

Cedar Rapids Housing Code Nuisance Abatement Hearing  
Nuisance Hearing Minutes – May 20, 2014

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

Hearing Examiner Henry Small convened the hearing at 2:05 pm.

New Business:

14-5a-01 5651 Cedar Dr NW; Dale & Mary Slocum

Inspector Molumby received complaints about this property, mailed a letter and took pictures. A year ago there were complaints of a vehicle in the rear yard. Since that time, the occupants have moved out and the house is vacant. Occupants left trash, left a door open; a grandson has been getting back in. The notice that Inspector Molumby attached to the property has been removed, and some of the trash was cleared away, one of the doors has been secured. There remains another door open – Henry approved having the last door secured.

14-5b-02 3912 Oakridge Dr SE, Mark E Reilly

*Previously appeared at Nuisance Hearing held 6/21/11 as case 11-6b-02*

Inspector Molumby stated that in 2011, the City asked the owners for removal of the foundation which had been built but never had a structure placed on it. There was no response at that time, and the City was considering demolishing it. A new owner purchased the property. The foundation remains with nothing built on it. Inspector Molumby sent a notice to the owner, and the green card was signed and returned, but the owner did not appear at the hearing today. John Riggs will create a Notice & Order to Finish or Demo the project, and to require that the owner have a structural engineer evaluate the foundation prior to a building permit being issued.

14-5c-03 618 G Ave NW; MDA Fund VIII LLC

*Previously appeared at Nuisance Hearing held 8/20/13 as case 13-8a-01,  
and Nuisance Hearing held 8/14/12 as case 12-8b-02*

This property has been secured three times by the City. Owner is a corporation from New York which bought the property post-Flood and has not responded to notices to secure. Henry authorized securing of this structure again. Due to the repeated presence of a squatter, CRPD will be asked to accompany Nuisance staff when the next board-up takes place, and structural integrity will be evaluated at that time to determine if this property will need to be demolished.

14-5d-04 57 18<sup>th</sup> Ave SW; Dustin White

*Previously appeared at Nuisance Hearing held 12/18/12 as case 12/12a-01;  
emergency secure; possible DEMO in future*

Owner was not present at the hearing. Inspector Howard stated that this property has been boarded previously, and someone persists in living in the garage. The City performed an emergency board – up last week, and when investigated today, the boards had been removed

again. Project Manager Riggs instructed Russ to obtain an administrative warrant and to check with the Fire Dept. to see if its safe to go inside for a structural safety check. The house has had a meth fire, and the Fire Dept. will have notes regarding the structural integrity. Henry and John agreed to having the garage secured again.

14-5e-05      1807 N St SW; Fredrick J McLaud

Owner is deceased, and no family was present at the hearing today. The vacant structure has become an attraction for kids to throw rocks at it and spray paint. The house is wide open. Manager Riggs will obtain a notice and order to repair or demo the property. There are foundation issues. Henry approved securing the house and garage, with an intent to pursue Notice & Order for demo.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Recording Secretary,  
Jennifer Canaday