



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Millikin Heights Special Board Meeting – Jun 20, 2020

Board Attendees: Alan Duesterhaus Charlotte Hanks Anthony Chapple Mark Peters
 Brian Anselmo

Non-Board Attendees: Mark Birch

Available Board members were invited to meet at the house on 124 N Edward St to do a walkthrough to help determine if it had potential as a feasible restoration project.

The meeting time was 1pm.

General Observations:

- The exterior of the house is in very rough condition except for a fairly new roof. All entry ways are boarded up as well as most windows. Access was gained as recommended by the owner to Charlotte, by removal of the plywood sheet that covered the front door, though the owner was not available to be in attendance.
- Entry into the house was met by significant amounts of debris believed to be associated with unauthorized squatters having used the house for shelter. Every room had various types of strewn refuse, including large TVs, mattresses, and in the basement, a major pile of used bicycle related parts.
- Though unable to determine its actual working condition, the furnace did seem to be fairly new and is a high efficiency model.
- Those who went to the third floor indicated there was new sheathing supporting the roof, although Mark Birch indicated there are some exterior shingle installation issues to be addressed.
- Despite what seems to be the rather daunting nature of a renovation project of this house, the board members that were in attendance felt that it fell within the organization's mandate to improve the neighborhood, and its proximity to the Culver House and to the Main Street corridor make it worth the effort to purchase it and seek to get it approved by the City for funding through the CHDO process.

As a means of moving forward, a motion was made to: **"Proceed with the offer to purchase the house at 124 N Edward St for up to \$3,500 with the expectation that it become a means to promote the utilization of the CHDO process and funding."** The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

In addition, it was suggested to proceed with investigation into the house at 461 W Decatur St for its potential as a rental unit as a means to help build a revenue stream for future investment opportunities.

Special Board Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm

Respectively Submitted, Brian Anselmo