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Good Morning All,

I just wanted to provide you with a written update on the property and our actions.

- In case Councilmember Noecker or I mis-spoke, the Council has this case on today's agenda. The public hearing was closed September 6, so no additional testimony will be taken. I can add written communications to the item through noon today. The emails received have all been added to the record.
- The trees growing out of the foundation of the property are covered in the original code compliance inspection report. The building inspector will be adding an order that the trees growing along the driveway, and well into the power lines, will be ordered trimmed so they no longer obstruct the power lines. I have suggested to the mortgage company that the trees be removed entirely, but the city order can only address that aspect of them that presents a safety concern.
- The broken white fence along the rear of the property will also be added to the code compliance inspection report. The building inspector did note that this was damage which occurred after his inspection in June. This is consistent with what I saw.
- I am confident the damage to the white fence was caused by action initiated from people on the 138-140 King St W property. I did 2 things to address this.
 - I reached out to the Fire Certificate of Occupancy program to see where this property was in its inspection cycle. As it happens, they are due for an inspection right now and 3 inspections have been scheduled over the summer and then re-scheduled due to owner request, The supervisor is now aware of the damage and will be acting to get the property inspected and orders issued sooner than later. Lack of access will result in action.
 - I reached out to Officer Shawn Filiowich to alert him to the property damage and ask him to look at the King St property. He did and will continue to monitor.
 - My goal is that the mortgage company not be deterred in executing thorough repairs to this exterior area based on concerns of potential damage from occupants of the King

St property.

- Regarding “opening up” the appearance of the garage and service doors, I spoke with the mortgage company about the possibility of them using doors with decorative openings (such as leaf patterns across the top of the garage door using plexiglass backing). I explained the concern was to decrease the barricade-like front of the property, to one being more open and welcoming/safe. Based on our conversation I focused in particular on the service door, and the representative was receptive on that point. These are aesthetic concerns, so they are a matter which is at the owner’s discretion.
- I asked plainly that the front-facing privacy fence with the painted handprints be removed entirely. The representative is considering this but is less receptive.
- The general clean-up of the premise has been ordered by the Department of Safety and Inspections with a deadline of September 25. I also spoke to the representative last week and again on Monday on this, and she indicated her crews will be taking care of this in the very near future and she had spoken to the property managers about this last week. The City order indicates the City will do the clean-up and charge the cost to the property as an assessment if the deadline is missed.
- Councilmember Noecker and I talked this morning about reaching out to HUD through Congressional Member Betty McCullum regarding neighbor concerns and property changes HUD may make, and she will be doing that.
- Finally, Councilmember Noecker will be amending the Order today to make a grant of 90, rather than 180 days.

I hope this email finds you well. Please let me know if you have questions and I’ll do my best to reach back to you prior to the Council meeting.

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