

Not long ago, I provided an update on the eyesore that our residents and community have had to live with at 3802 E. Barnard Avenue. After many months of persistent requests to Milwaukee County, I'm happy to report that the County has finally taken action.

The City of Cudahy had been actively working within city departments, as well as with the Milwaukee County Circuit Court system to resolve the issue of that blighted property. In June of 2016, the City Attorney and the City of Cudahy received the Milwaukee County Circuit Court's signed order appointment a receiver to be responsible for attempting to sell the property to a buyer who would bring the property up to code and make it livable once again.

For a period of almost 10 months, the court appointed receiver, Mayor, City Attorney and Director of Economic Development have put in their time and effort to get this property sold-a property that the City does not even own.

Unfortunately, after receiving several offers to purchase, none of the potential buys would make the necessary financial commitment to fix up the property, thus eliminating the blight.

The Common Council committed additional resources to this matter but, unfortunately, those efforts have not worked. In June of 2017, the receivership was ended and the matter was once again in the hands of Milwaukee County.

Finally, after many years of inaction, Milwaukee County has foreclosed on and taken possession of the property. They're currently marketing it for sale. Officials from the City of Cudahy will continue to stay on top of County Officials to end this matter quickly either through a sale and fix-up of the property or by razing the structure.

Again, while some residents may find this unbelievable, the City's hands were tied by the legal system. Your city government has done everything it could under the legal constraints to eliminate the blight. We hope this matter will be resolved soon.

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