

## Mai Vang

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**From:** Inspire Operations <operations@inspirerenovation.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2023 6:06 PM  
**To:** Mai Vang  
**Cc:** Holly Arnst; Melissa Porter; Steve Magner; Stephen Ubl; Nathan Bruhn; Clint Zane; Joe Yannarely; Christine Boulware; Vicki Sheffer; Robert Humphrey; Joanna Zimny; Inspire Operations  
**Subject:** Re: 1722 Reaney Ave.Making Finding Notice of PH Ltr 6-6-23

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Hello Ms. Vang, (Your salutations are entertainingly formal, so please forgive that I didn't reciprocate in my last email!)

Beautiful. I figured I was overthinking it.

I've heard that the Vacant Building Process is a nightmare, so I think I was a touch reactive/scared when I received an email. But in hindsight, it seems like the program is getting a bad wrap in the gossip circles. It was some work to document it all on the front end, but we have to do that for any renovation (if you are doing it right!)

Things seem to have run pretty smoothly and communication from the city has been very prompt. Thank you!

I will email Robert directly to request our deposit refund and we will be ready to mark this one a success very shortly!

Kind regards,  
Holly

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On Wed, Jun 7, 2023 at 10:49 AM Mai Vang <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Hello Ms. Arnst,

There is no need to delay your closing. Following up on a case and sending a resolution through hearings is standard procedure at our end. Normally, for those properties that are not in compliance at the 180 day mark, owner(s) would need to attend a Legislative Hearing and we would get a staff report from the building inspector on the progress or percentage of the repairs after he conduct an inspection. In your case, the nuisance condition has been abated and the matter is resolved. No further action is needed at your end.

Please reach out to Robert Humphrey (who is copied here) at DSI to request a refund of your \$5,000 performance deposit, if you have done so.

Thanks.

*Mai Vang*

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**From:** Holly Arnst <[holly@inspirerenovation.com](mailto:holly@inspirerenovation.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 6, 2023 5:23 PM

**To:** Mai Vang <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>

**Cc:** Melissa Porter <[mporter@logs.com](mailto:mporter@logs.com)>; Steve Magner <[steve.magner@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:steve.magner@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; Stephen Ubl <[stephen.ubl@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:stephen.ubl@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; Nathan Bruhn <[nathan.bruhn@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:nathan.bruhn@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; Clint Zane <[Clint.Zane@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Clint.Zane@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; Joe Yannarely <[joe.yannarely@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joe.yannarely@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; Christine Boulware <[christine.boulware@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:christine.boulware@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; Vicki Sheffer <[vicki.sheffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:vicki.sheffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; Robert Humphrey <[robert.humphrey@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:robert.humphrey@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; Joanna Zimny <[joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>; Inspire Operations <[operations@inspirerenovation.com](mailto:operations@inspirerenovation.com)>

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Hi Mai,

I have reviewed the attachment. Inspire Renovation (my company) acquired this property from Reverse Mortgage Funding on May 19th and the new resident is scheduled to take ownership on June 22nd (a pediatric resident that has recently moved to the cities). She is already living and working here, so she is trying to get through the mortgage process to close even sooner. We have been 100% transparent about the fact that this was a CAT 3 house and the complications that presents during appraisals, etc. I think we have worked through all of those issues together and we are on track for closing...

Should we hold the closing until after the hearing if she wants to close sooner? Or am I just overthinking things and this is one of the many administrative steps in the process? This is our first CAT 3, so please forgive my ignorance. I just don't want to turn this house over to an amazing new homeowner that would be a great asset to the neighborhood and then zing her with leftover shtuff from the renovation process.

Kind regards,

Holly

**Holly Arnst**

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On Tue, Jun 6, 2023 at 8:42 AM Mai Vang <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Hello Ms. Porter and Ms. Arnst,

Please see attached.

Thanks.

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