



City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 682 JESSAMINE AVE E for Project #: J1110A,
Assessment #: 118034 in Ward 6

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Approve the assessment payable over two (2) years.

Tax Assessment Worksheet

Cost: \$1,260.00

Service Charge: \$140.00

Total Assessment: \$1,400.00

Gold Card Returned by: CL Jackson

Type of Order/Fee: Sa

Nuisance: failure to maintain exterior property

Date of Orders: January 20, 2011

Compliance Date: January 24, 2011

Re-Check Date: January 24, 2011

Date Work Done: January 26, 2011

Work Order #: 11-008616

Returned Mail?: No

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: August 26, 2010 Sa on refuse

Legislative Hearing Notes (if any)

Approve the assessment payable over two (2) years.

C. L. Jackson appeared.

Inspector Essling reported that the assessment for 682 Jessamine Avenue East is for a huge clean up. Orders were mailed January 20, 2011 with a compliance date of January 24, 2011. It was re-checked on January 24, 2011 and found to be in non-compliance. A Work Order was sent to Parks and the work was done January 26, 2011 at a cost of \$1,260 plus a service charge of \$140 for a total of \$1,400. Notes inserted into Summary Abatement: garbage, rubbish in garage and alley area; remove all. Also, the box for securing the garage is checked. The Orders were mailed to Charles Jackson, Ashland Avenue in Saint Paul and Daniel Marks on Randolph Avenue in Saint Paul. He entered a photo taken January 20, 2011.

Mr. Jackson explained that his daughter had been interested in the property and bought it from him by contract for deed. Soon after, she sold it to her brother who sold it to his friend, Dan Marx. He started to clean up the garage when this came up. He said he'd take care of it but didn't. Now, he has disappeared. He heard that he was arrested for too many parking violations. He had rented to someone who was selling drugs. Mr. Jackson stepped in. The house was Condemned and he worked with Pat Fish to get the building cleaned out. His son said he would clean up the garage but he didn't do it. All sellings have been contract for deed.

Ms. Moermond noted that the garage situation was an absolute disaster. She doesn't have many options. She can recommend that this assessment be payable over two (2) years.

Inspector Seeley suggested that Mr. Jackson order a new garage door quickly or people will continue to dump there. He could also board it up for now until he can afford a new overhead door.

Ms. Moermond will recommend that the assessment be approved payable over two (2) years.