



City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 461 SYNDICATE ST S for Project #: J1110A,
Assessment #: 118034 in Ward 3

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Delete the assessment.

Tax Assessment Worksheet

Cost: \$240.00

Service Charge: \$140.00

Total Assessment: \$380.00

Gold Card Returned by: Sandra Long

Type of Order/Fee: orders

Nuisance: failure to remove snow from public sidewalk

Date of Orders: January 21, 2011

Compliance Date: January 23, 2011

Re-Check Date: January 24, 2011

Date Work Done: January 26, 2011

Work Order #: 11-008965

Returned Mail?: NO

Comments:

History of Orders on Property:

Legislative Hearing Notes (if any)

Delete the assessment.

Sandra Long appeared.

Inspector Essling reported that the assessment for 461 Syndicate Street South is for snow/ice on the public sidewalk. The Notice was mailed January 21, 2011 with a compliance date of January 23, 2011. It was re-checked on January 24, 2011. A Work Order was sent to Parks and the work was done on January 26, 2011 at a cost of \$240 plus a service charge of \$140 for a total of \$380. The letter was sent to Sandra Long, 461 Syndicate Street South and Occupant.

Ms. Long lives here and is appealing because when the snow plow came through after the big storm in December, it put huge chunks of snow/ice into her yard and she couldn't move it from the sidewalk. She had photos. She called the City several times when that happened because there was no way she could move it. She doesn't have a garage so it kind of looks as though there's a second lot next to her house. She believes that the City thought so, too, because they were storing the snow there. A person came out to look and then the City came out to move it. She thought it had been taken care of and then she got the letter. So, probably the letter came out the same day or the day after it had been done.

They viewed the video which showed the sidewalk shoveled not full width.

Ms. Moermond stated that the only problem she saw in this situation was that the full width of the sidewalk was not clear; and with as close as that huge snow bank was along the street, she can see that it was tricky. At the same time, she thinks Ms. Long could have done a better job. She thinks that Ms. Long made more than a good faith effort so, she will recommend the assessment be deleted.