

AGENDA

Committee on Public Safety AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 9, 2021 AT 4:00 PM



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. November 18, 2021
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items (Up to 3 Minutes)**
5. **Discussion/Action:**
 - B. RESOLUTION - Setting a Show Cause Hearing in consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of 4108 Deerfield
6. **Other**
7. **Adjourn**

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MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, November 18, 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
Captain Diehl, LPD
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Mary Bowen, OCA
Scott Sanford, Code Compliance
Kyle Kaminski, Lansing City Pulse
Councilmember Betz
Jim Smiertka, OCA

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OCTOBER 28, 2021, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION – Setting a Show Cause Hearing in consideration of Orders to Make Safe or Demolish to the owners of property located at 2206 W Jolly Road

Councilmember Garza asked Mr. Sanford if the property was originally red tagged in 2016. Mr. Sanford responded that the property was red tagged on 6/16/2021 with 75% fire damage and there has been no activity or permits pulled and recommend make safe or demolish 30 days. Councilmember Wood asked about financial means to fix, and Mr. Sanford again confirmed no permits or money shown to fix.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO MAKE SAFE OR DEMOLISH TO THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4108 DEERFIELD AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Mr. Sanford requested the dates going before Council and Ms. Richmond informed it would go to Council on 11/29 to set the Show Cause Hearing and the Hearing would be on 12/13.

DISCUSSION – Follow up on 1428 New York Avenue

Captain Diehl informed the Committee that there have been no service calls from Oct. 31st – Nov. 15th. Mr. Sanford added that since it's been boarded there have been no issue reported and no complaints. Councilmember Betz concluded that he has heard positive things as well.

Councilmember Garza stated he asked that OCA/Code/LPD all be in attendance to discuss any misconceptions on who is responsible for what at properties. Captain Diehl stated LPD has an annual training coming up that lasts several days for and they have various discussions and Q&A sessions on LPD role vs Code Enforcement. Councilmember Garza asked Mr. Sanford if he was able to represent Code at this meeting and he confirmed that he was. Captain Diehl confirmed that her and Mr. Sanford have been communicating so that everyone is on the same page. Councilmember Wood asked that during the training if they feel something needs to be tweaked within an Ordinance to please bring it back to the Committee or OCA.

Councilmember Jackson asked regarding 1428 New York Avenue if someone spoke to the owners or if they just left. Mr. Sanford said there was no communication that the person staying there was not the owners. Councilmember Wood reminded the Committee that it was previously believed to be squatters from what the neighbors were saying. Councilmember Garza asked about a Code Officer not returning because he was threatened, and Councilmember Betz commented that the impression given to him by neighbors is that it was more an outburst than a threat. Mr. Sanford confirmed that there are times they send two people when needed.

OTHER

Mr. Smiertka informed the Committee that spoke to the owner of 321 N Butler along with the Community Police Officer, and he is putting money into the building to fix it up along with in the process of evictions. Ms. Hagen added there are three tenants, one is an active eviction and the other two are going forward.

Councilmember Wood asked for an update on 927 Shiawassee, Ms. Hagen confirmed they have a meeting is set on the 30th.

Ms. Hagen added as it pertains to 321 N Butler, they have two security cameras and have provided LPD access, and the owner has stated he has a rigorous background process and will continue doing so for future tenants.

Councilmember Wood asked about the contractors fixing the pillars, Ms. Hagen said the temporary fix is in place and they are undergoing a more permanent structure.

Mr. Sanford communicated to Councilmember Jackson that 1616 Glenrose is not in demo, that he will check back with Code to see what is going on as they don't want to forfeit it to the county.

Lastly, Mr. Smiertka informed the Committee he reached out to LSJ regarding the Community News complaint and has not heard back.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:16pm

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved as presented on

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**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 Lansing Code Compliance Officer has declared a certain structure at 4108 Deerfield Ave., Parcel # 33-01-01-31-251-141 legally described as LOT 118 Pleasant Subdivision, No. 1., City of Lansing to be an unsafe and dangerous building and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Officer red tagged the said structure on April 10, 2018 and requested the property owner be ordered to demolish or otherwise make safe the structure; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, April 22, May 27, and July 22, 2021, the Lansing Demolition Board held a meeting to consider and make a recommendation on whether to declare the structure a dangerous building, as defined in the Housing Law of Michigan (MCLA 125.539) and the Lansing Housing and Property Maintenance Code (Ord. 1460.01, et seq.), and ordered the property owner to make safe or demolish the structure by August 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Code Compliance Office has determined that compliance with the order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board officer has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Law of Michigan and the Lansing Codified Ordinances require that 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a show cause hearing for Monday, _____, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Tony Benavides Lansing City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan in consideration of the finding and order of the Lansing Demolition Hearing Board Officer regarding the structure at 4108 Deerfield Avenue, as legally described above, to give the owner, or the owner's agent, the opportunity to appear and show cause why the building should not be demolished or otherwise made safe; and to approve, disapprove, or modify the order of the hearing officer to demolish or make safe the subject structure.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council requests that the Code Compliance Officer notify the owner of said property of the opportunity to appear and present testimony at the hearing, as required by law.