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Re: Appeal for Property at 1308 Victoria Street N

Dear Ms. Moermond,

Thank you for coming to see our little house in Como Park. Even with the “calmer” inspection, it still felt a bit overwhelming, as each code correction seems to be connected to another thing, and another, and another. Every inspector brings up more things than the last, so it is confusing at times. In summary, it felt as if the house has to be finished, in order for us to get to take our time to continue to finish it to our aesthetic liking. We will continue to work on it, in chunks that are feasible for us, as time and money allow. We have already completed many of the items listed in the recent Code Compliance Report. Full time jobs, a college student in Maine, and a daughter at home, take up a lot of time. Not excuses by any means, just real-life “reasons.”

Attached is our to-do list as we can see it at the moment. It is not complete, but substantial work is represented on it which will take us some time and effort. Once the bulk of that is completed, we will make a new list for the next steps. We did not receive anything in writing from Mr. Ubl. Our meeting seemed to leave things vague and non-concrete. If this is to be handled by us showing good forward momentum and being re-evaluated from time to time, we are comfortable with that. It might make it a bit less stressful to know where we stand on the VB Fee and so on.

Please let us know what issues arise and how we can work on the house in a more progressive manner, rather than feeling we are doing something wrong. As you saw, we put a lot of love and detail into each little step, hoping to make it very personal. We always pictured this house as our little retreat or cabin, and hoped to work on it little by little until we can downsize into it. Again, thank you for seeing us and working with us on this subject for the past several months.

In appreciation,
Marcus Landrum and Tara Lundborg

1308 Victoria St N

WORK PLAN

EXTERIOR FRONT PORCH

- Correct framing issues pointed out by Mr. Ubl
- Cover open soffits
- Fix soffit gaps as pointed out by Mr. Ubl
- Install 6 windows
- Install front door

EXTERIOR BACK OF HOUSE

- Install working back door
- Install 2 new upper windows
- Install new lower window
- Install siding

OBTAIN FRAMING PERMIT

- Correct any interior issues
- Get approval to close up walls

OBTAIN ELECTRICAL PERMIT

- Correct any issues
- Get approval to close up walls

OBTAIN MECHANICAL PERMIT

- Have issues corrected

INTERIOR

- Run Cat5 cable for phone
- Insulate
- Sheetrock, mud, tape
- Install light fixtures
- Install water heater
- Etc.

*Will add the next wave of items in a future list.