

Cedar Rapids Housing Code Nuisance Abatement Hearing  
Nuisance Hearing Minutes – March 4, 2014

Present –       Hearing Examiner Henry Small  
                  Inspector Coe Molumby  
                  Inspector Russ Howard  
                  Project Manager John Riggs  
                  Recording Secretary Jennifer Canaday

Hearing Examiner Henry Small convened the hearing at 2:00 pm.

New Business:

14-3a-01        928 8<sup>th</sup> St SE; Scott A Bush – failure to secure; storage

Chief Building Inspector Mike Sedlacek asked Nuisance Inspector Coe Molumby to check this property. Structure was flooded, and last year owners sought permission from the City to dismantle the house, with intent to rebuild. They were told they would need permits, but no permits were obtained. The current status of the property is deemed unsafe for the neighborhood. There is a large hole surrounded by construction materials and a dumpster. No progress is being made, and the area is not fenced. Inspector Molumby posted the property and the notice was removed. She notified the owner by certified mail, and his mother signed for it. Scott is believed to be living with his mother. He did not respond to the City. Manager John Riggs advised Inspector Molumby to determine the status of an active investigation by Solid Waste Nuisance Officer Dan Clark regarding the construction materials. Case tabled for further review at the next hearing.

14-3b-02        2040 D St SW; Dennis Drahozal – unsafe structure

Mr. Dennis Drahozal's brother Mike was present on behalf of the family to stay current regarding the status of this property which he states was their family homestead. Mr. Dennis Drahozal has not lived at this property since the Flood and has not responded to the City for several notices regarding securing the property. Inspector Molumby previously obtained a search warrant and checked the structural soundness of this house with Chief Building Inspector Mike Sedlacek. It was determined that the house is not structurally safe, especially since part of the foundation is missing. Mr. Mike Drahozal and relatives secured this foundation area previously. The structure continues to deteriorate and the front door is unsecured. The neighbors are close together in this neighborhood and this is not a safe situation for them. Henry Small and John Riggs recommended that Coe Molumby perform a Title Search, to be followed by posting of a Notice and Order to demolish the property. Mr. Mike Drahozal will be kept informed of the timeline as demolition is pursued by the City. He requested permission to enter for himself and relatives prior to demolition taking place, and those arrangements will be made. The structure is agreed to be safe enough for entry. Costs for demolition will be placed as a lien against the property.

14-3c-03            605 H Ave NW; Tawnya M and Andy Eyrich – failure to secure

Inspector Howard presented this property as previously having been secured by pending owners Matthew 25 and now requiring re-securing. Owners were not present today and did not respond to the notice they were sent. Pending owners chose not to buy this property. Inspector Howard requested securing of front porch, back door, and open first floor windows, as well as the garage. He has pending IPMC charges against the property for exterior violations. Henry Small agreed.

14-3d-04            1228 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE; Jean M Vondracek Rev Trust – failure to secure

This vacant property experienced a fire after the flood, after the utilities had been turned off. The house was visually secure at the time. Inspector Molumby sent a letter following the fire to the owner, requesting that the City be informed of intent to repair or demolish, but there has been no response. Owner was not present at the hearing today. John Riggs advised Inspector Molumby to conduct a Title Search, and issue a Notice and Order of intent by the City to demolish the property and abate the costs through a lien against the property.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Recording Secretary,  
Jennifer Canaday