

Waverly Place Update

Fellow Citizens:

In our continuing mission to combat blight in DeKalb County the conditions at Waverly Place have been a matter of great concern for me. For some time we have been decisively engaged in seeking a resolution. Recently we received some additional information.

On December 21, 2017 a DeKalb Magistrate Court Judge issued orders involving four of the properties within Waverly Place. The owner of the respective properties by way of the court order had until January 21, 2018 to act and remedy the issues. *No county action regarding blight remediation on these properties could be taken before January 21, 2018.* Now that the date has passed we will work with the administration regarding logical next steps. To that end, I will be convening a meeting with the County Chief Operating Officer, our Law Department, our Community Development Department and other relevant counties departments on February 1, 2018 to address these issues.

Some may mistakenly believe that we have the authority to simply take action to remedy blight situations wherever they are, whenever we may desire to. This is not the case. In circumstances that involve private property it gets more complicated. There are legal proceedings that are necessary to secure legal rights to remedy personal property matters. There are procedural best practices that we our bound to follow and that we do follow. This takes time.

However, you may be assured that the concerns of the community have been heard and they have been acted upon for quite some time. As more information becomes available I will keep you posted.

Sincerely,

Steve