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VIA EMAIL ONLY

Marcia C. Moermond
Legislative Hearing Officer
City of St. Paul
15 Kellogg Boulevard West
St. Paul, MN 55102

Re: 870 Fuller Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Ms. Moermond:

To follow up on my earlier voicemail, I wanted to report back to you on the above-reference matter prior to the hearing on Tuesday, January 26, 2016. As you requested, on behalf of my client, Ms. E. Dianne Smith, I met with Greg Finzell, Executive Director of the Rondo Community Land Trust (“RCLT”) by phone and in person. My understanding is that the RCLT is now fully in support of finding a way to preserve Ms. Smith’s residence at 870 Fuller Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota (the “Residence”).

We also arranged a meeting with Ms. Smith and Malik Davis. Both parties are interested in discussing opportunities to work together to preserve the Residence. Instead of providing affidavits, they have both agreed to attend the hearing on January 26, 2016 to document their interest and also to answer any questions you may have.

Finally, we have spent a significant amount of time and energy locating James Oliver. We have a last known address and his current cell phone number. We have found success working through Ms. Smith’s son, Summer Smith, who is currently in regular contact with Mr. Oliver. We have been advised that Mr. Oliver is willing to move forward with the probate plan outlined in my correspondence to you dated December 18, 2015, and work with us in preserving the Residence. Due to certain circumstances, he has indicated that he would like to appoint Mr. Smith as his agent. We have provided him with a power of attorney and hope to receive it shortly.

We have not been able to file the probate paperwork because Mr. Oliver does not have a permanent address, which is necessary for us to have for the probate filing. Once Mr. Smith is appointed as Mr. Oliver's legal attorney-in-fact, we will then be able to list Mr. Smith's address on the probate paperwork.

As a new development, Mr. Smith has expressed an interest in completing the renovation work required by the City of St. Paul to make the Residence habitable. He is in discussions with Mr. Davis and others on how this can be accomplished.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any further information before the hearing on Tuesday.

Very truly yours,

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