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Review Request for Extension to an Appeal of Arnold Kampa to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1084 LARPENTEUR AVENUE WEST.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Grant an additional extension to March 1, 2023 for compliance.

Arnie Kampa, owner, appeared via phone

Moermond: calling about your extension request for 1084 Larpenteur. Ms. Shaff, can you update the record on where we started and where we are at?

Staff report by Supervisor Leanna Shaff: this would be the third extension after the original deadline a year and a half ago. The work is still not completed per Council resolution.

Moermond: your original orders from the Certificate of Occupancy program were from 2021. We have letters starting July 1, 2021. We have a lot of extensions and this is a year and a half down the line. That's why I wanted a specific plan in place or allowing higher level of enforcement to occur. What is going on?

Kampa: everything on the original orders has been done. The bar, the exterior, the garages removed. The only thing left is that stairway. This got held up because I had applied for a STAR grant, had a late start and late determination. I requested an extension to see if I got that grant. We didn't get that grant October. When we found out we didn't get that I called down and spoke with Erik Hudak and then I spoke with Inspector John who told me the guy I hired, Randy, would have to do a drawing because the scope of the work had changed. He tore it out so the scope changed, he was supposed to fix it. City said I needed a new permit. Randy was supposed to put these drawings in and he didn't. Then he started ghosting me. I paid him \$4,186 for materials and \$2,075 for labor. I spoke to Virgil Thomas on November 4 when I found out I needed a new permit. Randy never did that. I spoke with Randy 34 times in November. I finally fired him. I called Rabid construction who agreed to do the work. He's had people in. He is on holiday this week. I expect him to get on that when he gets back. My fear is it won't be done by February 1. I'm not looking for six months. It isn't due to me not wanting to do it. STAR was the biggest hold up.

Moermond: I have to say looking at this, it is ultimately your thing to deal with. We've done a lot of extensions and I want something firm and won't look at this again. The department can revoke your Certificate after that. I get you've had contractor problems. Do you have a contract with this person? Is there a deadline in there?

Kampa: I don't have one, but I know him personally.

Moermond: I'm just looking for a sense of an agreed upon timeline. Your timeline now is February 1. I'm hearing he's out now and will be on it when he's back. He has to do drawings and pull a permit and do the work and have it inspected.

Kampa: correct.

Moermond: I'm going to ask the Council to give you to March 1, 2023. After that the department can enforce at the next level and we can talk about that then if it happens.

Kampa: I don't want to push it, but any chance I can get to April 1?

Moermond: no, not from me. The Council may look at it differently. You can appeal any future enforcement too. They have to enforce what the Council has determined.

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