

BLIGHT APPEAL HEARING
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City Officials Present

Dave Blackwell
Joe Jaumann Esq.

Property Owners

Bill Urban
Kevin Parham

Call to Order:

Attorney Jaumann called the hearing to order at 5:38 p.m. All rose, Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. Attorney Jaumann says it should be noted that at 5:40 p.m. Mr. Parham was not present. Attorney Jaumann calls upon Mr. Parham property owner of 66 Benz Street Ansonia, CT 06401.

Attorney Jaumann asks Mr. Blackwell if any progress has been made to the property. Dated January 21, 2016 there were 5 items: broken fence, front yard parking, siding falling, debris, and 4 unregistered vehicles. Mr. Blackwell says that it is all still present.

Attorney Jaumann says that at previous hearing held on February 11, 2016 Mr. Parham was granted sixty days to rectify the blight issues. Mr. Parham was given proper notice of the hearing tonight.

Attorney Jaumann said without Mr. Parham present his is going based off photos provided by Mr. Blackwell dated April 18, 2016. Attorney Jaumann states he still sees blight present.

Attorney Jaumann is going to cite Mr. Parham on all 5 counts of blight as stated above and in the letter dated January 21, 2016. Attorney Jaumann says the appeal is denied and the blight citations will go back dated January 21, 2016.

Attorney Jaumann notes that Mr. Parham did appear in February and was given notice at the same address.

Attorney Jaumann calls upon Mr. Urban property owner of 264 North State Street Ansonia, CT 06401.

Mr. Blackwell says he reached out to get a city grant to help Mr. Urban and because the property is not rented they said Mr. Urban does not qualify. Mr. Blackwell said he called back and was told Mr. Urban would need to clean the house out and rent the property.

Mr. Urban says that the property has not been rented in 50 years.

Mr. Blackwell says he would not like to see Mr. Urban accrue fines.

Attorney Jaumann says he understands the financial situation of Mr. Urban, but the blight issue has been going on since June 2015.

Mr. Blackwell says there have been some things that have been cleaned up but there is still a lot left to do.

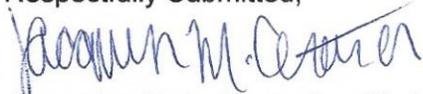
Attorney Jaumann asks if Mr. Urban is able to contact some community based groups such as Americare or Christmas in April to help with the cleanup. Mr. Urban says he has not known of any groups to help.

Mr. Blackwell says both programs may be able to help and believes that both may be located out of Bridgeport.

Attorney Jaumann asks if Mr. Urban had explored a home finance loan. Mr. Urban said he looked into that when he wanted to repair the roof, and was told no because he is disabled. Mr. Blackwell asks if he has thought of a reverse mortgage. Mr. urban says no.

Attorney Jaumann is going to continue the matter and leave it at the discretion of Mr. Blackwell to monitor. If Mr. Blackwell feels that there is no progress this matter will return.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jacquelyn M. Craig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jacquelyn Craig, Recording Clerk