

Please place with the agenda for Jud Leg. Thanks jb

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From: Bednar, Dennis

Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 10:15 AM

Subject: FW: 3831 N Willis Place Time is now set 1:45pm in room 301B City Hall 200 E Wells on Oct. 4th

Importance: High

Good morning all.

Alderman Bohl has requested that anyone who can attend this meeting to please do so. It concerns the property at 3831 N. Willis Place.

As most of you know, the property has been in disarray since the owner bought the property over 10 years ago. The city has been called out numerous times because of building code violations, overgrown foliage, pest control, etc. The owner (Danny Laabs) has not paid his property taxes since 2006, and because of this, the city has essentially taken ownership of the property, but the owner has filed an appeal. That's why Alderman Bohl would like our involvement.

If you cannot attend the meeting, he said you can send him an email at jbohl@milwaukee.gov to voice your concerns. I cannot be there, but will give him a statement. I encourage you to do so as well. The owner, even if he does win an appeal and pay all of his outstanding taxes and penalties, will start the cycle over again and we will have to put up with this for another five years or more.

I know that I, as well as others, have offered assistance to Mr. Laabs and have been turned down. He continually fights the city when told to keep up maintenance on his property. When he does trim, he leaves everything where it falls. You can't walk past his house because of overgrown bushes. You can see pedestrians when exiting the alley. I have seen mice, raccoons, possums, and wild cats come out from his property. He has put his neighbor's property in jeopardy by removing enormous trees on his own, with literally half of a tree come crashing down on his own house. He was illegally parking vehicles and other equipment on his front lawn. I have witnessed what I believe to be improperly stored propane tanks in his garage. The list goes on. I do not want to displace anyone from their home, but it is quite obvious he does not have the comprehension or ability to maintain a home on his own, and he does not have the ability to pay the city do so either.

Please send Alderman Bohl an email telling him your feeling on this property before Monday-October 4th.

Thank you.

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JL will hear this matter on 10/4

Respectfully Alderman Bohl requests that residents be present at the hearing to provide personal testimony.

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