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November 30, 2009

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The Committee on Public Health and Public Safety convened on November 30, 2009, with Chairman William White presiding and Committee Members Aldermen John Connolly and Rebekah Gewirtz also present and voting. Also present were Alderman Sean O'Donovan, Administrative Assistant Matt Dias, Director of OSPCD Monica Lamboy, Steve Azar from OSPCD, Superintendent of Inspectional Services George Landers, Chief Fire Engineer Kevin Kelleher, Ted Tobin from KSS and Sal Querusio.

Mr. Landers told the committee that he had reviewed the demolition plan and that the telephone, water and electric services would be shut off at the property the day before the demolition begins and that the demo permit would be issued at that time, as well. Ms. Lamboy said that the railroad ties have been removed and four inches of crushed stone have been added to the path. A wheel was has also been established. Artifacts, (the crossing signal and switch gear) have been given to the city for storage. Mr. Querusio discussed the preparation process for the demolition and Mr. Tobin explained the process for asbestos removal, noting that the caulking on the windows at the property contain asbestos. The committee was informed that the Fire Department would be present at all times to water down the materials. Mr. Tobin said that fencing has been installed to keep the public out of dangerous areas. Brick and concrete will be crushed over a 5 to 7 day period and approximately 70% of the demolished material will be leaving the site. There is a dust control mechanism in the crushing machine and the crushing will be performed in a manner as to not disturb the neighbors. Mr. Landers added that the site might get LEAD certification. Chairman White read a letter from Best Pest Control into the record. Ms. Lamboy discussed a capital funding request for a remediation plan due to the discovery of contaminated soil from the prior use of arsenic as a weed killer near train tracks and stations. Ms. Lamboy told the members that she would provide them with a written response.

Alderman O'Donovan spoke about his concerns regarding snow removal issues and it was decided that those issues will be dealt with at the next committee meeting on December 16th. Chairman White's motion **to invite DPW Commissioner Koty, Senior Services Director Cindy Hickey and a representative from the Administration to discuss these matters**, was approved.

No papers were acted on.

Alderman William A. White, Jr., Chairman
Committee on Public Health and Public Safety