

Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)

From: Bauer, Kelly (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 5:22 PM
To: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)
Subject: FW: RE: Moving Forward with New Urban Ag GardenApplication for 1171WestMinnehaha

Here's my reply to Scott Van Wert – 1171 Minnehaha.

Kelly

From: Bauer, Kelly (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 5:00 PM
To: 'Scott Van Wert'
Subject: RE: RE: Moving Forward with New Urban Ag GardenApplication for 1171WestMinnehaha

Scott,

I've received your message and will make sure CP Stark is aware. You are welcome to explain your intentions at the public hearing tonight, and the Council will consider your request. You are able to speak on behalf of your mother at the hearing. As I'm sure you're aware, there is a restraining order in place and there will be extra security tonight.

Thank you,
Kelly



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Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 4:40 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Subject: RE: RE: Moving Forward with New Urban Ag GardenApplication for 1171WestMinnehaha

Kelly,

Thanks very much for forwarding this to Council President Stark. As outlined in the email chain below, since last week I've been trying to work out acceptance of a plan to reapply to Zoning to turn this vacant lot into an Urban Ag Garden and make use of the existing shed that has been on the property for ~60 years to serve that garden. Because of the tight timing and some communication delays with the Zoning and Code Enforcement. I would like to request an extension of the shed removal deadline by 2-3 weeks to achieve the above.

My hope was to ask Ms. Moermond for her support, but I wasn't able to speak with her directly today.

Regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 4:02 PM
To: Scott Van Wert <savanwert1@mmm.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: RE: Moving Forward with New Urban Ag GardenApplication for 1171WestMinnehaha

I would say how you or your mom wants to go forward with the new application is up to you. Ms. Moermond's job is to have the nuisance condition abated.

Mai

From: Scott Van Wert [<mailto:savanwert1@mmm.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc: Magner, Steve (CI-StPaul) <steve.magner@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Benner, Jerome (CI-StPaul) <jerome.benner@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: RE: RE: Moving Forward with New Urban Ag GardenApplication for 1171 WestMinnehaha

Dear Ms. Vang,

Thank you very much for clarifying several point below, to be honest I though there had been discussion of a new application at the appeal hearing. Looking at what I wrote, I didn't in any way mean to imply that the Urban Ag site plan review be expedited by Ms. Moremond. But hopefully, Ms. Moermond supports the idea of a using this vacant lot as Urban Ag Garden site and appreciates the efforts to make use of the existing shed to serve that garden. I was simply trying to convey that I'll make every effort to expedite the process and keep communicating progress. Is it ok for me to assume that she supports this approach or would it be better to contact her directly?

Regards,

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Moving Forward with New Urban Ag Garden Application for 1171 WestMinnehaha

Mr. Van Wert,

I am concern about you misrepresenting my conversation with you. I stated that on July 18, at the hearing, Ms. Moermond stated the following "this is a nuisance action on your property that's going forward to the Council on Aug 2; my recommendation will be denial of the appeal & that the structure needs to be removed within 2 weeks, which will give you until Aug 15; if you can get your Ag Permit reviewed & approved by then, then, you have a principal use to which this could be an accessory & you could move the structure back from the borders of the property". I also want to correct your email in that Ms. Moermond does not support, has no opinion, nor opinion on expediting the application process as soon as possible. I said if you or your mom wants to reapply, you may want to do it as soon as possible.

Mai

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Subject: Re: Moving Forward with New Urban Ag Garden Application for 1171 West Minnehaha

Dear Ms. Vang,

I just tried to follow up with Mr. Benner by phone on this email and learned from his voice message that he is out of the office until next Monday. I would propose filing the new Ag Garden Application on Monday when he's available again so I can be sure the application is complete and site plan adequately detailed and then hope that the application can be processed quickly. Do you have any other suggestions / ideas?

Regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 1:18 PM

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Subject: Moving Forward with New Urban Ag Garden Application for 1171 West Minnehaha

Dear Mr. Benner,

In following up on our telephone conversations of July 27 and August 1, I have spoken with Ms. Mai Vang and she believes going forward with a new application for an Urban Ag Garden for 1171 West Minnehaha is appropriate and based on notes in the record believes this is supported by Ms. Moermond as well. She further recommends that this application process begin as soon as possible.

I plan to have the application and site plan draft to you no later than noon on Thursday (8/3). The first objective will be to immediately plant two ~10x12' raised beds established with late summer plantings of fall harvest annual vegetables and perennials such as rhubarb, Asparagus, Sorrel, leeks and chives once I have your approval. After soil testing for lead, a 2nd phase will expand the footprint beyond the raised beds. (I plan to contact you to discuss how to satisfactorily show a 1st and at least 2nd phase plans for the site plan to be submitted.)

As you have indicated, I understand that the plan will need to show (and city will want to verify) that any garden shed is placed at least 3 feet from rear / side property lines, based on survey stake / monument placement by a surveyor at a level appropriate for fence placement.

Per your recommendation, I have attempted to contact code enforcement for input on this plan, but as of yet, have not been able to reach either Inspector Martin or Supervisor Magner*.

Since time is of the essence, I would like to proceed with the Urban Ag application, if you are in agreement.

Regards,

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(*I later contacted the DSI 266-8989 operator to learn that Inspector Martin is out with a FE until next week and Supervisor Magner last indication is "out of office as of 7/31".)

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