

**BLIGHT APPEALS  
FEBRUARY 04, 2016**

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*Jonathan Morse*  
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**Property Owners**

Jonathan Morse  
Neil and Diane Minto  
Andrzej Kida

**City Officials Present**

Dave Blackwell Sr.  
Keith Murray Esq.

**Call to Order:**

Attorney Murray called the hearing to order at 5:35 p.m. All rose, Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. Attorney Murray called upon Jonathan Morse property owner of 17 Cherry Street. Mr. Roger Picero a first floor tenant of Mr. Morse states he will be speaking on Mr. Morse behalf. Attorney Murray asks if Mr. Picero is a legal representative hired by Mr. Morse. Mr. Picero says no. Attorney Murray asks Mr. Morse to show some identification and asks Mr. Morse if he would like to have an attorney present for the hearing. Mr. Morse says no.

Mr. Blackwell states the property is loaded with all kinds of stuff including a piano, tents, possible awnings, debris, a pool table, and other miscellaneous items. Mr. Blackwell says the pictures he has are dated February 02, 2016.

Attorney Murray asks how much of the property has been cleaned up. Mr. Picero states that 6 trailers worth of stuff has been removed. Mr. Picero provides current pictures and says they were taken just earlier in the day. Mr. Picero goes on to see that the items in question belonged to a former friend who was renting a room. Mr. Picero says that the home is used to help people such as addicts, homeless, or anyone mentally unstable. Mr. Picero says that they help people rehabilitate. Attorney Murray asks if the home is licensed as a halfway house. Mr. Picero says it is not against the law to help people and no the home is not licensed. Mr. Blackwell says that it is in fact against the law to rent a room in your home if the home is not zoned for it.

Attorney Murray asks how long this has been going on. Mr. Blackwell states the property was first cited back on November 24, 2014.

Attorney Murray says that there has not been any recognizable attempt in cleaning up the property and says at this time is going to deny the appeal. Attorney Murray says if the blight issue is in fact resolved Mr. Morse can go in front of the Board of Alderman and ask for the accrued fines to be remitted in full or in part.

As the party was walking out to leave the Aldermanic Chambers a female companion by the name of Lyndsey Carter began making crude sexual gestures and using vulgar language towards the Blight Hearing Officer.

Attorney Murray calls upon Mr. and Mrs. Neil and Diane Minto of 354 Wakelee Avenue. Mr. Blackwell says there is numerous debris, backhoe tire, wooden pallets, an old furnace, an old tub, fence wiring, and the front yard is being used for parking.

Attorney Murray asks the date of which the provided photos were taken. Mr. Blackwell says January 19, 2016.

Attorney Murray asks if there is another place to store all of this on the property other than in street view. Mr. Minto says yes, but asks what exactly is allowed. Mr. Blackwell said he will put the booklet on what is considered blight in Mr. Mintos' mailbox.

Mr. Minto says they use the pallets and skids to make crafts such as signs. Mrs. Minto says they are sold as decorative items.

Attorney Murray asks if this is the first time the property has been cited for Blight. Mr. Blackwell states yes.

Attorney Murray states he is going to give 30 days for the items to be cleaned up and not visible from the street. Attorney Murray asks Mr. Minto to contact Mr. Blackwell when the yard is cleaned up if done before the 30 days time so Mr. Blackwell can inspect it.

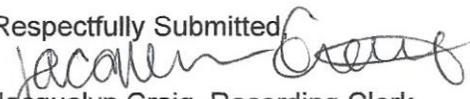
Attorney Murray calls upon Mr. Andrezej Kida property owner of 22 Fairview Street. Attorney Murray says the blight cited is for car parts, debris, go cart frame, tractor, Dodge SUV with unidentifiable registration, broken wooden fence, and a collapsing roof on shed.

Attorney Murray asks how long it will take to clean up the debris. Mr. Kida says he is hoping to get the yard cleaned up by next week but is having financial difficulties and can not fix the roof of the shed at this time due to cost.

Mr. Blackwell suggests putting a brown tarp over the shed for the time being.

Attorney Murray continues this hearing for 30 days and asks Mr. Kida to contact Mr. Blackwell if the property is cleaned up prior to the 30 days.

The hearing was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Jacquelyn Craig, Recording Clerk