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Marcia,

In reply to your question about the underlying ownership of the portion of John Street north of University Avenue, I offer the following:

- 1) The west side of John Street was platted in 1851 within Paterson's Addition to the Town of St. Paul.
- 2) The OFS/Real Estate Section could not find evidence that the west side of John Street was ever deeded to the property owner to the east (now Union Gospel Mission).
- 3) When the Williams Hill area was purchased and developed by the St. Paul Port Authority, which included the platting of the land now owned by MKD Development LLC at 644 Olive Street, the description of the property conveyed included parts of blocks 1 and 5 of Paterson's Addition. The west 30 feet of Stillwater Street (now John Street) abutted those portions of those blocks so it would be part of the land now owned by MKD.
- 4) The attached map shows the relevant portion of John Street north of University Avenue. The red line shows the centerline of the street. The underlying fee owner of the right-of-way to the left (or west) of the red line is MKD. The underlying fee owner of the right-of-way to the right (or east) of the red line is Union Gospel Mission.

As to the question of the responsibility for cleanup of the trash within a portion of John Street and the grassy, tree-lined John Street right-of-way to the west of the curb line, I'll defer to you or others who can properly apply city code requirements to the situation. But it's clear to us in Real Estate that the owner of 644 Olive Street is the underlying fee owner of the west half of John Street.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Bruce

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