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re: Vacant Property Survey of Single Member District 2F06

Dear Sirs,

On May 20th this ANC's Committee on Crime and Public Safety (CCPS) undertook a survey of Single Member District 2F06. Committee members and neighbors walked each street and noted incidences of neighborhood neglect including graffiti, trash, etc. The survey was meant to identify and bring city services to our community as a way to abate crime. We are seeking your assistance with resolving several of our findings regarding vacant property.

As part of this survey the addresses of vacant buildings found on the DCRA vacant property listing, the CFO Class 3 tax listing and our onsite observations were reconciled. Attached you will find a list of results with a column for requested action where we feel a building needs to be inspected or should be paying the Class 3 tax. Abandoned buildings give the impression to the criminal element that law enforcement is not strong in the area and that both the community and the District are disinterested. Abandoned buildings also give shelter and concealment to the criminal element and make the efforts of the MPD that much harder. I can assure you that ANC2F is very interested in fighting crime and we are seeking your active assistance.

As you know, DC Code Title 42, Chapter 31A stipulates that vacant buildings shall be adequately maintained and taxed at a higher Class 3. Without enforcement of the vacant building laws, the owners of these nuisance properties have no incentive to make improvements. As annotated on the attachment, ANC2F would like to see DCRA inspect these vacant buildings (interior and exterior) and impose proper fines for violations. The Office of Tax and Revenue should tax the owners of the vacant buildings at the Class 3 rate for the current year and the past 3 years as allowed by law. Furthermore, owners that submitted false paperwork to the CFO's office requesting a Class 3 exception should be fully prosecuted under the law.

We would appreciate if your respective offices would identify an action person no later than June 30th and coordinate directly with our point of contact. We do plan on surveying the entire ANC and respectfully request a contact that we can work with over the long term. Our point of contact is Mike Sheaffer and he can be reached at anc2fccps@gmail.com or at 202-682-2142.

Sincerely yours,



Charles D. Reed
Chairman, ANC2F

cc:

Mr. Carlson Klapthor, Office of Neighborhood Services

Ms. Jennifer Trock, President, Logan Circle Community Association

CCPS 06-12

Address	Ward	Square	Lot	DCRA List?	CFO list?	Requested Action
1400 9th St. NW	2	366	800	140989	No	DCRA: please inspect the building for vacant property maintenance standard. CFO: confirm Class 3 status
1431 11th St.	2	338	41	138748	No	DCRA: please inspect the building for vacant property maintenance standard. CFO: confirm Class 3 status
1410 9th St. NW	2	366	62	141831	No	DCRA: please inspect the building for vacant property maintenance standard. CFO: confirm Class 3 status
1715 11th St. NW	2	335	10	791985	No	DCRA: please inspect the building for vacant property maintenance standard. CFO: confirm Class 3 status
1002 M. St. NW	2	341	56	137388	No	DCRA: please inspect the building for vacant property maintenance standard. CFO: confirm Class 3 status
1613 12th St. NW	2	309	7	No	No	DCRA: please inspect the building for vacant property maintenance standard. Add to vacant property list if needed and inform CFO.
910 P. St. NW	2			No	No	DCRA: please inspect the building for vacant property maintenance standard. Could not find in the real property database. Add to vacant property list if needed and inform CFO.
1109 M St. NW	2	314	3	No	No	DCRA: please inspect the building for vacant property maintenance standard. Add to vacant property list if needed and inform CFO.
1337 11th St. NW	2	339	33	No	No	This building has occupied commercial space and boarded up residential space. Need to confirm the status of this building as vacant or not.

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1006 M. St NW	2	341	51	840649	Yes	DCRA: please inspect the building for vacant property maintenance standard
1000 M. St. NW	2	341	57	137382	No	CFO: This building is currently being renovated and it is our understanding that the Condemnation Board demanded it. The city should review the application for the exception of the Class 3 tax to ensure compliance with the law and collect back taxes if appropriate. If the application for the Class 3 tax was falsified the city should take appropriate legal action. Further, it is our understanding that evidence of residence was completed via a PEPCO bill, which powered one lamp in the building.

Note: properties with a DCRA number are on the DCRA vacant property list.