

STAFF REPORT: AUGUST 10, 2022 MEEETING

PREPARED BY: J. ROSS

ADDRESS: 312 WATERMAN

FILE NO: #22-7976

HISTORIC DISTRICT: FRANK H. BEARD SCHOOL

OWNER: DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT

SCOPE: DEMOLITION ORDER/DEMOLISH FIRE-DAMAGED BUILDING

REPORT:

Note that *Detroit City Code, Chapter 21, Section 21-2-74*. “*Emergency issuance*” states the following:

Where it is determined by the Director of the Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department that work is immediately necessary for the protection of public health and safety, the Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department may issue a permit for the necessary work and shall immediately notify the Historic District Commission of that action.

Per email correspondence received by HDC staff on 7/28/2022, Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department (BSEED) staff visited 312 Waterman that day and found “...significant sustained fire damage. Building is vacant and open to elements with complete roof collapse. Free standing brick chimney chases evident. Interior ceiling joists and adjoining structure have collapsed. Exterior walls with the absence of the roof are for most part free standing and compromised. Loose bricks and burnt debris on the ground. Some brick has extended onto the front right of way. To the right of the building is Fisher Freeway and to the left is Lafayette. With the amount of fire damage sustained, the remaining structure is believed to be extremely compromised and immediate threat to collapse further.” For these reasons, BSEED’s Director issued an Emergency Demolition order for the property on 7/28/2022.





312 Waterman, BSEED staff photos showing 7/28/2022/post-fire conditions



312 Waterman, conditions prior to fire, 2021