

Diatta, YaYa (CI-StPaul)

From: Sarah Morrissette <sarahjmorrissette@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 11:57 AM
To: Diatta, YaYa (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Requested variance file 15-126189

Mr. Diatta:

As residents at 1911 Princeton Avenue in St. Paul, directly behind 1916 Fairmount Avenue, we are writing in regards to the proposed lot line variance request at that property.

We are increasingly concerned about the number of new homes being built within the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood. We believe a variance to this property line will set a precedent within the neighborhood for developers and builders to feel they can push the limits on lot lines, and ultimately change the character of the neighborhood.

We have reviewed the Certificate of Survey for lots 7 & 8, Block 3, Underwood's First Addition to St. Paul. We believe one option would be to remove the east-facing sunporch of the existing house while maintaining the current property line, as it would no longer serve its apparent purpose as a connection to the current pool and garden. This could be a compromise solution.

Thank you for considering our concerns in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Morrissette and Tom Rosenberg

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Diatta, YaYa (CI-StPaul)

From: Jane Amberg <Jane201@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2015 1:16 PM
To: Diatta, YaYa (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Lot lines

Mr. Diatta,

I am opposed to changing the lot lines for the property in the 1900 block of Fairmount Ave.

The current owners new the configuration when they bought the home, and I feel any special consideration for them will be seeking a bad precedent for the city. It also the potential to become an issue when either property is for sale, and could also be a property maintenance issue.

There seems to be enough problems with tear-downs and over building for the property in St. Paul now, that this will only serve to complicate the entire situation.

Jane Amberg
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Sent from my iPad

Diatta, YaYa (CI-StPaul)

From: cmd205@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2015 3:57 PM
To: Diatta, YaYa (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Concern About Variance on 1900 Block of Fairmount

Dear Councilman Tolbert and Mr. Diatta,

I am a resident of the Mac Groveland neighborhood and I am writing to express my concern for the recent approval of a variance to allow a property owner at 1916 Fairmount to violate city code by a subdividing the lot they currently own so that one of the lots will not comply with city code. While seemingly innocuous, I feel this sets a precedents for all sorts of variances to lot lines that will eventually erode the compliance to city code. While I support the right of a property owner to use their property as they choose, I am against a property owner being allowed to use a circumstance like subdividing a currently existing lot to enable them to create a noncomplying lot.

I urge you to support the appeal that a number of my neighbors have filed. All property owners should have to follow the city code with regard to property lines even when they subdivide a lot. Otherwise I think we can expect other property owners to feel it is acceptable to create noncomplying lots using this situation as a precedent.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely, Chris DiPietro
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