public Service Department recommends a yield sign be installed. Council Member Garza if this was a petition and Mr. Kilpatrick stated a petition is not needed for this if someone requests a study or evaluation it's all the same process.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NOS. 21-16; REGULATE TRAFFIC AT THE INTERSECTION OF LANSING AVENUE AND QUEEN STREET. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order Nos. 21-18; add a stop sign at the intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Marcus Street

Mr. Kilpatrick indicated that this area currently has a yield sign and with the study it was revealed there was one car crash in the last five years, and with a safe approach of 10mph it is recommended that an upgrade to a stop sign is done.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NOS. 21-18; ADD A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAGNOLIA AVENUE AND MARCUS STREET. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Traffic Control Order Nos. 21-17; add a stop sign at the intersection of Cross Street and Lansing Avenue

Mr. Kilpatrick indicated this is similar to the previous one and that this area currently has a yield sign and with the study it was revealed there was two car crashes in the last five years, and with a safe approach of 9mph it is recommended that an upgrade to a stop sign is done.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NOS. 21-17; ADD A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF CROSS STREET AND LANSING AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

OTHER

562 E Greenlawn

Council Member Garza spoke about the sidewalk and trees in this area as the resident is concerned. He stated that resident called multiple time and recently that workers were out working but she was concerned with the way things were looking and how they were leaving things. Council Member Garza lastly said the workers were sporadic in fixing and replacing 4-5 in this area then only 2 in another area. They are a hazard and we need to see what is going on. Mr. Kilpatrick stated he would have to look into it and report back to the Committee.

MLK Motorcycle Club

Council Member Jackson asked about the motorcycle club located on MLK and asked if it was possible to get LPD to monitor with one patrol with a radar and then another down the street that they can radio to and catch them. Council Member Garza indicated that they don't have enough units as it is but they can definitely reach out for a discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:47 pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Council Administrative Assistant, Lansing City Council

Approved as presented:

**CITY OF LANSING - DEMOLITION BOARD
REPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL
CASE OVERVIEW SHEET**

ADDRESS:	4108 DEERFIELD
PARCEL NUMBER:	33-01-01-31-251-141

SHOW CAUSE HEARING DATE:	
DEMOLITION CASE FILE #:	2021-D001

LISTED TAXPAYER:	WILLIAM J & BRENDA TITUS
INTERESTED PARTIES:	WILLIAM J & BRENDA TITUS
SEV INFORMATION:	\$29,400.00
LAND VALUE:	\$10,740.00
BUILDING VALUE:	\$48,073.00
LOT SIZE:	FRONTAGE 60 X 100.120 DEPTH

HOUSING CODE VIOLATION LTR:	4/10/2018
ORIGINAL RED TAG DATE:	4/10/2018
ZONING:	
ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS:	
PICTURES:	
OTHER:	

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	LOT 118 PLEASANT SUB NO 1
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ORDER OF DEMOLITION BOARD

DEMOLITION BOARD MEETING DATE:	5/27/2021
ORDER:	MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH BY 8/22/2021
REASON/CONDITIONS:	
HEARING OFFICER:	DAVE MUYLLE

CURRENT PERMIT ACTIVITY

BUILDING:	OPEN NO INSPECTION OR ACTIVITY
ELECTRICAL:	OPEN NO INSPECTION OR ACTIVITY
MECHANICAL:	OPEN NO INSPECTION OR ACTIVITY
PLUMBING:	OPEN NO INSPECTION OR ACTIVITY
DEMOLITION:	na

CURRENT CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITY

REQUEST FOR SHOW CAUSE SENT:	
SHOW CAUSE HEARING DATE:	
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW:	

4108 DEERFIELD

- Original Red Tag Date

- 4/10/2018

- Submitted Into Make Safe Or Demolish Process

- 8/18/2020

- Property Vacant/Repairs Exceed Building SEV

- Property vacant more than 180 days
 - Repairs exceed building SEV

- Title Information

- WILLIAM J & BRENDA TITUS

4108 DEERFIELD

Property Value Information

● SEV

● \$29,400.00 (*as of 8/23/2021*)

● Structure

● \$48,073.00 (*as of 8/23/2021*)

● Land

● \$10,740 (*as of 8/23/2021*)

● Estimate of Repairs

● \$71,284.00

4108 DEERFIELD.

Housing Code Correction Letters

- Code Compliance Inspection Date

- 04/10/2018

- Code Compliance Letter Written

- 4/10/2018

- Code Compliance Due Date

- 05/10/2018

4108 DEERFIELD AVE.

Demolition Board Actions

● Demolition Board Show Cause Hearings

● 03/25/2018

● Order by Demolition Board

● TABLED 4/22/2021

● TABLED 5/27/2021

● TABLED 7/22/2021 (RESULTS OF LAST MEETING BELOW)

● MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH BY 8/22/2021

● Request Sent To City Council for Show

4108 DEERFIELD.

City Council Actions

- Show Cause Hearing Held

- 00/00/00

- Public Safety Committee Meeting

- 00/00/00

- Resolution passed by City Council

- Extension Requested By Owner

4108 DEERFIELD.

General Comments

- FIRE DAMAGED PROPERTY
- OWNER HAS BEEN GIVEN 3 EXTENSIONS BY DEMOLITION BOARD WITH REQUESTED PERMIT ACTIVITY NOT DONE.
- MULTIPLE PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED WITH NO INSPECTIONS OR ACTIVITY

RECOMMENDATIONS

● FOR NEW CASES:

- Recommend time frame for MS or D. This requires a resolution be passed by City Council –
 - 60 days for regular demolitions
 - 30 days for fire-damaged demolitions
- Table case – Stays at PS Committee level for future review.

● FOR EXTENSION REQUESTS:

- Grant extension if requested. Requires new resolution be passed by City Council.
- Deny extension requested. Case will proceed in demo process and be sent out to bid for demolition.

● FOR TABLED CASES:

- Recommend time frame for MS or D. This requires a resolution be passed by City Council –
 - 60 days for regular demolitions
 - 30 days for fire-damaged demolitions
- Return case to table – Stays at PS Committee level for future review.























BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Officer has determined that the building located at 4108 Deerfield Ave., Parcel # 33-01-01-31-251-141 legally described as LOT 118 Pleasant Subdivision, No. 1., City of Lansing is an unsafe or dangerous building as defined in Section 108.1 of the International Property Maintenance Code as adopted by Lansing Codified Ordinance 1460.01, and the Housing Law of Michigan, and the building was red tagged on April 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, hearings were held by the Lansing Demolition Board on March 25, April 22, May 27, and July 22, 2021, at which the Hearing Officers determined that said building was an unsafe and dangerous building and ordered the building demolished or made safe by August 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, said Hearing Officers filed a report of their findings and order with the City Council and requested the City Council to take appropriate action under the Lansing Codified Ordinances and the Housing Law of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and Lansing Codified Ordinances require a hearing be conducted to give the property owner an opportunity to show cause why a dangerous structure should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public show cause hearing on October 25, 2021, to review the findings and the order of the Hearing Officers, and the owners were notified in writing of said hearing and had an opportunity to appear and show cause why said building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Office has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board Officer has not occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the owner(s) of 4108 Deerfield Avenue, as legally described above, are hereby directed to comply with the order of the Hearing Officers to demolish or otherwise make safe the said building within 30 days from the date of this resolution, _____, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property owner(s) is hereby notified that this order must be appealed within twenty days pursuant to MCL 125.542 and should the owners fail to comply with the Hearing Officers' order for demolition or make safe, the Code Compliance Officer is hereby directed to proceed with demolition of said building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, whether demolition is accomplished by said property owner or the City, that appropriate seeding and restoration of property take place to avoid run-off to adjacent properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the demolition is accomplished by the City, the cost of such demolition shall be a lien against the real property and shall be reported to the City Assessor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the owners in whose name the property appears upon the last local tax assessment record shall be notified by the City Assessor of the amount of such cost by first class mail at the address shown on the records. Upon the owner's failure to pay the same

within thirty (30) days after mailing by the City Assessor of the notice of the amount thereof, the amount of said costs shall be a lien and shall be filed and recovered as provided by law and the lien shall be collected and treated in the same manner as provided for property tax liens under the general property tax act.

Kathy Monroe
1433 New York
Lansing

517-575-1016

I have lived

My name is Kathryn Monroe and ^{10 yrs +}
I live at 1433 New York Ave. I live
directly across street from 1428
New York Ave. This house is a
place for people to get drunk use
profanity and antagonize neighbors.
This summer was horrible with
cars lined up on both sides of
street to where we couldn't hardly
drive thru to get our groceries
home. On one incident the cousin
or brother of owner of house told
me I needed to get some black
meat and I might be better. I've also
had someone who was at that house
all night pass out on other neighbors
~~the~~ front steps. We thought he
was dead. ~~He~~ When he got up he
headed toward Grand River and ducked
in the backyard of a house that
had children playing on porch. We
were going to get fireworks and
stopped to tell the parents he was
in their back yard. There was
4 or five children oldest 5 on porch.
When he came out of backyard

he threw a brick thru my backwindow
with my grandchildren in back
seat. ~~A~~

All night Long spot Light Smoking
whatever and working on cars on
the side of road. Endless traffic
in this house and we have
had it. Up until latley when you
call police they would say call
city when you called city they
would say call police. We deserve
better than this. In around
2017 they had a pitbul dog that
bit neighbors on both side of them
They drive with ~~a~~ licence plates
all of them. The house is a
place for people to buy use or
sell drugs and up until latley
we have had no help from anyone,
I dont care whose job it is but
It is somebody that gets paid by
city to do something. One of the
other neighbors just had her Handicapp
permit stole from her and was hang^{ing}
from their mirror with ~~a~~ license
plate on car. police got it back
for her.

Hello, this is Stanley Kreft . I live at 1430 new york ave. lansing. I bought this house just over 2 months ago. I had to have the police there when I started moving in. the neighbor next to me at 1428 new york ave. was letting his friends and his cousin block my driveway so I couldnt get in. since then on numerous occasions they be out on the street working on cars well after midnite. Blaring their rap music. Shining their spot lites in windows. Called numerous times to no avail. I had to put up a privacy fense to stop them from parking, and standing in my driveway and talking loud. Not very comfy when leaving or coming home with 10 to 15 people standing in my driveway. Needless to say the fense is helping. The back yard has a cyclone fense wich is inside my survey line wich has chunks of blocks and junk pushing the fense well inside my line. Had the city inpector out to see what options I have to deal with this. The neighbors cousin. Had chased him off. Had an altercation with one of his friends, cops were called no arrests. Since then the police have been there to assist the city to retag the house next door. Redtagged again. Been people back in the house since. The one guy I believe the police call melvin has bee there even tho the owner hasnt. Just today one of their fronds ran out of gas, melvin came out of the back side of the house with a gallon can of gas. Watched his buddy pour it in. another car and no plate. I have a lot of pictures if you would like to see. Tired of the threats, , running profanity, seen them serve alcohol to minors, or bragging they doing their business out of their. Worst, all the neighbors have told me of the horrors they been through for 5 yrs. With all due respect.the police can only due so much. It would be nice to see the city back the police and do something to brand this house at 1428 as a nusiance house. And help our neighbor hood be a quiet, peaceful block. I have never been so concerned for my family and neighbors. If any questions my number is 616 560 9174. im workng afternoons, can call after 8 am. Thank you for your time.

Sincerly Mr. Stanley Kreft