
Blighted Property Review Committee
Thursday, December 20, 2012
Determination & Certification Hearing
Meeting Report

Mr. Corcoran called the Determination and Certification Hearing to order at 6:13 pm. He announced that a quorum was present.

Mr. Corcoran announced that the purpose of the hearing was to consider if the conditions of the properties on the agenda met the conditions set by the Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law of 1945, as amended and the City of Reading Blighted Property Review Committee Ordinance, and could be determined or certified as blighted.

BPRC Attendance: R. Corcoran, M. Wolfe, W. Bealer, H. Urena

Staff Attendance: L. Kelleher, T. Butler, Esq., M. Reinhart

Mr. Corcoran stated that the first order of business is to remove properties that no longer meet the blight criteria from the process. He stated that the following property no longer meets the blighted criteria and will be removed from the process:

- 1. 313 N 9th St, Khoa Tran, owner, 1221 Butler St Reading PA 19601, purchased August 2001**

Mr. Corcoran stated that none of the owners of the properties listed on the agenda are present. He asked the Committee to consider the properties on the agenda in a Consent Agenda format. He asked Ms. Butler, attorney from the City's Law Department, to conduct the hearing.

Determination Hearing

- 1. 456 Douglass St, owned by Colin and Loraine Gray, 456 Douglass St, purchased Dec 2004**
- 2. 930 N 5th St, owned by Anahi Jenny Tapia & Pablo Guzman; 930 N 5th St Reading PA 19601, Purchase Date July 2012**

Certification Hearing

- 1. 511 Penn St., Lehigh Land Holdings Inc., 3140B W. Tilghman St, Allentown PA, purchased June 2002**

Ms. Butler stated that all properties remaining on the agenda meet at least one of the blight criteria. She noted that none of the property owners are present and there is also no one present to provide public comment on these properties. The property summary sheets show:

- **456 Douglass St – notice posted 10-31-12 and mailed 10-31-12, Delinquent 2009 School Taxes, Water on, 1 unpaid QoL \$735, Notice of violation & Citation for broken front steps and broken basement window, no exterior structural issues**
- **930 N 5th St - notice posted 10-29-12 and mailed 10-31-12, Water on, Delinquent 2009 and 10 School Taxes and 2011 City taxes, Notice of Violation and Citation for failure to repair porch columns, handrails and porch and failure to paint, Delinquent Recycling \$698.68**
- **511 Penn St – notice posted 12-5-12 and mailed 12-5-12, Water off \$32,624.77 delinquency, No exterior structural issues, illegal water service**

Ms. Butler stated that each of these properties meets the blight criteria.

Ms. Wolfe moved, seconded by Mr. Urena, to approve the certification of 511 Penn Street and the determination of 456 Douglass Street and 930 North 5th Street. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Urena moved, seconded by Mr. Bealer, to adjourn the Determination and Certification hearing.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher, Secretary