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**Blighted Property Review Committee**  
**Thursday, March 15, 2012**  
**Determination Hearing**  
**Meeting Report**

Mr. Olsen called the Determination Hearing to order at 6:10 pm. He announced that a quorum was present

Mr. Olsen 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 certified or determined as blighted.

**BPRC Attendance:** L. Olsen, R. Corcoran, H. Urena, M. Wolfe, D. Luckey

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

Mr. Olsen asked Ms. Butler, attorney from the City's Law Department, to conduct the hearing. Ms. Butler explained the hearing procedures and summarized the blighted conditions as set forth in the City's Blighted Property ordinance.

Ms. Butler stated that the conditions at 128 Elm Street no longer meet the blighted criteria set forth and she recommended that the board vote to remove this property from the list.

**Mr. Seidel moved, seconded by Mr. Urena, to remove 128 Elm Street from the blighted list. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Ms. Butler suggested tabling 1425 Monroe Street until further research on the owner's bankruptcy occurs.

**Mr. Urena moved, seconded by Mr. Seidel, to table 1425 Monroe Street. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Ms. Butler stated that the following properties no longer meet the blight criteria and that these properties will be removed from the process:

- 1041 Penn Street
- 1403 Hampden Boulevard
- 1013 Penn Street
- 2107 River Road

- 723 Lehigh Street
- 526 Robeson Street
- 824 Hampden Boulevard
- 1204 Gregg Avenue

#### **DETERMINATION HEARING**

Ms. Butler stated that none of the property owners are present and there is no one seated in the audience to provide public comment, therefore, the remaining properties listed on the agenda will be handled in the Consent Agenda format.

Ms. Butler entered the property packets into the record. In summary:

- 1. 1425 Montgomery St, owned by Albu Augustine, 660 S 17 1/2 St Reading PA 19606, purchased July 2004, no electric service**
- 2. 221 Colston St, owned by Dolores & Rafael Figueroa, 221 Colston Ave Reading Pa 19605, No purchase date listed, Water service off, Electric Service off, Gas Service off, 8 years delinquent taxes, property maintenance violations**
- 3. 1302 Butler St, owned by Gary Gettiger & Dolores Bennicoff, 1302 Butler St Reading Pa 19601, Purchased Nov 1998, Water Service off, Electric Service off, Gas Service off, property maintenance violations**
- 4. 1236 Carbon St, owned by Eleanor Keideisch, 1430 Claire Dr Birdsboro Pa 19508, purchased Dec 2008, Water Service off, Electric Service off, Gas Service off**
- 5. 217 Upland Ave, owned by Christine Wartluft, 126 Gerald Ave Shillington Pa 19607, purchased Dec 2004, Liens for approximately \$1,000 trash and recycling, property maintenance violations**
- 6. 1320 Perry St, Owned By Robert & Cheryl Tyson, 1320 Perry St Reading Pa 19604, purchased Aug 2005, Water Service Off, Electric Service off, Gas Service off, property maintenance violations**
- 7. 1031 Amity St, owned by Kenneth Dinham, 1031 Amity St Reading Pa 19604, purchased May 2006, infestation**

8. 1715 Haak St, owned by Francisco Cardenas, 109 Cooper St Brooklyn NY 11207, purchased Dec 2004. Water Service off. Gas Service off, 2 years delinquent taxes, liens for 2010 taxes

9. 1326 Carbon St, owned by Joseph Rader, Charles & Brenda Jackson, 1326 Carbon St Reading PA 19601, purchased Dec 1996, 1 year delinquent taxes, property maintenance violation

10. 49 Arlington St, owned by Rebecca Morrell, 129 Azalea Dr Berkeley Spgs WV 25411, purchased Sept 2009, Water Service off, Electric Service off

11. 513 Margaret St, owned by Jose Vega & Maria Gil, 519 N 11th St Reading Pa 19604, purchased Oct 2006, Water Service off, Electric Service off, 2 years delinquent taxes, liens taxes, trash and recycling

12. 402 N 5<sup>th</sup> St, owned by Jennifer and Michael Aston Jr., 1201 Oley St Apt 1 Reading Pa 19604, purchased Nov 2011, Water Service off, Electric Service off, property maintenance violations

13. 249 Blair Ave., owned by Lorna Murphy, 80 Melbourne Ave 162JD Dover Kent England, purchased March 2004, Water Service off, 3 years delinquent taxes, property maintenance violations, liens for taxes, trash and recycling

14. 646 Brookline St., owned by Jason Davis, 646 Brookline St Reading Pa 19611, purchased Oct 2009, Water Service off, Electric Service off

15. 1425 Fairview St, owned by Keerty Ohri, 128 Colonial Dr Apt C Shillington Pa 19607, purchased Feb 2007, Water Service off, Electric Service, off, 5 years delinquent taxes, property maintenance violations, liens for taxes and recycling

Ms. Butler again asked if the owners of any of the listed properties were present. No one responded.

#### **Public Comment**

Ms. Butler opened the floor for public comment. No one stepped forward.

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

#### **BPRC Vote**

Ms. Wolfe moved, seconded by Mr. Seidel, to approve the determination of these

**properties as blighted. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**Mr. Urena moved, seconded by Mr. Seidel, to adjourn the determination hearing.**

*Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher, Secretary*