

## Unfortunate Fire at 316 Sergeant St

For years, this perfect six on Sergeant St near Woodland had been an eyesore at best, and the site of drugs and crime. Then in 2017 Macalum Lindo purchased the property from the bank that had foreclosed and began the difficult task of bringing it back to life. As was reported at the beginning of this year, Macalum applied for Historic Tax Credit, and with the help of a letter of support from AHNA and the

assistance of architect Valerio Giadone, the restoration moved forward.

The work was finally completed early this year and he received his Certificate of Occupancy from the City in early April. So it could not have been more devastating when this third floor unit caught fire on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

At first the entire building was evacuated, but after a few days the tenants in 314 were able to return. Both of the apartments below sustained water damage, and so they are all empty at this point. The fire department is still determining the cause so no work can be done as yet. The incident report which usually only takes a few weeks is still incomplete eight weeks later. Unfortunately Macalum cannot begin to repair the damage until the report is completed, and the insurance company needs a copy before they can inspect and assess the damages. The longer it takes, the longer Macalum will have to live with a building that he worked so hard to fix up and receive only half of the rent and his tenants will be in temporary housing.

