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Blighted and vacant property ad hoc committee members announced *Originally published in the Frederick News Post January 1, 2012 by Staff Reports*

Frederick Mayor Randy McClement recently announced 16 members of the newly formed Blighted and Vacant Property Ad Hoc Committee, according to a press release from the City of Frederick.

The purpose of the committee is to recommend regulatory, incentive and/or disincentive programs to assist Frederick city in handling blighted and vacant properties, according to the press release.

The nine voting members of the committee are Tamar Oysterman and Kathryn Mackenzie, representatives from a residential property brokerage; Steve Cranford and David Kaye, representatives from commercial property brokerages; Joe Fitzgibbons and Mike Bowersox, representatives from commercial property owners; Robert Murray and Matthew Donahue, at-large community representatives; and Kara Norman, representative from a community not-for-profit organization.

The four ex-officio members are Truby LaGarde, alternate non-voting member; Alderman Michael O'Connor, Aldermanic liaison; Richard Griffin, Director of Economic Development; and Josh Russin, Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

Additionally, three city departments will provide staff support to the Ad Hoc Committee. They are Rachel Depo, City Legal Department; Brandon Mark, Planning Department; and Roy Singer, Code Enforcement.

“The overwhelming public response was very exciting. The City received over 25 applications for the 16 positions on the Blighted and Vacant Property Ad Hoc Committee. My vision for this committee is to focus the first one hundred days studying commercial blighted and vacant property issues once the committee has its initial organizational meeting. After the first 100 days, the Committee will submit a draft report to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen,” Mayor McClement stated in the press release.