

## Mai Vang

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**From:** Spencer Bennett <spencer.bennett@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2025 3:02 PM  
**To:** Mai Vang  
**Subject:** Re: 1982 Longfellow Ave, J2504T  
**Attachments:** city\_council - Google Docs.pdf

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Hi, Mai.

I just want to confirm with you whether the attached PDF will be an appropriate format to send as my contestation.

Thanks again Mai!

On Tue, Jan 21, 2025 at 7:57 AM Mai Vang <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Thank you. You can email anytime between now and February 25.

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**From:** Spencer Bennett <[spencer.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:spencer.bennett@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 17, 2025 9:25 PM  
**To:** Mai Vang <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: 1982 Longfellow Ave, J2504T

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Thank you Mai.

Yes, Marcia seemed to have a very hard time accepting my version of things as well as keeping things on topic and I certainly mean no disrespect to the city I've chosen to call home for most of my life, but I am quite surprised Marcia is the person who represents the city in these matters. She approached the entire situation as if it were something criminal. She gave the fact that I was recovering from shoulder surgery and could not possibly operate a lawn mower no consideration in her judgement and, in my opinion, wasted a lot of time and money in doing so.

I was physically unable to operate a lawn mower for most of the year last year. I don't feel I should have to explain myself any further.

Nor did Marcia understand it when I told her that most of the long grass in question was on park property which I had made a previous agreement with the county not to mow. The rest of the grass was about a three foot strip running from the street to the house in the front yard that I'd sprayed with grass killer -- it was the last bit of grass I had to dig up in the front yard -- again, while recovering from shoulder surgery.

Let's just say I was doing what I could.

Nor did she seem to appreciate that I was engaged in a project I had been working on since 2022 to convert my yard into a "waterless/mowerless" yard friendly for pollinators as well as the environment while remaining aesthetically pleasing for the neighborhood.

No. Even as I explained to Marcia that I reached out to the phone number at the bottom of the complaint and left a message explaining all of this, she insulted me further by trying to suggest that the police officer I happened to see that day, who drove by and waved at me, was driving by and waving at me to tell me that I had been given an extension in the matter. Apparently an extension had been given that I was completely unaware of. I was never contacted verbally or in writing with regard to the voicemail I left or the status of the complaint.

I love Saint Paul, but yes Mai, expect me to contest things via email. Is there a deadline?

Thanks again.

Respectfully,

Spencer Bennett

On Fri, Jan 17, 2025 at 8:41 AM Mai Vang <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Hello Mr. Bennett,

You appealed before the Legislative Hearing Officer, Marcia Moermond, back on October 15, 2024 and she recommends approving the assessment of \$451.50. If you wish to contest her recommendation the Council Public Hearing is now rescheduled to **February 26, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 300 Council Chambers** (originally date was January 29, which was scheduled in error as the Council does not meet).

Below are options on how to testify:

1. Interested parties who wish to speak on a specific [Council Agenda](#) item via telephone are required to pre-register. You are asked to [register here](#) by 12 noon on Tuesday before the meeting to participate; or
2. submit your comments in writing or voicemail. Please email [Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us) OR [CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us), mail your comments, or leave a voicemail at 651-266-6805. All information provided in the email or voicemail will be added to the public record. (For your information, e-mails will be attached as written, voicemails will be transcribed and attached in writing.);
3. Appear in person – check in with staff at hallway 15 mins before the start of the meeting

If you are not contesting further, no action is needed.

Thank you.

*Mai Vang*

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