



City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 936 Westminster St for Project #: J1107A, Assessment
#:118005 in Ward 5

..Property Address

936 Westminster St

Cost: \$400.00

Service Charge: \$140.00

Total Assessment: \$540.00

Gold Card Returned by: BethAnn Bretoi

Type of Order/Fee: As

Nuisance: failure to maintain exterior property

Date of Orders: September 29, 2010

Compliance Date: October 11, 2010

Re-Check Date: October 15, 2010

Date Work Done: October 20, 2010

Work Order #: 10-910541

Returned Mail?: No

Comments:

History of Orders on Property:

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Approve the assessment.

BethAnn Bretoi appeared.

Inspector Essling reported that 936 Westminster is a Summary Abatement Order for removing brush. The Order was mailed September 29, 2010 with a compliance date of October 11, 2010. A re-check occurred on October 15, 2010 and found to be in non-compliance. A Work Order was sent to Parks and the work was done on October 20, 2010 at a cost of \$400 plus a service charge of \$140 for a total of \$540. There was no returned mail.

Ms. Bretoi explained that a lot of money has been put into these properties, which were in shambles before the new owners purchase them. At this particular property, contractors have done a fantastic job. There have been a lot of inspections and people have been dumping, as well. A neighbor did some of the brush trimming along with her contractors. There had been quite a bit of tension between the previous tenant and this neighbor. There have been three (3) properties that her contractors have had trouble finishing up, so she is asking for a little bit of leniency. Also, some of the Notices go to the office of REI Property Management; some go to Osprey. Many times, she has only a day or two to organize a proper clean-up. Ms. Moermond stated that the obligation of the City is to send the Notices to the address on record at Ramsey County Tax Records. Ms. Seeley suggested that Ms. Bretoi contact Maynard Vinge, who can enter her new management company's address. Let him know all of the addresses.

Ms. Moermond asked to view the video. Ms. Bretoi stated that she could not dispute the video; she will have a few words with her contractor.

Ms. Moermond recommended approving the assessment.