

Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)

From: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 7:15 PM
To: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul); Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Subject: RE: Assessment 200100

541 Dayton Ave

-----Original Message-----

From: CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul) <CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020 8:26 AM
To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul) <marcia.moermond@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: FW: Assessment 200100

Hi,
Do we know what address Mr. Schumann is referring to, or should I call him?

Thanks.

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From: Mike Schumann <mike@traditions.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 4:04 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_DSI-InformationAndComplaints <DSI-InformationAndComplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; *CI-StPaul_OFS-Assessments <OFS-Assessments@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; McCarthy, John (CI-StPaul) <john.mccarthy@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Prince, Jane (CI-StPaul) <Jane.Prince@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Thao, Dai (CI-StPaul) <dai.thao@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; CouncilHearing (CI-StPaul) <CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Olson, Lyndsey (CI-StPaul) <Lyndsey.Olson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; melivn.carter@ci.stpaul.mn.us
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Last week I received a notice of a Public Hearing for the Ratification of the above Assessment. This is the 1st time that I have received any information or notice of any kind that I am being subjected to this assessment.

I was told by the assessment office that they previously mailed me information about this assessment. However, they had no additional definitive information on the details concerning this assessment.

I spend over 6 months of the year in Florida. During that time, I have a temporary forwarding order on file with the US Post Office to have my mail forwarded to my FL address. For some strange unexplained reason, all of the official correspondence that the City of St. Paul sends me via US mail has a "Return Service Requested" Ancillary Service Endorsement on the envelop. Under USPS policy, this results in all mail being send to a recipient with an active forwarding order to be returned to the sender (see https://about.usps.com/publications/pub8/pub8_v05_revision_092017_006.htm).

As a result, I NEVER get mail from the City of St. Paul while I am out of town. Instead this mail is returned to the City with my forwarding address. The City NEVER makes any attempt to follow up and send this correspondence to my Florida address. This is idiotic! If the City just mailed out these notices in a plain envelope without the Ancillary Service Endorsement, all of this mail would be forward correctly.

Why is the City doing this? I have been complaining about this for years, and NOTHING has been done to correct it. Sec. 14.01.1 (4) of the City Charter requires that all special assessment notices "...shall be mailed to every known owner of property subject to an assessment at his last known address." The current City procedure is a blatant violation of this provision in the charter. If the City prevents the forwarding of mail by use of the "Return Service Requested" service endorsement, then the city is obligated to forward any returned mail to the corrected address.

I hereby object to this assessment, as I have received absolutely no supporting documentation. In addition, I would like to appear at the public hearing to further discuss why the City is not properly notifying property owners of their special assessments as required by the City Charter.

Sincerely,

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Mike Schumann
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