

- 155 BRACKETT 45-E-56









COMPREHENSIVE STRUCTURE DATA FOR DEMOLITION

LOCATION: 155 BRACKETT STREET
CHART-BLOCK-LOT# 45-E-56
OWNER: YOUTH IN ACTION

Tax Val. Land \$7,430.00 Bldg. \$41,550.00
Tax Status: Year Due EXEMPT Amt. Due
Tax Deed: Yes () No () Matured: Yes () No ()
Stories: 3 Com'l U. -- Dwl. U. --
Brick (x) Frame () Masonry ()
Attached () Semi-Detached () Detached (x)

1. THE STRUCTURE CONSTITUTES A HAZARD TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AND DEMOLITION IS RECOMMENDED BECAUSE IT IS:

- a. Structurally unsound Yes ___ No ___ Each department must report
- b. Unstable Yes ___ No ___ hazardous conditions of both
- c. Insanitary Yes ___ No ___ the interior and exterior of
- d. A Fire Hazard Yes XXXX No ___ this structure.
- e. Inadequately Maintained Yes ___ No ___
- f. Dilapidated Yes ___ No ___
- g. Obsolete Yes ___ No ___
- h. Otherwise dangerous to life or property Yes xxx No ___
(Explain below)

2. INSPECTOR'S COMMENTS (required for each "Yes" answer given above):

John J. Flynn
The Fire Prevention Bureau inspected this property 29 October 1976 and found it to be a 3 story brick unoccupied structure. The following conditions were revealed: Front of building: 1 open window 3rd floor. Right of building: 4 open windows 1st floor, 4 open windows 2nd floor and 3 open windows 3rd floor. Rear of building: 1 open window 3rd floor. Left of building: 4 open windows 1st floor, 2 open windows 2nd floor. IN IT'S PRESENT OPEN CONDITION, IT IS A FIRE HAZARD AND DANGEROUS TO LIFE AND PROPERTY.

PROXIMITIES: Rear of building: approx. 75 feet from a 1½ story wood frame occupied structure.
Right of building: approx. 25 feet from a 2½ story wood frame occupied structure.

*Removed from Demolition List
12/15/77
[Signature]*

Chief John J. Flynn Department FIRE DEPT. Date 29 Oct. 1976
Inspector [Signature]
Diagram Attached: Yes ___ No ___ Photographs Attached: Yes ___ No ___
(Use reverse side if necessary)

Date by - X -
 Existing Conditions
 Hazardous to Health or
 Safety of Surrounding
 Community

	STRUCTURALLY UNSOUND	UNSTABLE	INSANITARY	A FIRE HAZARD	INADEQUATELY MAINTAINED	DILAPIDATED	OBSOLETE	OTHERWISE DANGEROUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY	ADDRESS:
									155 BRACKETT ST.
									45-F-56
									YOUTH IN ACTION
EXTERIOR - Structure									
Foundation									
Walls									
Roof									
Porch									
Stairs									
Steps									
Doors				/				/	
Windows									
Eaves									
Trim									
Chimney									
Gutters									
Roof Drains									
Bulkhead									
Drainage									
Infestation									
Rats									
Other									
Fire Escape									
Dual Egress									
INTERIOR - Structure									
Lighting									
Elec. Wiring									
Floors									
Walls									
Ceilings									
Windows									
Airshafts									
Roof Rafters									
Sanitary Facilities									
Stairways									
Stair Treads									
Wastelines									
Supply Lines									
Stacks									
Flues									
Vents									
Chimney									
Heating Equip.									
Bsmt: Sanitation									
Dampness									
Lighting									
Elec. Panel									
Stairs									
Foundation									
Floor Joists									
Carrying Timbers									
Sills									

Inspector _____ Department FIRE DEPT. _____ Date _____

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 Tax Status: Year Due _____ Amt.Due _____
 Tax Deed: Yes() No() Matured: Yes() No()
 Stories: _____ Com'l U. _____ Dwl.U. _____
 Brick() Frame() Masonry()
 Attached() Semi-Detached() Detached()

1. THE STRUCTURE CONSTITUTES A HAZARD TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AND DEMOLITION IS RECOMMENDED BECAUSE IT IS:

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. Structurally unsound | Yes ___ No ___ | Each department must report hazardous conditions of both the interior and exterior of this structure. |
| b. Unstable | Yes ___ No ___ | |
| c. Insanitary | Yes ___ No ___ | |
| d. A Fire Hazard | Yes <u>x</u> No ___ | |
| e. Inadequately Maintained | Yes <u>x</u> No ___ | |
| f. Dilapidated | Yes <u>x</u> No ___ | |
| g. Obsolete | Yes <u>x</u> No ___ | |
| h. Otherwise dangerous to life or property
(Explain below) | Yes ___ No ___ | |

2. INSPECTOR'S COMMENTS (required for each "Yes" answer given above):

This structure of masonry exterior is in poor condition. It is inadequately maintained, throughout the exterior has many fallen bricks from the eaves cornice and rakes.

Most windows have been severely damaged and some are open.

The fire escape has broken safety rails at 2nd and 3rd floor levels.

The interior is a shambles due to abusive damages. Birds are entering this building and leaving health hazard litter on much of the interior.

Due to its extensive damage, lack of maintenance, dilapidated and obsolete condition and unfit condition for occupatants, I highly recommend the building be considered for demolition.

Inspector [Signature]
 Diagram Attached: Yes ___ No ___

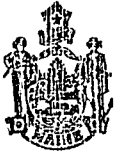
Department C.C. Perry Date 11/5/76
 Photographs Attached: Yes 1 No ___

(Use reverse side if necessary)

Indicated by - X -
 EXISTING CONDITIONS
 Hazardous to Health or
 Safety of Surrounding
 Community

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EXTERIOR - Structure									
Foundation						X			155 BARKETT ST 45-B-56
Walls									
Roof									
Porch									
Stairs									
Steps							X		
Doors							X		
Windows	X						X		
Eaves									
Trim									
Chimney									
Gutters									
Roof Drains									
Bulkhead									
Drainage									
Infestation									
Rats					X				
Other									
Fire Escape									
Dual Egress									
INTERIOR - Structure									
Lighting									
Elec. Wiring							X		
Floors						X			
Walls							X		
Ceilings									
Windows									
Airshafts						X			
Roof Rafters									
Sanitary Facilities									
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Carrying Timbers									
Sills									

Inspector [Signature] Department [Signature] Date 11/5/76



STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

*Postmarked
3/1/77*

Lyle Noyes
Housing Inspector
City of Portland

Dear Lyle,

This letter is the first report on the progress being made by the Policy Board and membership of Youth in Action, Inc. to bring the People's Building at 155 Bracket St. up to code and back into community service. A commitment was made to your office and the Portland Fire Department to initially clean all trash from the facility and board up all windows. This has been accomplished through two volunteer community clean-ups. The Program/Building Committee of the Policy Board, chaired by Mr. James Tiernie, Regional Director of the Department of Human Services, has recommended to the full Policy Board the following concerning the People's Building:

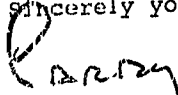
1. That the facility no longer serve as a youth drop-in center.
2. That space within the facility be rented out to groups and organizations doing community service (with the stipulation that such space usage be checked out first with Portland's building inspector's office and fire department.
3. That a comprehensive building plan be developed including a budget, program, rehabilitation, control and security.

At this point, Lyle, we have a number of community groups indicating interest in renting space. Two of the more serious considerations are Profile Theater, who wish to use either the 1st or 3rd floors for rehearsal and the construction of p.ops. The other strong possibility is the Goodday Market, a health food grocery store, presently located on Center Street in Portland, who have indicated interest in the first floor for their enterprise. There has been contact made with community service groups such as We Who Care and the Neighborhood Joint Planning Council for the possible use by these groups of office space on the second floor. There is also the possibility of Youth in Action considering office space for our administrative staff and possibly one or two rooms on the second floor as program space for the organization's membership. If the Program/Building Committee makes this recommendation it will certainly qualify only programs that are scheduled, and properly supervised.

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Will keep you posted as plans develop. Please feel free to contact me for any clarification on this report needed.

Sincerely yours,


Laurence Connolly
Advisor Y.I.A.

LC/st

Conolly
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

COLLECTION LINE
DRIVE
CAREFULLY

AUGUST 1977
MAINE

*Lyle Noyes, Housing Inspector
HEALTH DEPT.
City Hall
Portland, Maine
04111*

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
MEMORANDUM

TO: Lyle Noyes Housing Inspector
FROM: Lt. Collins Fire Prevention Bureau
SUBJECT: Youth In Action 155 Brackett Street

DATE: 2/9/77

Mr. Noyes,
The fore mentioned property was inspected on February 1, 1977, at the request of Youth In Action, and the following conditions were noted;

- 1) Small amount of debris on first floor.
- 2) Two windows on second floor not secured.
- 3) Third floor in need of extensive house cleaning.

No entry was made into the cellar, and conditions there can not be confirmed.
An inspection for this property was asked for by Youth In Action, to confirm cleaning activities done to this date.

Lt. James P. Collins
Portland Fire Department
Fire Prevention F 1

CITY OF PORTLAND
MAINE

FEB 10 1977

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

1-20-77

Joseph E. McDonough, Acting Fire Chief
Mr. R. L. Brown, Building Inspections
Lyla D. Noyes, Chief of Housing Inspections
Spot Demolition - Youth-In-Action - 155 Brackett Street

Rep. Laurence Connolly has informed me that during the week-end of 1-29-77, a group of people will be at work cleaning up the interior of the building at 155 Brackett Street. He requested an inspection on January 31 by the Building Department and Fire Prevention Bureau. They want, in writing, a detailed list of the building's defects and what must be done to correct those defects in order to make the building suitable for their use. As I will be on vacation during that week, will you please send me a copy of your correspondence to them for my file.

LDN:gs

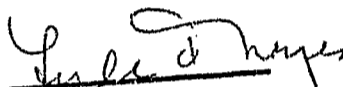
JOSEPH McDONOUGH, ACTING FIRE CHIEF
ROBERT BROWN, BUILDING INSPECTIONS
LYLE D. NOYES, CHIEF OF HOUSING INSPECTIONS

1-3-77

155 BRACKETT STREET

AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILOR GERARD CONLEY, THE DIRECTORS OF THE YOUTH-IN-ACTION ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH US AT 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY, JAN. 7, 1977 TO DETAIL THEIR PLANS FOR RENOVATIONS OF THEIR BUILDING AT 155 BRACKETT STREET. WE CAN MEET IN MY OFFICE.

AS YOU KNOW THIS BUILDING WAS PLACED ON THE DEMOLITION LIST AND IS ABOUT READY TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.


LYLE D. NOYES

LDN/r1

City of Portland, Maine
Fire Department

November 15, 1976

Youth in Action

68 High Street

Portland, Maine

Re: Fire @ 155 Brackett Street

Dear Sirs:

On October 21, 1976 a fire occurred in building listed above, of which you are reported to be the owner ().

If permanent repair work is required for this building, you must obtain a permit from the Building & Inspection Dept. in City Hall before starting such work.

Very Truly Yours,

Clement O. Dodd
Clement O. Dodd
Chief
Portland Fire Department

cc: Building & Inspection Dept.
Corporation Counsel
Health Dept. (Housing Div)
City Assessor's (Mr. Lucci)

11-24-76 BB
INTERIOR DAMAGE PARTIALLY SECURED



CITY OF PORTLAND-MAINE

Fire Prevention Bureau

27 October 1976

Mr. Chrysler
68 High Street
Portland, Maine

Re: People's Building - 155 Brackett Street

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Section 1.3, Fire Prevention Code of the City of Portland, a fire inspector from the Portland Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau, recently inspected the above named property and found the following conditions in violation of the statutes governing the fire laws of this City and must be corrected:

This building is open and accessible to vandals and in this condition, is a fire hazard. All openings, at every level, must be secured in such a manner as to keep all unauthorized persons from entering.

Please advise this office immediately of the action which you propose to take.

John J. Flynn
Acting Fire Chief

Certified Mail R.R.A. #293087

cc/Housing - Lyle Royes
Building Inspection - A. Brown
File

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
FIRE DEPARTMENT

DATE: 10/27/76

To: Housing - Lyle Noyes
From: Fire Prevention Bureau
SUBJECT: People's Building - 155 Brackett Street

The condition of this building is such, we feel proper action should be taken immediately by all concerned departments.

It is further felt a complete inspection, interior and exterior, should be made by all departments in order to initiate demolition proceedings.



John J. Flynn
Acting Fire Chief

OFFENSE REPORT

LAST NAME OF COMPLAINANT (OR FIRM NAME) FIRST NAME, MIDDLE SEX, RACE, AGE RESIDENCE OF COMPLAINANT (APT. NO. OR FLR.) (CITY & STATE)
Youth In Action (People's Building) F W 25 155 Brackett St., Portland, Maine

REPORTED BY ADDRESS OF PERSON REPORTING
Carolyn Stimah 92 Winter St.

OFFENSE AS REPORTED (CRIME) CLASS COMPLAINANT'S TELEPHONE OTHER TELEPHONE - LOCATION
Arson 9 774-8609

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE - STREET NO. & STREET NAME DIST BEAT TRACT RELIEF INVESTIGATOR DISPATCH NO.
155 Brackett St. 3 11 3 **H. McCulloch** 42,542

DAY DATE OF OCCURRENCE TIME OF DAY DATE REPORT REC'D TIME REPORTED REPORT RECEIVED BY RANK BADGE NO.
Sun. 10/24/76 2011 10/24/76 2030 **H. McCulloch** Patrolman 35

COMPLAINANT'S OCCUPATION PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT TYPE OF PREMISES OFFICER FIRST ON SCENE I.T. NO. & DATE
Social worker Youth in Action door frame of building **H. McCulloch**

HOW COMMITTED OR ENTRANCE GAINED SUPERVISOR IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION
PHOTOS TAKEN BY
Whitmore

WEAPON USED OR MEANS OF ATTACK OFFICER ASSIGNED TO INVEST. SUPERVISOR WHO OK'D ORIGINAL REPORT
H. McCulloch
Sgt. T. Keller

QUANTITY	UNIT	CODE	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY STOLEN - (USE STANDARD TERMS) - SERIAL NUMBERS	ESTIMATED VALUE	DATE RECOVERED	VALUE

INJURIES RECEIVED DAMAGE DONE TO PROPERTY
Slight

BY WHOM RECOVERED TIME AND DATE RECOVERED OWNER NOTIFIED BY TOTAL VALUE STOLEN \$ TOTAL VALUE RECOVERED \$
Sgt. T. Keller

PERSONS ARRESTED - NAME SEX, RACE, AGE, CHARGE ARRESTED BY BADGE NO. DISTRICT

SUSPECTS OR PERSONS WANTED - NAME SEX, RACE, AGE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, EYES, HAIR, CLOTHING AND OTHER IDENTIFICATION

ADDRESS

ALIAS

DETAILS OF OFFENSE (STATE FULLY ALL OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS CRIME AND ITS INVESTIGATION)
~~Door frame on the north side of the building was burned and the window on the south side had some rags on the window sill which also were on fire. Entrance had been gained through open windows in the building. Youth In Action has P.O. Box 4251, Station A, Office Phone 772-~~

CONNECT WITH

CASE CLOSED BY DATE CLOSED

UNFOUNDED INACTIVE (NOT CLEARED) RECOVERY: ALL
 CLEARED OTHERWISE CLEARED BY ARREST PARTIAL
 NONE

CODES

OFFENSE SERIAL NO.

RECORDS PATROL DETECTIVES CRIME PREVENTION
 PORTLAND, MAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

76-21,480

INCIDENT NO. 76-21,480	COMPLAINANT Youth In Action	ADDRESS (CITY AND STATE IF NOT IN PORTLAND) 62 High St.
TYPE OF OFFENSE OR INVESTIGATION Arson (at 155 Brackett St.)		DATE OF OFFENSE OR INCIDENT 10/24/76

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Writer was assigned to the People's Building at 155 Brackett St. at approximately 2011 hrs. this date reference a working fire. Upon arrival, writer spoke with Dist. Chief Winslow, who stated the fire was minor in nature, but definitely arson. At least two fires had been set; one to the door frame on the north side of the building and one on the window sill and floor below sill on the southwest side of the building. Rags and paper appeared to be the kindling. There was also evidence of several small fires set inside previously. These appear to have been set for light and heat while youths were drinking in the building.

Writer spoke with a Carolyn Stiman, who works for Youth in Action. She stated Youth In Action owns the building and it has not been used for some time. Ms. Stiman stated she had not been in the building for several weeks.

The building could not be totally secured this date and special attention was requested until the beginning of the week. Writer feels there will most likely be more attempts.

Youth In Action office is currently located at 62 High St. in the Urban Adult Center. Evidence Technician J. Whitmore photographed the scene.

SIGNATURE Officer Sgt. T. Keller	DATE AND TIME OF THIS REPORT 10/24/76	Thurlow, 10/25/76, 0701
CLEARED BY ARREST <input type="checkbox"/>	INACTIVE (NOT CLEARED) <input type="checkbox"/>	RECOVERY OF PROPERTY ALL <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/>
CLEARED OTHERWISE <input type="checkbox"/>	UNFOUNDED <input type="checkbox"/>	ARRESTED BY
PREPARED BY REASON OF FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION <input type="checkbox"/>		

RECORDS PATROL DETECTIVES CRIME PREVENTION
 PORTLAND, MAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

NO. 21480	COMPLAINANT Peoples Bldg	ADDRESS (CITY AND STATE IF NOT IN PORTLAND) 195 Brackett Street
TYPE OF OFFENSE OR INVESTIGATION Arson		DATE OF OFFENSE OR INCIDENT 10/24/76 @ 2024

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

At 2024 hours, writer was dispatched to the People's Bldg. Reference an arson at that location for Sgt. Keller and the F.D. Upon arrival, writer met with District Chief Winslow who advised the writer that when his units arrived, they found two fires in the building. One originated at the side door of the building, on the north side, and the other was started by breaking a window on the south side of the building, tearing the screen away from the window, and throwing burning rubbish into the building. The side door, which is comprised of pressed sawdust, apparently either had rubbish jammed into the door frame or something was leaned up against it. As far as could be determined by Chief Winslow and the writer, no other accelerants were used.

J.P. Thomas E.T.

10/24/76 2130

CLEARED BY ARREST <input type="checkbox"/>	INACTIVE (NOT CLEARED) <input type="checkbox"/>	RECOVERY OF PROPERTY: ALL <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/>
CLEARED OTHERWISE <input type="checkbox"/>	UNFOUNDED <input type="checkbox"/>	ARRESTED BY

RECORDS PATROL DETECTIVES CRIME PREVENTION
 PORTLAND, MAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

OFFENSE NO: 76-21,480	COMPLAINANT YOUTH IN ACTION	ADDRESS (CITY AND STATE IF NOT IN PORTLAND) 175 Brackett St.
TYPE OF OFFENSE OR INVESTIGATION ARSON		DATE OF OFFENSE OR INCIDENT 10/24/76

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

The writer and Sgt. Pride went to Youth in Action which is located at the Old University of Maine Law School. At that location we talked to Carolyn Stimak and she told the writer that she and Charles Morrison are the people that are in charge of the building. She told the writer that there is no insurance on the building and that the City gave the building to them, and that there is no present need for the building. She said that there has been a problem as far as the kids in the neighborhood who would hang around after the councilors leave for the night. She stated the kids have been drinking in there and also she told the writer that she would try to make the building more secure and check the building more often.

SIGNATURE Det. Paul Kalley	DATE AND TIME OF THIS REPORT 11/05/76 2:20pm
CLEARED BY ARREST <input type="checkbox"/>	INACTIVE (NOT CLEARED) <input type="checkbox"/>
CLEARED OTHERWISE <input type="checkbox"/>	UNFOUNDED <input type="checkbox"/>
CLEARED BY REASON OF FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION <input type="checkbox"/>	RECOVERY OF PROPERTY: ALL <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/>
	ARRESTED BY

155 Brackett St

Youth-in-Action
P. O. Box 4251 A
Portland, Maine

September 13, 1974

Mayor William B. Trough
City Hall
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Trough:

We are writing you in reference to the People's Building at 155 Brackett Street. We are sure you share with us our concern about the vandalism that recently occurred at the building.

We want to assure you that contrary to some press reports or rumor, the vandalism did not occur during the summer, but rather took place over the Labor Day weekend. In fact many of the members of Youth-in-Action spent most of the summer doing repairs and painting the interior of the building, and getting some of the rooms ready for our fall and winter programs.

The membership of Youth-in-Action responded to the vandalism by immediately going into the building and starting the clean-up.

A series of meetings have been held, and plans developed to go forward both in repairing the damage and developing ongoing programs for the youth in the neighborhood. We have decided to completely close off the top two stories of the building, boarding up the windows on those floors and blocking off entrances to the upper floors. We will put the first floor in order, repair all the windows and hopefully have it ready for use by the young people of the neighborhood in the very near future. Work will begin the week of September 16, 1974.

We have developed some fund raising programs to help us complete our plans. On Saturday, September 14, 1974 for example, we will be running a car wash at the Shell Station on Congress Street. At the same time a number of members will be working at the building. We have secured a truck and will be taking refuse to the dump. We have also secured the services of a skilled workman, who will be supervising the repairs on the building.

In addition to this plans have been made for ongoing fund raising activities that will be combined with program activities. For example we will be putting on a play which will not only be both educational and recreational for the members, but will also serve as a vehicle for raising funds. We are also developing recreation programs, social activities and an education and job counselling program. We will be aided in all this by our staff of UMPG students and volunteers from the community.

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Mayor Troubh

Our purpose then in writing you is to insure that you are being kept informed of the intentions of our organization and our determination to maintain our building as a recreational, social, and educational center for the people of our community.

Should you or other members of the Council or city administration have any questions we would be glad to respond.

Yours,

Jo-Ann Dahson

Steering Committee
Youth-in-Action

cc: John Menario
Lyle Noyes