



City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 1576 RUTH STREET for Project # J1107A,
Assessment # 118005.

..Property Address

1576 Ruth St

Cost: \$328.00

Service Charge: \$140.00

Total Assessment: \$468.00

Gold Card Returned by: Juavah Lee

Type of Order/Fee: SA

Nuisance: Failure to maintain exterior property

Date of Orders: September 30, 2010

Compliance Date: October 6, 2010

Re-Check Date: October 6, 2010

Date Work Done: October 8, 2010

Work Order #: 10-907019

Returned Mail?: No

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: No

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Approve the assessment.

Juavah and Elizabeth Lee appeared. (Mai Vang interpreted.)

Inspector Joel Essling reported that 1576 Ruth Street is a Summary Abatement for mattresses and couch in back yard. The Orders were mailed September 30, 2010 with a compliance date of October 6, 2010. It was re-checked on October 6, 2010 and found to be in non-compliance. A Work Order was sent to Parks and the work was done on October 8, 2010 at a cost of \$328 with a service charge of \$140 for a total of \$468.

Mr. Lee stated that they did not receive a Notice. A tarp was over the couch and mattresses because they were still good. They thought that someone had stolen their stuff. They are wondering where the couch and mattresses are now. Ms. Lee stated that if it were garbage, it wouldn't be covered with a tarp. They covered it with tarp so that if it rained, it wouldn't get wet.

Ms. Moermond reviewed the video showing that the couch and mattresses were there and after Parks came, they were gone.

Ms. Moermond stated that it appears the Notice was sent to the correct address; there was no returned mail. The couch and mattresses were not properly stored; they would need to be inside a building.

Ms. Moermond will recommend approving the assessment.

Ms. Lee asked who had complained. Ms. Moermond explained that the City cannot divulge that information. Ms. Lee said that they want their property back. Ms. Essling told them that the couch and mattresses were ground up in a garbage truck and taken to a landfill. Ms. Moermond suggested that they file a claim with the City and/or go to the City Council Public Hearing.