

DR 75-18 - Party House Task Force

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THE CITY OF WICHITA

OFFICE OF CENTRAL INSPECTION DIVISION DATE May 30, 1975

TO Ralph Wulz, City Manager  
FROM Robert B. Feldner, Superintendent of Central Inspection

SUBJECT 1300 Block North Poplar

An intense Housing Code enforcement program was initiated as a result of the suggestion of Vice-Mayor Stevens at the Commission Meeting of May 6, 1975, regarding the complaint of Mrs. Roy McGill, 1332 N. Poplar.

The following is an itemized list of the condition and status of repair of all structures located on this block:

1310 N. Poplar: This structure is in excellent condition with well maintained premises.

1316 N. Poplar: This house is currently being repaired; a new roof is being put on and siding repaired.

1322 N. Poplar: Excellent condition, structure and premises.

1324-26 N. Poplar: A condemnation letter was issued to the owner of this dwelling. Repairs have since started; complete new electrical service installed and interior repairs have started.

1332 N. Poplar: A file has been started on this dwelling as some exterior repair is needed. No notice was issued because owner says he is getting a contractor to start repairs.

1336 N. Poplar: New file started and notice issued. Owner is elderly lady on fixed income and in poor health. Financial assistance may be required to achieve compliance.

1342 N. Poplar: Interior of this structure is very good, exterior fair. No file started.

1346-1348 N. Poplar: 1346 at the rear of property has recently been repaired. 1348 has several code violations. A file has been started and Notice of Improvements sent to owner.



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1350 N. Poplar: (Party house) Numerous code violations, file started, Notice of Improvements issued to owner. Indications are this structure may be demolished as owner needs area for parking in conjunction with his business next door.

1303 N. Poplar: This house is in good condition but garage is beginning to need paint.

1309 N. Poplar: House good. Garage needs repair and paint.

1311-1317-1321 N. Poplar are good houses with few or no code violations.

1325-27 N. Poplar is a LHA duplex. This 4 year old dwelling has several torn and missing screens and missing screen doors. LHA has been advised.

1333 N. Poplar: This structure is in need of repair. A file has been started and Notice of Improvements issued.

1345 N. Poplar: (Party house) An inspection of this property revealed considerable work was required to bring this dwelling into code compliance. A file was started and Notice of Improvements issued. Interior repairs have started.

1351 N. Poplar: This duplex has code violations. A file was initiated and Notice of Improvements issued to the owner.



Robert B. Feldner  
Superintendent of Central Inspection

RBF:rs

cc: Floyd Hannen, Chief of Police  
Robert Lakin, Director of Planning  
Jeremiah Smith, Director of Community Development  
John Dekker, Director of Law  
Stan Issinghoff, Assistant City Attorney  
Ray Bruggeman, Director of Public Works  
Joe Donnelly, Maintenance Inspection Supervisor

**THE CITY OF WICHITA**

OFFICE OF The Chief of Police

DATE May 30, 1975



**TO** Mr. Ralph Wulz, City Manager  
**FROM** Stan Issinghoff, Police Department Legal Advisor  
**SUBJECT** Party House Task Force

Please be advised that subject task force met on the 22nd day of May, 1975. In response to your mandate to develop a positive course of action for regulation of party house activities it was agreed that all persons signatory to the petition concerning party houses on North Poplar would be recontacted by the Wichita Police Department to ascertain the specific nature of their complaints and to assure their assistance in giving testimony in the event any actions are filed in Court.

All of the persons on the petition have been recontacted and have agreed to testify and assist in whatever manner they can. All indicated satisfaction with the action being taken by the task force and agreed to cooperate in any way.

The juke boxes in the three party houses on North Poplar have been removed, the operators have been advised that action will be taken if any more complaints are received and for the moment at least these three houses are causing no problems.

In connection with the policing of the party houses, it is our intention to maintain close surveillance of the party houses and when proper complaints are received, if at all possible will file an action to abate such houses as a common nuisance. This will require a lawsuit similar to those filed against the Las Vegas theatres.

The City Inspection Department is making a block by block inspection of the houses in all blocks in which party houses are located to determine whether or not such houses, including the party houses, are in compliance with the city code and if violations of the city code are occurring appropriate citations will be issued by the Inspection Department.

The Director of Community Development has unique insight into the party house problem and is furnishing information to the task force which is particularly germane to the enforcement of our criminal laws which most likely occur by reason of party house activity.

  
Stan Issinghoff  
Police Department Legal Advisor

SI:bg

cc: Chief Floyd Hannon  
Director of Planning  
Director of Public Works  
Director of Community Development



THE CITY OF WICHITA

OFFICE OF Director of Public Works

DATE May 28, 1975

TO Ralph Wuls, City Manager

FROM R. W. Bruggeman, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT Party House Task Force

Mr. Robert Feldner, Superintendent of Central Inspection, will serve as my representative on the above noted task force. Please address all correspondence to Mr. Feldner.



R. W. Bruggeman  
Director of Public Works

RWB:gr

cc: Floyd B. Hannon, Chief of Police  
Robert A. Lakin, Director of Planning ✓  
Jeremiah Smith, Director of Community Development  
John Dekker, Director of Law  
Stanley A. Issinghoff, Police Legal Advisor  
Robert B. Feldner, Supt. of Central Inspection



From M.

Attachment for:

"Party House  
Task Force"

dat. 5-12-75-



We the residents and home owners 1300 block on North Poplar would like to petition that 1326 be torn down or someone move into it; it has been vacant for 6 year, we would like also that 1333 - 1345 and 1350 be vacated because they are being used for party houses; there is parking in the street, and drive way are blocked; there are knocks on our doors late at night by drunks, car congestion on week ends. It is dangerous for our young children to be around drunks, even if safe for children to be at home by themselves, no one home are being broken into while we are at work. We are afraid to go to work each day worried about our homes and what may become of them. The Police have been called at least three times and stated that there was not any thing they could do.

1. Shurlee Gulen Gaskill - 1332 N. Poplar
2. Ella Mae Vestle - 1327 N Poplar
3. Dorothy Martin 1310 N. Poplar
4. ~~James Amadio~~
5. John F. Amadio - 1310 N. Poplar
6. Barbara Bland 1314 N. Poplar
7. Viola Ladd 1317 N. Poplar
8. Goya Bryant 1321 N. Poplar
9. Laura M. Suss
10. Joe Hamilton 1303 Poplar
11. J.L. Judd 1317 N. Poplar
12. ~~S. B. B. B.~~
13. James H. Bryant 1321 N. Poplar
14. Roxie Row 1336 N Poplar -
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THE CITY OF WICHITA  
OFFICE OF LAW DEPARTMENT

DATE May 15, 1975

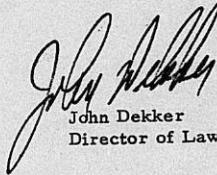
TO Floyd B. Hannon, Chief of Police; Robert A. Lakin, Director of  
Planning; R. W. Bruggeman, Director of Public Works; Jeremiah  
Smith, Director of Community Development  
FROM John Dekker, Director of Law

SUBJECT Party House Task Force

Be advised that the Police Legal Advisor, Stanley A. Issinghoff, will serve as my representative and will chair subject task force.

We will convene on the 22nd day of May, 9:30 AM in the office of the Chief of Police; you are all invited to be personally present or to send your representative.

At the first meeting, the Chief of Police is requested to furnish complete details on party house operations in Wichita, Kansas. Additional assignments will be made at the meeting.

  
John Dekker  
Director of Law

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cc: Ralph Wulz, City Manager  
Stanley A. Issinghoff, Police Legal Advisor



THE CITY OF WICHITA  
OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER

DATE May 12, 1975

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TO John Dekker, Director of Law

FROM Ralph Wulz, City Manager

SUBJECT Party House Task Force

On May 6, 1975, the City Commission directed that a staff Task Force be formed to study and recommend a course of action for dealing with the problem of "Party Houses" in the City of Wichita.

This action resulted from the attached petition and the oral testimony given in the matter by a number of the petitioners.

I would like for you or your representative to chair this Task Force which will consist of the following Department Directors or their representatives:

Chief of Police  
Director of Planning  
Director of Public Works  
Director of Community Development

Please convene the Task Force at the earliest possible date to develop a positive course of action for regulation of the "Party House" activities.

  
Ralph Wulz  
City Manager

RW/fsh

Attachment

cc: Floyd B. Hannon, Chief of Police  
R. W. Bruggeman, Director of Public Works  
Robert A. Lakin, Director of Planning  
Jeremiah Smith, Director of Community Development

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*Setup a DR file + returns to me*

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