

Written Testimony - Agenda Item 525/481

	Agenda Item	Name or Organization	Position	Comments	Attachment	Created
1	481	Ramona Perrault	Support	Please don't hesitate to support the foreclosure of 3312 NE Broadway. Our neighborhood has been pushing to get this property cleaned up for such a long time. It's dangerous to passers-by and it's dangerous to young people who routinely access the building. I wholeheartedly support this move by the city.	No	05/31/24 8:29 PM
2	481	Anonymous	Support	It's absolutely disappointing how many years are allowed to go by and these derelict properties sit. Bureau of Development Services leaves derelict and dangerous properties in our communities.	No	05/31/24 10:23 PM
3	481	Neighbor	Support	I support the foreclosure on the old Gordon's fireplace building. The condition of this building is a danger to the community and contributes to the general decline of livability in current day Portland. It is so unsafe the fire department had designated it as an "unsafe building and refuses to enter in case of a fire. There are constantly glass shards from the breaking windows on the sidewalk, frequent trash buildup, illegal entry, squatting and unsafe masonry risking the lives of pedestrians. The city has dragged its feet on enforcing our laws. There has been no action on the graffiti and a very slow response to the multiple complaints about the dangers presented to the community. It's time for the city to act to clean up this blighted and dangerous property. Thank you. Article on unsafe building designation by the PFD: https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/unsafe-building-designation-aide-fire-crews-safety/283-c7c753ce-e8b4-4b40-aaf6-29ca69629050	No	06/01/24 7:14 AM
4	481	Anonymous	Support	Dear City Council: Please foreclose on the blighted Old Gordon's Fireplace building. It's time to enforce our laws once again. Allowing blight and dangerous conditions is not "compassionate" to the homeless or POC as we frequently hear from the nonprofits that control city government. It's time to clean up the city so ALL can once again thrive in Portland.	Yes	06/01/24 7:21 AM
5	481	Anonymous	Support	This property needs to be demolished or renovated. It is a complete eyesore that attracts vagrancy and repeated graffiti	No	06/01/24 7:23 AM
6	481	Vera Chin, Portland Neighbors Welcoming	Support with changes	Rob Brewster of Interurban (although not blameless) really got shafted by the failed city of Portland. While times were good (building costs low, interest rates low) the city dragged its feet on permitting and tried to extract as much cash as possible to grant him permits. By the time Brewster got permits the good times were gone (Portland had decayed, building costs were up and no one would finance him in Portland). Brewster has done some good projects in Portland (Under Armour, General Auto Building in the Pearl) but also has left a mess with his projects in Spokane. The city really screwed us on not allowing this redevelopment to get done in a timely manner. If they had there would be 18 or so apartments with ground level retail. (I thought Carmen Rubio said we need more housing, LOL) Now we are suffering from this blighted homeless and graffiti magnet and will end up spending a lot of tax dollars to clean up the mess. This is the city of Portland's fault. I would like an apology from COP for what they did to neighbors in this area by allowing this to go on for so long. Please clean it up ASAP!	No	06/01/24 9:10 AM
7	481	Stacey Tipp, Grant Park Neighborhood Association immediate Past President	Support	I completely support foreclosure on this property. It is a blight on our neighborhood, and a danger to neighbors, including schoolchildren, who have to walk by this building on public sidewalks with the risk of falling glass and masonry. The owners have been given every opportunity to be good neighbors, and have failed to show any consideration for the community affected by this deteriorating property.	No	06/01/24 10:27 AM
8	481	Anonymous	Support	owner has had plenty of time to rectify these problems, time to demolish.	No	06/01/24 1:23 PM
9	481	Anonymous	Support	Please foreclose now. It's a danger, an eye sore and a breeding ground for criminal behavior.	No	06/01/24 1:53 PM



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10	481	Anonymous	Support	I fully support the foreclosure of property located at 3312 NE Broadway. I live in the neighborhood and feel this should have been done years ago.	No	06/01/24 5:31 PM
11	481	Peter Dillenburger	Support	This needs to be remedied immediately. Our neighborhood has put up with this absentee/slacker owner for far too long. The building is a blight w/in the neighborhood that has been attracting multiples of individuals that have no respect for our community (graffiti / camping / damage to the building / significant amounts of garbage / damage to the surrounding areas / theft / drug use & paraphernalia left on sidewalks). That this building is viewed from the freeway & at the entry to multiple neighborhoods & is a terrible testimony - contrary to what our community truly is.	No	06/01/24 7:17 PM
12	481	Linda Burch	Support	Please do what you can to eliminate this eyesore and public hazard. It's way past time to take action. Broken glass , garbage, graffiti--the list goes on and on. It's a blight to the neighborhood.	No	06/02/24 6:46 AM
13	481	Carolyn Latierra	Support	This structure is a hazard to the community and needs to be demolished with all possible haste. I often see families waiting to cross that busy intersection and as an elder who uses transit the walk north from Sandy I see passing Gordon's as a perilous part of the journey. It would be grand to have the structure gone.	No	06/02/24 9:48 AM
14	481	Anonymous	Support	Building is an eyesore and a hazard in a central NE Portland neighborhood with close proximity to Beverly Cleary school and Grant High school. The exterior of the building continues to crumble and can only imagine what types of activities go on inside. Building is not safe and at risk for fire.	No	06/02/24 10:03 AM
15	481	Anonymous	Support	This property degrades Portland's image as a City that can manage its problems. The building has attracted homeless, garbage, drugs and crime. The property is on a school route and is in close proximity to elementary, middle and high schools has attracted	No	06/02/24 10:09 AM
16	481	Northeast Broadway Business Association	Support		Yes	06/02/24 3:47 PM
17	481	Robert Wilkinson	Support	This is long overdue. An out of state owner has allowed this blight in our neighborhood for far too long and the city has apparently done nothing. This is not only a neighborhood blight but a city-wide blight as it the building is so terribly visible from the freeway. The building is a focus for crime and related problems. Please do this at top speed, and tear this building down.	No	06/03/24 9:43 AM
18	481	Roger Watkins	Support	Fully support this proposal.	No	06/03/24 1:18 PM
19	481	Eli Green	Support	This deathtrap and eyesore needs to go, the sooner the better. Please help our neighborhood move forward.	No	06/03/24 1:20 PM
20	481	NW Women's Fitness	Support	The building is an eyesore to our beautiful neighborhood and a deterrent to other businesses.	No	06/03/24 3:00 PM
21	481	Anonymous	Support	Please foreclose on this eyesore and criminal activity magnet.	No	06/03/24 4:09 PM



June 1, 2024

Mayor Ted Wheeler
Portland City Council
City of Portland
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 340
Portland, OR 97204

Re: Support for City Foreclosure of 3312 NE Broadway

Mayor Wheeler and Members of City Council:

The Northeast Broadway Business Association (NEBBA) represents the interests of businesses and property owners on NE Broadway and Weidler Streets between NE 3rd Ave. and 37th Avenue. Our business district is a major transportation hub, filled with small local businesses that provide an expansive array of shops, services and restaurants, in addition to larger-scale companies and services. It serves a diverse community within the City, as its location includes affordable and transitional housing, apartment complexes, and historical houses.

Despite these underpinnings, Northeast Broadway has struggled to obtain the street appeal of successful commercial areas in Northeast Portland, like Alberta and Mississippi. To reach its full potential, the Broadway business corridor must enhance aesthetics to attract residents and promote the area as a destination. One major obstacle to this goal is the large, abandoned building located at 3312 NE Broadway. The former Gordon's Fireplace building is covered in graffiti; all of its windows are broken; it attracts nighttime crime and unsanctioned camping; and it is preventing our business district from thriving.

Please vote to authorize the foreclosure of the building on 3312 NE Broadway. It is time to take bold actions to improve the conditions on NE Broadway. This is an important first step.

Sincerely,

Sarah Drescher

Sarah Drescher, President
Northeast Broadway Business Association

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22	481	Anonymous	Support	As a resident of the immediate neighborhood it's been horrible to watch the building go into disrepair, and it's such a blight on our beautiful city and the people who drive by it on a daily basis in the neighborhood and from I-84. There have been break ins and dangerous activities in and around the building as well since it's not secured. The current owner has expressed little to no interest in paying the fees let alone making any progress on the work, even though he told KGW that would be starting back in January. A vote to send the building into foreclosure is a vote to clean up our neighborhood and city and put the building or land to good use with a new owner.	No	06/03/24 8:23 PM
23	481	James Burch	Support	The property should have been foreclosed years ago. Owner has said he would improve the property but has not. It is a terrible eyesore and likely to continue to be so. Also, it is a safety hazard and a place for criminal activity to go unnoticed. The windows have been broken out and there is broken glass and trash on the sidewalks surrounding the building. More than likely people will get injured.	No	06/04/24 8:21 AM
24	481	Irvington Community Association	Support	Re: O.K. Jeffery Airplane Factory, a.k.a. Gordon Fireplace Building We are writing to you in regard to the O.K. Jeffery Airplane Factory, also known as the "Gordon's Fireplace Building", at the intersection of NE Broadway and 33rd. It has come to our attention that the city council will be considering foreclosure on the structure due to the current owner's refusal to either improve or sell the property. The property has languished for a number of years without sufficient measures being taken to prevent squatting, vandalism, and other illegal activity. While the building, which was built in 1917 and is on the National Historic Register, is outside of our boundaries, the Northeast Broadway Business Association (NEBBA), which includes many businesses within Irvington's boundaries, has stated that the building is inhibiting the revitalization of the corridor and likely poses a safety risk to the immediate area. We support NEBBA in their hope that the city takes action to spur the owner to either renovate the building or sell it to someone willing to do so. Thank you in advance for taking action to protect this important historic structure while also protecting the surrounding neighborhoods and business district. Regards, Steven Cole President, Irvington Community Association	No	06/04/24 12:52 PM
25	481	Anonymous		Whether or not any foreclosure action on 3312 NE Broadway is inclusive of immediate safety action, I am in support of at least immediate steps towards removing glass from windows (as one example) as it poses an ongoing hazard to pedestrians walking along the sidewalk below. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.	No	06/05/24 8:10 AM
26	525	Tricia Kent	Support	I support the foreclosure of the 3312 NE Broadway building.	No	06/06/24 1:49 PM

Portland City Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 5, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.
Verbal Testimony

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1 481	Rob Brewster