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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Victoria Richie to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1641 CONWAY STREET.

Egress windows for Item #3.

January 14, 2011

Legislative Hearing Information

February 8, 2011

Ms. Moermond reviewed the photographs and recommended denying the appeal on the egress bedroom windows. Appellant wants a public hearing. Scheduled for 3/2 public hearing.

January 25, 2011

Appellant requested to provide Ms. Moermond with a photo of the windows. If the windows can be raised to 16 inches, a variance will be granted.

Item 6 - Fire Door - Withdrawn from orders by DSI on January 14, 2011.

Inspector Leanna Shaff said this was a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection conducted on January 14, 2011 by Inspector Wayne Spiering. The egress windows, Item No. 3, main floor southeast, southwest, and northwest bedrooms are all double hung windows with an openable size of 15-1/2 H x 33W. The code requires a minimum of 24"H x 20" W.

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond said there is a significant shortfall in the window height but she is comfortable giving people as much as 8 inches in variance if there is a compensating number of inches in the other dimension. If 8 more inches is needed in height, she would look for between 8 and 16 more inches in width. These are off by about a 1/2 inch.

Ms. Moermond said she feels compelled to recommend denial of the appeal because she's looking at 16 inches as the minimum. She suggested Ms. Richie e-mail Council President Kathy Lantry photos and an explanation of the situation and that she's asking for a 1/2 inch variance beyond what she would normally get from the hearing officer. The final decision has a lot to do with the structure of the space.

Ms. Shaff asked if there is any room to get the windows raised higher. Ms. Richie said she was not sure but she will check. Ms. Moermond told Ms. Richie if she can find a way to get them to open to 16 inches high by removing any tabs that might be present, she should have a tape measure and take a picture and send it to Marcia. If it will open to 16 inches, she will grant her variance. Otherwise, she can appeal to the City Council

With respect to Item No. 6, the fire door between the attached garage and the kitchen which

requires a closure, Ms. Richie said it will be done on Friday. Ms. Shaff said it is no longer a requirement but it's a good idea.

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