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Room 330 City Hall & Court House

9:00 a.m. Hearings

Remove/Repair Orders

- 1 [RLH RR 11-61](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 499 LYNNHURST AVENUE WEST within fifteen (15) days after the October 5, 2011 City Council public hearing. (Public hearing continued from December 21, 2011)

Sponsors: Stark

City Council Public Hearing is January 18; recommend laying over to the February 28 Legislative Hearing and March 21 City Council Public Hearing.

RE: 499 Lynnhurst Ave W (duplex)

Sarah Adam, Reiter and Schiller, Attorneys at Law, appeared.

Ms. Moermond:

- asked if Ms. Adam received her email re: Mr. Ubl's requirements (Ms. Adam said she received it and forwarded it on to her client)

Ms. Adam:

- entered a copy of the lot survey and proposed demo bid from J & S Siding and Gutters (Mr. Magner will look at it)

- client will probably go with their only demo bid

Steve Magner, Vacant Buildings:

- last hearing was Nov 22, 2011; Nov 29, letter was sent to Sarah Adam from Mai Vang confirming the LH on Nov 22, 2011 where Ms. Moermond recommended this matter back to LH Jan 10, 2012 and that City Council public hearing was scheduled for Jan 18, 2012; following conditions must be met in the meantime:

- 1) provide partial demo bids*
- 2) obtain code compliance inspection*
- 3) submit a vacant building registration form*
- 4) order and conduct a survey*
- 5) pay the vacant building fee*

- the survey has been provided along with the demolition bids and vacant building registration form; the VB fee has been paid; code compliance report done Dec 22, 2011

- the Department of Safety and Inspections contacted Ms. Adam during this time and requested that some items in the back be removed
- the survey shows quite a bit of encroaching structure (Ms. Adam said from what she gathered, the owner at one point, owned both lots and added on without permits)
- looking at the proposed demo bid, suggested that the bid was a little high and encouraged client to get 3 bids from licensed contractors who can get a wrecking and removal permit (a general contractor may not be able to pull a wrecking and removal permit); may want to call DSI for a list of current licensed wrecking contractors
- all city demolition actions need a prior inspection from Ramsey County (have work plan for hazardous materials at Bay West)

Ms. Moermond:

- the code compliance inspection may need to be redone or modified after the partial demo (Mr. Magner said that Mr. Seeger only would probably go to inspect unless there was a need to send the other inspectors); that modified inspection would cost \$125

Ms. Adam:

- the foreclosure sale Jan 3, 2012 went thru just fine
- her client, First Place Bank, was the successful bidder at \$125,000
- on Nov 30, 2011 got a court order to shorten the redemption period
- as of Feb 7, 2012, First Place Bank will own this property
- has not discussed the encroachment issue with the owners of the property to the west but intends to do so

Ms. Moermond:

- had a call from Vane Neal, who said he owns property adjacent to 499 Lynnhurst at 6 Oakley (#920/210-8871)
- will be looking to have the rehab complete within the next 5 months
- will give appellant some time to develop a rehab plan and bid out the work
- will lay this over for 6 weeks to develop a rehab plan
- permission may be needed from the neighbor to remove encroaching structures
- the other option is for the city do the partial demo (Mr. Magner was not sure whether or not the neighbors would need to be notified; he will discuss it with the City Attorney's Office)

Amy Spong, Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC):

- pointed out that there's a lot of structures in front of the house also that are encroaching as well as in the rear (all encroaching structures are covered in the partial demo - the original footprint will be restored)

Ms. Moermond:

- will lay this over for 6 weeks to develop the initial rehab plan (Feb 28, 2012 LH), a revised code compliance inspection and a letter/affidavit confirming that the bank will set aside the funds necessary to complete this project
- she will follow up with a letter
- at City County public hearing Jan 18, 2012, she will recommend a layover to Mar 21, 2012 CCPH

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/18/2012

- 2 **RLH RR 11-93** Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 975 BRADLEY STREET within fifteen (15) days after the February 1, 2012, City Council Public Hearing.

No show. Remove within 15 days with no option for repair.

RE: 975 Bradley St (duplex)

Steve Magner, Vacant Buildings:

- 2-story wood frame duplex on a lot of 4,792 sq ft
- vacant since Sep 11, 2009
- current property owner: Wells Fargo Bank NA per Ramsey County
- Oct 12, 2011, inspection of building was conducted; list of deficiencies which constitute a nuisance condition was developed; photos taken
- Order to Abate Nuisance Building posted Oct 18, 2011; compliance date Nov 17, 2011
- as of this date, the property remains in a condition which comprises a nuisance as defined by the legislative code
- estimated market value \$9,700 on land; \$50,300 on building
- taxes are delinquent for 2010 in amount of \$5,549.21 and for 2011 in amount of \$6,323.40, plus penalty and interest (Note: property scheduled to go tax forfeiture in Jul 2012)
- vacant building fees paid by assessment Sep 29, 2011
- code compliance inspection has not been done
- \$5,000 performance deposit has not been posted
- 9 Summary Abatements since 2009; 11 Work Orders for: garbage/rubbish; boarding/securing; grass/weeds; snow/ice
- estimated cost to repair exceeds \$50,000; estimated cost to demolish exceeds \$12,000
- photos reveal that there must have been some vandalism

Ms. Moermond:

- photos show a lot of problems with plaster; may have been water damage
- lots of sheet rock scattered around
- chimney looks in very bad shape

Amy Spong, Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC):

- seeing lath and plaster damage (cracking), fairly normal for a house of this vintage
- there is water damage somewhere else (Mr. Magner said the copper were stolen)
- permit index card says house was built 1892; Ramsey County says 1900; late-Victorian era
- Carl Andersen was original owner in this Payne-Phalen neighborhood
- was surveyed in 1983; no inventory form was completed on this property
- is just outside the 2011 Payne-Phalen Historic Survey
- started out as a single family dwelling; turned into flats prior to 1925 (Sanborn maps)
- have been window alterations; siding has been covered; front porch has been enclosed
- good sized house for this area; it appears that the 2 block faces are fairly intact with similar period homes
- it likely would not have any potential as an historic resource
- demolition would not have an adverse affect

Ms. Moermond:

- will recommend the City Council order this structure removed within 15 days with no option for rehabilitation
- note: scheduled to tax forfeit in Aug 2012; although there's a possibility the county would be interested in doing a rehab, she doesn't really think so (\$12,000 in taxes plus penalty and interest)

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

- 3 **RLH RR 11-94** Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 904 CASE AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the February 1, 2012, City Council Public Hearing.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Must receive the following by January 27, 2012: 1) the \$5,000 performance bond must be posted; 2) a work plan needs to be done in accordance with the code compliance inspection report; 3) financial documentation demonstrating the ability to make the repairs; and 4) the property must be maintained. If Appellant wants to demolish the building, he must have a licensed demolition contractor pull a demolition permit.

RE: 904 Case Ave (single family)

Richard Stanton, real estate broker representing Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp, appeared.

Steve Magner, Vacant Buildings:

- 1 1/2 story wood frame single family dwelling on lot 3,920 sq ft
- vacant since Nov 17, 2009
- current owner Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp per Ramsey County
- Sep 14, 2011 inspection conducted, list of deficiencies which constitute a nuisance condition developed; photos taken
- Nov 8, 2011 Order to Abate Nuisance Building posted; compliance date Dec 8, 2011
- as of this date, property remains in a condition which comprises a nuisance as defined by legislative code
- estimated market value \$5,900 on land; \$32,700 on building
- real estates taxes are current
- vacant building fees paid by assessment Dec 2, 2011
- code compliance inspection done Oct 11, 2011
- \$5,000 performance deposit has not been posted
- 11 Summary Abatements since 2009; 11 Work Orders issued for: garbage/rubbish; boarding/securing; grass/weeds (last Work Order sent out Sep 1, 2011; sprinkled evenly back thru 2009)
- estimated cost to repair exceeds \$50,000; estimated cost to demolish between \$9,000 - \$11,000
- got a compliant - found bad foundation; lack of drainage and maintenance of the property which ultimately, caused foundation failure
- Mr. Seeger's report indicates that he's requiring a structural engineer's report

Amy Spong, Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC):

- workers cottage style built 1887
- porch was enclosed at some point; original siding has been covered; a lot of the windows have been blocked in
- there have been several alterations
- early additions, prior to 1925, are all still in tact
- appears that the 2 block faces are somewhat in tact
- located within 2011 historic survey area
- this property was not highlighted as a potential historic resource
- demolition would not have an adverse affect on the historic character of the neighborhood

Ms. Moermond:

- photographs indicate significant structural damage: foundation in a state of collapse

Mr. Stanton:

- in his estimation, the property should be taken down
- alternatively, it could be rehabbed

Ms. Moermond:

- if rehabbed were decided, city would need 1) \$5,000 performance deposit; 2) proof of available funds for this rehab project; 3) work plan - decent bid, not a band-aid; 4) a code compliance has already been conducted which indicated a need for a structural engineer's report; and 5) maintenance of the property
- scheduled to be at City Council Feb 1, 2012
- if Freddie's decision is to knock it down, she will recommend Council order the building removed within 15 days (once the Council votes, the 15-day clock begins, which gives Freddie a chance to remove it on their own; if they don't remove it within that 15-day time, the city will initiate it's process)

Mr. Magner:

- if Freddie Mac wants to hire the demo, the city will need a signed contract with a licensed demolition contractor within that 15 days
- if by the resolution compliance time the city does not have a signed demolition bid from Freddie Mac, Mr. Magner will hire a vendor and the city will do the demo and assess the cost onto the property tax (a copy of the city's demo bids on this project will be sent to Mr. Stanton)

Mr. Stanton:

- will recommend that Freddie Mac tear down the building
- have gotten bids for demo, some of which are quite high

Ms. Moermond:

- will be on City Council agenda Feb 1, 2012
- if Freddie Mac wants to save the building, she will need to see plans, etc. by Jan 27, 2012
- Mr. Stanton will get a letter confirming conversation

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

- 4 **RLH RR 11-95** Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 747 EDGERTON STREET within fifteen (15) days after the February 1, 2012, City Council Public Hearing.

Sponsors: Thune

No show. Remove within 15 days with no option for repair.

RE: 747 Edgerton St (single-family)

Steve Magner, Vacant Buildings:

- 1 1/2 story wood frame single-family dwelling on a lot of 4,792 sq ft
- vacant since Apr 7, 2008
- current property owner Oscar Herrera per Ramsey County
- Oct 13, 2011 inspection conducted; list of deficiencies which constitute a nuisance condition developed; photos taken
- Order to Abate Nuisance Building posted Oct 21, 2011; compliance date Nov 21, 2011
- as of this date, property remains in a condition which comprises a nuisance as

defined by the legislative code

- estimated market value \$6,800 on land; \$33,200 on building
- real estate taxes delinquent for 2011 in amount of \$5,411.84 plus penalty and interest. (Note: there is a Confession of Judgment for taxes payable 2009 and 2010 in the amount of \$4,500.75 which will default unless 2011 taxes are paid by March 1, 2012.)
- vacant building fees paid by assessment Apr 22, 2011
- code compliance inspection done Feb 9, 2009 and has expired
- \$5,000 performance deposit has not been posted
- 20 Summary Abatements since 2008; 14 Work Orders for garbage/rubbish; boarding/securing; grass/weeds; snow/ice; vehicles
- estimated cost to repair exceeds \$50,000; estimated cost to demolish between \$9,000 - \$11,000
- the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) recommends removal within 15 days

Amy Spong, Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC):

- early full 2-story Italianate 1872 construction date
- full front porch has been removed
- has original two over two windows (rare)
- has a very stately presence at the top of a hill where Reaney comes to a T
- converted to flats prior to 1925
- there have been 2 additions
- has close proximity to the railroad tracks
- area has not been significantly altered; the vacant lot across the street has always been there
- located within the 2011 Legacy Survey Area
- the property at 755 Edgerton (2 houses down) was noted in the last historic survey as having major significance
- this block of houses has good context and fairly good integrity
- doesn't think it would have potential as an historic resource individually
- a potential historic district was not identified here
- it might be a candidate for rehab (although, she hasn't yet seen any interior photos)
- there's a real estate sign in the front yard

Mr. Magner:

- Mr. Herrera failed to show at the inspection, so they had no access to the interior; thus, no interior photos
- deficiency list from 2009 notes numerous deficiencies
- owner has not taken any action to rehab

Ms. Moermond:

- asked that a note be sent to Ramsey County letting them know that this address is in the works and if they have an interest in slowing down the process, she would be happy to consider it; otherwise, she will recommend the City Council order this structure down within 15 days

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

- 5 **RLH RR 11-96** Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 869 FULLER AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the February 1, 2012, City Council Public Hearing.

Sponsors: Carter III

City Council Public Hearing is February 1, 2012; recommend laying over to the

February 14 Legislative Hearing and March 7 City Council Public Hearing.

RE: 869 Fuller Ave (duplex)

No one appeared.

Steve Magner, Vacant Buildings:

- 2-story wood frame single-family dwelling with a detached 2-stall garage on a lot of 4,792 sq ft*
- vacant since Jun 11, 2010*
- current owner is E. Diane Smith and Oscar T. Oliver per Ramsey County*
- Oct 25, 2011, inspection conducted; list of deficiencies which constitute a nuisance condition developed; photos taken*
- Order to Abate Nuisance Building posted Nov 1, 2011; compliance date Dec 1, 2011*
- as of this date, property remains in a condition which comprises a nuisance as defined by the legislative code*
- estimated market value \$14,900 on land; \$109,100 on building*
- real estate taxes are delinquent for 2010 in amount of \$8,179.81 and 2011 in amount of \$5,634.84 plus penalty and interest (Note: this property is scheduled to go tax forfeiture in Aug 2012)*
- vacant building fees were paid by assessment Jul 22, 2011*
- code compliance inspection done Mar 9, 2011; \$5,000 performance bond has not been posted*
- 10 Summary Abatements since 2010; 7 Work Orders for: garbage/rubbish; boarding/securing; grass/weeds; snow/ice*
- estimated cost to repair exceeds \$50,000; estimated cost to demolish exceeds \$12,000*

Amy Spong, Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC):

- very prominent late Victorian style built 1887; permit index card says 1890*
- 2-story porch is original (enclosure is not)*
- roof structure is odd given there is a corner tower*
- if this house comes down, it will be the first vacant lot on this block face*
- 1983 survey listed 877 Fuller property as major significant*
- block face has a nice collection of historic features with nice variety dated from same period*
- corner square tower*
- within the 2011 Thomas-Dale Survey Area but this property was not inventoried at that time*
- siding is covered*
- had a shed listed as both a stable and auto*
- would encourage rehab; some features might merit preserving that character within the district*
- doesn't think it has potential as an historic resource; not part of a potential historic district*

Ms. Moermond:

- let's bring this to the attention of the county and the HRA (Sheri Pemberton first)*
- her recommendation will be removal unless someone steps up*
- will lay this over to Feb 14, 2012 legislative hearing*

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

6 RLH RR 11-97

Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 111 HOYT AVENUE WEST within fifteen (15) days after the February 1, 2012, City Council Public Hearing.

The following documentation needs to be submitted by January 27, 2012: 1) the \$5,000 performance would need to be posted; 2) a new code compliance inspection would need to be done; 3) a work plan for the rehabilitation of the property in accordance with the code compliance inspection; 4) financial documentation dedicating the amount of the City's estimated cost of \$50,000 for the repairs; 5) provide subcontractors bids; and 6) the property would also need to be maintained.

RE: 111 Hoyt Ave W (single family)

Khai Hong Lim, owner, appeared.

Steve Magner, Vacant Buildings:

- one-story wood frame single family dwelling with a detached 1-stall garage on a lot of 5,227 sq ft
- been vacant since Jul 1, 2009
- current property owner is Khai Hong Lim and Shu Teoh per Ramsey County
- Oct 26, 2011, inspection of building was conducted, list a deficiencies which constitute a nuisance condition was developed; photos taken
- Order to Abate Nuisance Building posted Nov 1, 2011; compliance date Dec 1, 2011
- as of this date, property remains in a condition which comprises a nuisance as defined by legislative code
- estimated market value of land \$20,400; \$36,200 on building
- real estate taxes are current
- vacant building fees paid by assessment Jul 22, 2011
- code compliance inspection done Aug 6, 2009 has expired
- \$5,000 performance deposit has not been posted
- 5 Summary Abatements since 2009; 2 Work Orders for garbage/rubbish and grass/weeds
- estimated cost to repair exceeds \$50,000; estimated cost to demolish exceeds \$12,000

Ms. Moermond:

- asked Mr. Magner to look up the date of the fire
- wants to get the fire report for the record

Amy Spong, Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC):

- index card indicates permit was pulled in 1047; constructed in 1948
- has tuck-under garage at front of property
- no Sanborn Insurance map for this area
- looks like the context of area has changed a lot: 50s-60s apartment buildings that surround 2 sides of this lot
- given property's integrity, the time it was built and the context around the property being very different from what it was historically, demolition would not have an adverse affect

Mr. Lim:

- plans to rehab the property according to Ms. Moermond's recommendations
- he purchased it in 2010 (1 1/2 yrs ago)
- the fire consisted of burning the couch outside the building, only; nothing else damaged
- currently, he is working on some of his other properties

Ms. Moermond:

- will be happy to recommend that Mr. Lim get time to finish the project with

conditions that must be submitted by Jan 27, 2012:

- needs new code compliance inspection report (order right away)
- needs to post \$5,000 performance deposit
- the property needs to be maintained
- get bids for the work and put together a work plan which shows how the rehab will be approached
- needs to have money set aside (\$50,000+) to do the rehab (Mr. Lim doesn't agree with that amount; house just needs plumbing and heating done; although, he does have the \$50,000)

Mr. Magner:

- read letter from District 6 Planning Council Land Use Task Force Vacant Building Committee, in which it requested the structure be removed
- checked and a sale review was completed Sep 2009 and a code compliance was taken out at the time
- building permit issued Oct 2009; plumbing permit issued Jan 2011
- suggested that Mr. Lim give the existing code compliance report to his vendors to get bids (Mr. Lim said he already has those)

Ms. Antrim:

- the committee took a look at the exterior of the building and spoke with neighbors and businesses
- their biggest concern is that this has been vacant for a couple of years already
- this house needs more than a band-aid; it needs a good rehab
- the committee should have done better homework regarding the fire to make sure

Ms. Moermond:

- her concern is that we'll be here again in 1 1/2 - 2 years because the building wasn't properly fixed
- the work plan and money available needs to be approved through her office
- always asks the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) for their opinion
- wants the fire report on record (Mr. Magner will obtain that)

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

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[RLH RR 11-98](#)

Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 315 LARCH STREET within fifteen (15) days after the February 1, 2012, City Council Public Hearing.

Laid over to January 24 Legislative Hearing. Property owner must post the \$5,000 performance bond between January 24 and February 1, 2012.

(Kerry Antrim, District 6 Planning Council, to submit a new letter by January 17)

RE: 315 Larch St (warehouse)

John Norris, Jr., owner's son, E J Liquidation, Hedlund and Kerry Antrim, District 6 Planning Council, appeared.

Steve Magner, Vacant Buildings:

- commercial property with 2 one-story metal clad warehouse structures, 6 semi-truck trailers, 2 heavy-storage tanks, 4 light-storage tanks, an office trailer and multiple metal canopies or roof structures made out of metal racking and sheeting on a lot of 25,700 sq ft
- has been ordered vacant since Apr 8, 2011
- current owner, John Norris, Sr, per Ramsey County

- Oct 5, 2011, inspection of building conducted, list of deficiencies which constitute a nuisance condition developed; photos taken
- Order to Abate Nuisance Building posted Oct 21, 2011; compliance date Nov 21, 2011
- as of this date, property remains in a condition which comprises a nuisance as defined by the legislative code
- estimated market value \$176,200 on land; \$23,800 on buildings
- real estate taxes are current
- vacant building fess were paid by assessment Jul 22, 2011
- a Team Inspection has not been done; \$5,000 performance deposit has not been posted
- there's been 1 Summary Abatement since 2011 and no Work Orders issued
- estimated cost to repair this structure exceeds \$100,000; estimated cost to demolish between \$50,000 - \$75,000
- the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) is seeking a resolution to remove within 15 days
- demolition bids have not been done yet - waiting for a determination from a walk thru

Mr. Norris:

- nothing has ever been said in any of the deficiencies reports about the buildings and now you report that it will take over \$100,000 to repair them; their were issues with the roof of the office trailer which was repaired when Mr. Magner was out there; it has been repaired for almost a year

Amy Spong, Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC):

- building index card indicates that the first building was constructed in 1957; another one in 1977; a third one in 1987, Ramsey County
- the initial index card says 1967 and 1977 but not the 1987
- was a factory / foundry use when it was originally constructed as a metal shed
- sometimes industrial sites are hard to do research on
- surveyed in 1983
- doesn't think there's any potential for an older historical industrial site here
- demolition would not have an adverse affect from the neighborhood's historic character and integrity

Mr. Magner:

- read a letter dated Jan 3, 2012 from the District 6 Planning Council re: 315 Larch, in which District 6 agrees that the entire property is a hazard and is completely unsafe for use. In the past 2 years, little progress has been made by the owner to correct deficiencies. District 6 Planning Council has a vacant building committee that is part of the Land Use Task Force which deals with these issues surrounding vacant building. District 6 Planning Council recommends the removal of this structure or all of the debris that makes up the totality of the structure and recommends the owner erect a true building with a roof, walls and floor; go through the site plan approval process with licensed conditions and under no circumstances, is there to be any outside storage. (the letter was written by Jeff Martens, Land Use Task Force Chair, Board of Directors Vice Chair)

Ms. Moermond:

- Mr. Norris had just asked a question about the Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection in the past providing some information about what needed to be repaired and how that is different from what's being asked now, like totally repairing them or demo

Mr. Norris:

- his dad is sick with pneumonia; Mr. Duggans is not available
- 90% of the initial list of deficiencies from Inspector Neis is done
- he has been waiting for Inspector Neis to tell him where he'd like the extra egress in the outer wall (Insp Neis said that wasn't his job); Mr. Norris thinks it should be Insp Neis' job because he will be the one inspecting it
- he wants to get this resolved
- he knows there has been multiple hundreds of tons of steel removed from the site and multiple dumpsters of trash gone
- to say that nothing's been done in the last couple of years is ludicrous
- before Vacant Buildings got involved, most of the 29 items on the deficiency list had been taken care of but it seems that no one cares - no one looked at the list; it's not true that nothing's been done
- hundreds of hours have gone into working on this and hundreds of hours have been spent trying to communicate with Inspector Neis and others without getting any clear answers
- the list of stuff that Mr. Magner has is mostly a continuation of the stuff that Inspector Neis had listed, most of which had been completed; and Mr. Magner added the storage tanks and containers (why weren't the completed items taken off the list?)
- will be able to recycle much of what's on the site (95% is metal)
- doesn't understand why there's a problem with the semi-trailers; some have been there for 20+ years; semi-trailers are seen next to buildings at many sites

Mr. Hedlund:

- testified that on Christmas Eve, the main breaker switch blew in his house and if it wasn't for this company, he would have incurred several thousand dollars in repairing a panel that was 30 years old and considered obsolete. Money is hard to come by right now and these guys saved him a lot of money because they stockpile a large amount of old electrical things; they salvage. The place was a foundry and these guys took it over and made the best that they could out of it. At no time, did he feel that it was out of character from the surrounding area being next to the railroad tracks. There are many similar metal clad bldgs in the area. These guys work very hard to keep their business going and he doesn't know why the city wants to put businesses out of business. Suggested that some architectural students from the University come to take a look to see what they can do with it. These places are not pretty but they are necessary. These guys are a credit to the community; maybe they just need to update the site or maybe they need a website. The business is a valuable commodity because thousands of people in the U.S. are having the same kind of electrical problems that he is. To be able to buy these old parts is a great asset. They saved him a lot of money just by having the part he needed and they knew right where it was. He thinks the city should work with these guys.
- the buildings at this site are not any different from the other warehouse buildings up and down that street, except for the one on the corner

Mr. Magner:

- the Certificate of Occupancy was Revoked on these buildings and the site is Condemned as well
- Basically, Fire Prevention is saying this is a site that has 4 metal walls and within that site there are these structures and coming off those structures (2 metal clad warehouses), the owners have erected continuous roof structures over most of the site; they've taken 4 metal walls and two buildings and expanded it to cover the whole site made up of primarily, racking and other materials to cover it
- he understands that the owners have been doing things but the last time he met with John Norris out at the site, he suggested that the way to try to resolve this is to completely clear out the site, short of the metal buildings, and then obtain the services of a structural engineer as required by the Condemnation to identify what is there, what can stay there and what needs to be repaired in order to stay in place. Most

of these structures are just sitting on the ground; there's no footings; they weren't built under permit; the space has just expanded and expanded. (Mr. Norris: explained that most of the tanks and small structures were just picked up and set there; they weren't built. The tanks have never been an issue until this last year with Inspector Neis; for the past 20 years, nothing has been said about semi-trailers, storage tanks, etc., until the letter from Mr. Magner sent just recently. He doesn't understand how they can even be considered a nuisance. He looked up nuisance and it said that 60% of the neighborhood must agree that it's a nuisance, and none of the neighbors think that it's any sort of a nuisance.)

- they are using 6 semi-trucks, also*
- the problem with this site is that there is so much*
- every non-owner occupied structure in the city needs a Certificate of Occupancy; and as part of that program, Fire Prevention enforces two codes: 1) St. Paul Legislative Code Chapter 34; and 2) the state adopted Fire Code (referenced in Order as either SPLC34 or MSFC. As they go through these properties, they make a determination based on their training and expertise in interpreting the code violations. Mr. Neis found multiple violations and they constitute the first noted issue, the Condemnation. Once the property is Condemned and declared to be unsafe or dangerous, the other divisions of DSI take over, i.e., his division - Vacant Buildings*
- this process today is about the city ordinance, Chap 45, where DSI is declaring the building(s) to be a nuisance because of the violations that have been noted*
- short of removing all of the exterior storage and getting a structural engineer in there to make a determination, he doesn't know how else the issues would be resolved because as they walked through there were numerous areas where there were piles of things that people could either climb on or tip over; there were areas where after you got in, you couldn't get out; animals are coming and going constantly from the site*
- it's a situation where the site needs to get cleaned out and then, re-assembly can begin*
- until the city has something to work from, he doesn't know that city staff can provide any more assistance; there is nothing new to go on*
- the site hasn't been cleaned out and the structural engineer's report hasn't been submitted*
- the Order to Abate time frame has come and gone; subsequently, this has been scheduled for public hearings*
- in his opinion, the situation is the same as it was 2 years ago*
- the hearing officer will make the recommendation and that recommendation will be forwarded to City Council, which will make the final decision*

Ms. Moermond:

- explained that at this time, Inspector Neis is out of it; he created the initial list of things that needed to be done and the Appellant did a lot of that work; however, he didn't do all of it; and at the same time on a separate track, the city declared this to be a nuisance structure and arguably, a dangerous structure, as well. Mr. Magner means that nothing's been done since he declared it a nuisance on Oct 21, 2011*
- in her opinion, this is similar case to a gutted building where it will be asked for a complete plan to come forward (we are going off a plan for the re-construction of that site); a plan to repair the existing buildings or replacing what is there*
- noted that the letter from Jeff Martens is missing a lot of letters; she asked Ms. Antrim for a fresh copy*
- also noted that she is not seeing that the committee actually voted on it at a meeting or how this relates to the District Council as a whole*

Ms. Antrim:

- 4-5 years ago, Dist 6 was designated as an Invest Saint Paul neighborhood and because there was a large number of vacant buildings, they formed a vacant building*

committee that dealt with the vacant buildings so they were not put on a public meeting agenda because it has been over 2 years. It was on an agenda over 2 years ago. After an item goes to the vacant building committee, it went to the Land Use committee, which ratifies the recommendation that the vacant bldg committee comes up with (Land Use is autonomous from the Dist 6 board of directors). The Land Use Cte made a recommendation 2 years ago and another one recently. The recommendation was an attempt to get the site cleaned up and have it contained within walls, and that is still what Dist 6 would like to see.

- the board of directors meets the first Mon of the month; Land Use Task Force meets the 4th Tue of this month

- this would go to Land Use Task Force

- from the outside this building looks pretty much like the others do along the street - it's a corrugated steel building in an industrial site

- Dist 6 would like to see everything moved out, have it evaluated, put a floor in and then, put everything back, organized

- Mr. Norris, Sr, has been at their small area plan meetings and has been very instrumental and helpful in a lot of things - very easy to work with

- in the end, Dist 6 would like to see a structural with a floor and walls, maybe big bay doors to get in and out

- Dist 6 agrees that there is a need for this business and is not trying to shut down the business; they just want it cleaned-up and organized

- re: storage trailers, because of the small area plan, they are working with Larry Zangs on the whole area and the large number of storage trailers is being discussed; the plan is to keep as much industry as possible but the standards will be upgraded

- she will have the Land Use Task Force vote on this issue

Ms. Moermond:

- need to see a plan with a timeline to get things done, probably 6 months

- need to go thru site plan review (Mr. Magner suggested); Larry Zangs, DSI, will be the contact person; he can identify what may be required

- Appellant has a choice: he can clean the site by way of removing these things from the site, the structures and items there or he can go thru a process where the site gets cleaned-up, the buildings get checked to make sure they are sound and stable and located correctly on the parcel because it looks as though they weren't constructed under permit

- the whole site needs to get looked at together

- thinks it would require that they have a several stage process which will require significant work with city staff

- in 2 weeks, she would like to get Larry Zangs ideas and expectations on this project
- will need to continue the legislative hearing to Jan 24, 2012 (at City Council public hearing Feb 1, 2012)

- wants to see a fresh letter for Dist 6 (needed a week before CCPH)

- also thinks that if it's a representation of the neighborhood's position, then, it should be from the elected body for the neighborhood rather than a non-elected body

- wants Appellant to figure out how the buildings would be emptied, etc., and taken care of in 6 months

- Appellant should talk with Larry Zangs within the next 2 weeks; contact information will be contained in Mai Vang's letter

- if rehabilitation is decided, the \$5,000 performance deposit must be posted before Feb 1, 2012 (returned upon completion of project)

- Mr. Zangs will be present at the legislative hearing Jan 24, 2012

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 1/24/2012

8 **RLH RR 11-99**

Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 872 SELBY AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the February 1, 2012, City Council Public Hearing.

Sponsors: Carter III

The following must be submitted by January 27: 1) a code compliance inspection report; and 2) the \$5,000 performance bond must be posted. Also, if owner or his son can get the loan or money to rehabilitate the building, Ms. Moermond will layover at Council on Feb 1 to continue the public hearing to February 14.

RE: 872 Selby Ave (single-family)

James Logan, owner, appeared.

Mr. Logan:

- the house has been rehabbed for his son and family*
- he hasn't wanted anyone else to move into it because every time he's rented out his houses, the tenants tear them up*
- he has paid everything regarding it*

Steve Magner, Vacant Buildings:

- 2-story wood frame single family dwelling on a lot of 9,148 sq ft*
- been vacant since Nov 1, 1989*
- current property owner James A. Logan and Lora Etta Logan per Ramsey County*
- Oct 14, 2011, inspection of building conducted; list of deficiencies which constitute a nuisance condition was developed; photos taken*
- Order to Abate Nuisance Building posted Oct 21, 2011; compliance date Nov 21, 2011*
- as of this date, property remains in a condition which comprises a nuisance as defined by the legislative code*
- estimated market value \$20,400 on land; \$36,200 on building*
- real estate taxes delinquent for 2011 in amount of \$6,083.16 plus penalty and interest (Mr. Logan says he paid the taxes)*
- vacant building fees paid by assessment Dec 2, 2011*
- code compliance inspection has not been done; \$5,000 performance deposit has not been posted*
- 10 Summary Abatements since 2001*
- 6 Work Orders for: garbage/rubbish; grass/weeds; snow/ice*
- estimated cost to repair exceeds \$50,000; estimated cost to demolish exceeds \$12,000*
- at one time, the house was probably between 75%-80% done; haven't gotten further with the property*
- he was in the house with Mr. Logan in the mid-90s*
- the roof is buckled and there are painting issues now; no on-going maintenance and repairs to the property over the last 20 some years*
- there have been complaints from the neighborhood*

Amy Spong, Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC):

- has photos from Oct 2011*
- 1913 1 1/2 story bungalow*
- sanborn maps: area has high context (neighborhood commercial node with retail interspersed with residential buildings)*
- this area is just outside Summit Hill Preservation District*
- last surveyed 1983; this house was not inventoried*
- sanborn maps indicate it was built as a single family house (now, it looks like it has 2 front doors)*
- integrity of property ranges from fair to good*
- all windows have been altered, modernized*

- original siding is still exposed
- front porch is still open
- the columns and contour block posts are still in tact
- the railings have been changed but there are open rafter tails
- non of the soffits have been wrapped
- there's a little finial detail so, there's a lot still present
- there is an area in the Comp Plan, perhaps "the transportation" chapter, where transportation corridors are discussed: "removing properties for vacant lots to expand retail uses next door is discouraged"

Mr. Logan:

- he bought it as a duplex but he turned it back to single-family
- he had gutted the house and put new materials in
- at that time, inspectors would not allow you to board the windows to save them from being vandalized; finally, they changed it so he could put boards on the windows
- the entire interior was wrecked from tenants many times, so he decided to not rent it but he would keep it up (it was cheaper to keep it vacant)
- his son had planned to move in this year but Mr. Logan's parents got sick and so he made many trips to Mississippi
- he was going to put the house in his son's name so that his son could get the loan to do what they wanted to fix in the house but now, you can't transfer the name until it's all fixed up
- prior to going down south, he got all the contractors in place to re-do the plumbing and the electricity and heating (the last renters took the furnace and all the copper and everything)
- it will take just a couple of months to finish but he doesn't want to put in the copper until just before they are ready to move in or the copper might be stolen again
- said he did not get his last performance deposit back and the work was done (Mr. Magner said that was because the Code Compliance Certificate wasn't issued by Don Wagner; he apparently didn't agree that everything was done; the \$2,000 performance deposit was forfeited Oct 23, 2000)
- the electric was OK; the plumbing was OK; the heating was OK (the contractors had to get it OK'd thru the city; Mr. Logan couldn't do that)

Mr. Magner:

- water utility permit was closed without a final inspection; plumbing was finalized; electrical was expired, never finalized; mechanical was closed without approval; building permit wasn't finalized

Ms. Moermond:

- the building inspector (probably Jim Seeger) should be the last person to inspect before you get your deposit back
- if you get the sign-offs, you should get your money back
- has conditions to put on this so that it gets done; doesn't want to see it demolished; there needs to be an end game
- need a code compliance inspection ordered (\$456); punch list to work from before place can be re-occupied
- need to post \$5,000 performance deposit
- need a work plan
- need to know Appellant has money to complete the project
- will go to City Council public hearing Feb 1, 2012
- she will be happy to ask the Council for more time if Appellant has done the following by Friday, Jan 27, 2012: 1) posted the \$5,000 performance deposit; and 2) ordered the Code Compliance Inspection
- will be scheduled at legislative hearing Feb 14, 2012
- Mr. Logan will receive a letter from Mai Vang to confirm today's conversation

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

- 9 **RLH OA 12-5** Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of James J Marazzo for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 1072 CHARLES AVENUE.
- Sponsors:** Carter III
- Grant the repurchase of the property.*
- RE: 1072 Charles Ave (single family)*
- No one appeared.*
- Steve Magner, Vacant Buildings:*
- most recently had a snow and walk violation on Dec 6, 2011- no Work Order
 - Nov 8, 2011 - complaint: caller alleges drug dealing at the house; hoarding conditions
 - Dec 2010 snow/walk
 - last Work Order one Sep 2009
 - prior to Sep 2009: tall grass/weeds
 - James Marazzo wants to re-purchase the property; his mother, Virginia Yould, gave it to James
 - Nov 2011 - the Department of Safety and Inspections investigated and spoke with Kris Kujala, Trust and Tax Exempt, Ramsey County, who said that she's been working with the owner and is familiar with the code violation and that she is addressing this issue at this time.
- Ms. Moermond:*
- not a single police call on record
 - will recommend allowing the re-purchase of the property

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

- 10 **RLH OA 12-6** Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of August and Carol Kuhlmann for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 1368 HEWITT AVENUE
- Sponsors:** Stark
- Grant the repurchase of the property.*
- RE: 1368 Hewitt Ave (single family)*
- No one appeared.*
- Steve Magner, Vacant Buildings:*
- Carol and August Kuhlmann
 - assumed that mortgage holder was supposed to be paying the taxes and they weren't
 - there's a welfare check from Jul 2011; a burglary in 2009
 - theft of a bicycle in 2008; investigate juvenile in 2008
 - disturbance and suspicious activity in 2006; graffiti in 2006
 - burning garbage and electrical materials in back yard Feb 2011
 - permits in 2002
 - have one complaint
 - the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) would have no objections to

re-purchase

Ms. Moermond:

- *these people are not generating problems*
- *will recommend the re-purchase be granted*

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

11 **RLH OA 12-7**

Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Manoj Moorjani, on behalf of MBC, Inc, for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 1031 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Lantry

Deny the repurchase of the property.

RE: 1031 Minnehaha Ave E (single family)

No one appeared.

Steve Magner, Vacant Buildings:

- *there is a substantial call history on this property*
- *currently, a vacant building due to a shut-off*
- *had to board it*
- *there's been a lot of Summary Abatements over the last year*
- *14 Work Orders since 2010 for: boarding/securing; snow/ice; garbage/rubbish*

Ms. Moermond:

- *also a large number of police calls for fights and disturbances*
- *will recommend the City Council deny the repurchase of this property*

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

12 **RLH OA 12-4**

Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Susan Strombeck for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 647 YORK AVENUE.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Deny the repurchase of the property.

RE: 647 York Ave (single family)

No one appeared.

Steve Magner, Vacant Buildings:

- *the property has been in legislative hearing for an Order to Abate*
- *subsequently, a grant of time was given*
- *owners have never obtained a Code Compliance Certificate or a Certificate of Occupancy*
- *doesn't know if Ms. Strombeck has any intention of complying with the city's orders*
- *has been vacant since Jan 2004*

Ms. Moermond:

- *this property continues to be a nuisance and dangerous structure (has been for 8 years)*
- *will recommend the City Council deny the repurchase of this property*

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

13 [SR 11-103](#) Reviewing progress of rehabilitation for 554 CHARLES AVENUE.

Sponsors: Carter III

Owner has 30 days to finish the rehabilitation.

RE: 554 Charles Ave (single family)

No one appeared.

Steve Magner, Vacant Buildings:

- read letter sent by Mai Vang after Nov 22, 2011 legislative hearing*
- permit record was reviewed and found that Appellant does not have 50% of the rehab completed*
- stated that the matter would be laid over for 30 days for additional progress*
- if there is no further progress, the matter will re-scheduled for legislative hearing Tue Jan 10, 2012*
- file shows a building permit was pulled Jan 5, 2012 (active and issued); a mechanical permit Dec 30, 2011 (active and issued); an electrical permit Jan 27, 2011 (active and issued)*
- Norsatt Test filed Dec 2, 2011 for the mechanical*
- no other inspections at this time*

Ms. Moermond:

- checked work plan, dated Sep 7, 2011 timeline and noted that Appellant is way off*
- 120 days had been granted (has one more month)*
- will send him a 2nd warning letter, telling him he has 30 days to finish*

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 2/14/2012

11:00 a.m. Hearings

Summary Abatement Orders (None)

Orders To Vacate, Condemnations and Revocations

14 [RLH FCO 12-36](#) Appeal of Colleen Link to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Re-Inspection With Deficiencies (Condemnation Unit 5) at 1023 GRAND AVENUE.

Sponsors: Thune

Laid over to check on progress of reducing the materials to 50%. If making good progress, will grant additional three weeks to come into compliance.

RE: 1023 Grand Ave, Unit 5 (apartments)

Colleen Link, occupant, appeared.

Fire Inspector Leanna Shaff:

- Fire Certificate of Occupancy inspection originally conducted by Inspector Rick Gavin*
- Jan 5, 2012, Ms. Shaff accompanied Inspector Gavin to the unit after he had shown her some pictures from approximately 3 weeks earlier*
- it was kind of a mess; there's a lot of stuff going on; it's hard to get through*

- Ms. Link and she have spent a lot of time talking last week
- Ms. Shaff took a look at the unit yesterday; it's not close to perfect but Ms. Link has made a dent, which is very encouraging
- progress had also been made since the original inspection and Jan 5, 2012
- Ms. Link has also engaged the help of Erica Minor, House Calls
- Ms. Shaff is encouraged and believes that if there is a work plan and some time to work on it, this can get taken care of
- no photos from yesterday but between 25%-30% of the clutter in the living room has been cleaned out
- still a long way to go but Ms. Link is taking a lot of initiative
- she put a short vacate date on this because it should have been condemned from the beginning and she wanted to get the clean-up started

Ms. Moermond:

- looking through the photos, she saw a lot of clutter as well as some dirty conditions

Ms. Link:

- expressed that Ms. Shaff had given her more encouragement and help in the past 4 days than anyone else she had been working with
- her full time job is trying to get healthy
- the work she has done there since last Thu has been liberating
- food had been her drug of choice for 47 years; she had used food to survive, emotionally; the clutter keeps her from falling apart, even though she hates it
- she has been taking pain pills to keep working at cleaning
- she thinks she has done more than a third; and it feels so good to be in that open area even though it's not all done
- because of Ms. Shaff, she is finally getting the help she has been asking for for years
- she has been working in the other rooms as well as the living room

Ms. Moermond:

- imagines that getting things clean and organized will be huge toward improving Ms. Links' health
- thinks Ms. Link will have a good experience with the House Calls Program
- thinks there are some support groups that Ms. Link could get ideas, support and help from
- we need a work plan
- some things need to be organized and removed and some dirty things need to be cleaned or thrown away

Ms. Shaff:

- Erica was there yesterday dropping off some cleaning supplies
- Erica has some things in place to help clean, dispose and donate items
- Ms. Link needs some time granted to move forward with this process

Ms. Moermond:

- the overall goal here is to reduce storage in the unit by 75%
- probably will take 4 - 6 weeks to work on this
- will lay this over for 3 weeks to see how progress is going and if there is good progress, she will extend for another 3 weeks to finish up the job
- in 3 weeks time, she would like to see the volume reduced by half
- scheduled legislative hearing Feb 7, 2012; at that time, we'll make sure that Ms. Link still has the resources she needs

Laid over to the 2/7/2012 Legislative Hearings

1:30 p.m. Hearings**Window Variances: Hearing Required**

- 15 **RLH FOW 12-11** Appeal of Abera Mulugeta to a Code Compliance Report at 1026 FREMONT AVENUE.

Sponsors: Lantry

Deny the appeal and grant an extension for 90 days.

RE: 1026 Fremont Ave (duplex)

Abera Mulugeta appeared.

Ms. Moermond:

- code compliance inspection*
- appealing two 2nd floor bedroom windows 25 x 15 inch clear opening (does not meet egress)*
- requirement is the opening be at least 24h x 20w*
- the 15 inches is too short whether it's the height or the width*
- looks as though Mr. Mulugeta will need to replace one window in each bedroom*
- will deny the appeal and grant an extension for 90 days to come into compliance*

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

- 16 **RLH FOW 11-239** Appeal of Robert Hartnett to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies at 1037 JUNO AVENUE.

Sponsors: Thune

Forthcoming. Need to consult with HPC.

On January 11, 2012, Ms. Vang contacted Ms. Boulware and she indicated that the property owners had not contacted her to address the windows to meet HPC requirement. Ms. Moermond further reviewed the file and recommends denying the appeal.

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

- 17 **RLH FOW 12-24** Appeal of Ellen Marty to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1812 SEVENTH STREET EAST.

Sponsors: Lantry

Grant a 2-inch variance on the openable height of the egress window in the northeast side bedroom and deny the appeal and grant an extension for 90 days for the egress window in the attic bedroom to come into compliance.

RE: 1812 7th St E (single family)

Ellen Marty, owner, appeared.

Fire Inspector Mike Urmann:

- a set of double hung windows 2nd floor east - 22h x 16.25w*

- 2nd floor south - 22h x 16.25w

(Urmann's report differs from the list and from what MM is saying on tape)

- double hung windows 15h x 23 w
- glazed area 4.4

Ms. Moermond:

- will grant a variance on the openable height of the egress window in the northeast bedroom 22h x 29w
- the 2nd floor windows will not work
- will deny the appeal and grant an extension for 90 days for the egress window in the attic bedroom

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

Fire Certificates of Occupancy

- 18 **RLH FCO 12-14** Appeal of Dawn Kennedy to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 637 GOTZIAN STREET.
- Sponsors:** Lantry
- Deny the appeal and grant an extension for 4 months for the upper floor west bedroom egress window to come into compliance on the condition that beddings are removed from the room.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**
- 19 **RLH FCO 12-11** Appeal of Joseph Perkovich to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 286 SIDNEY STREET EAST.
- Sponsors:** Thune
- Deny the appeal and grant an extension to March 1, 2012 for re-inspection date and all items to come into compliance.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**
- 20 **RLH FCO 12-17** Appeal of Wally Nelson, on behalf of Sass Inc., to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1016 MCLEAN AVENUE.
- Sponsors:** Lantry
- Grant the appeal on the driveway.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**
- 21 **RLH FCO 12-25** Appeal of Greg Pavlick to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies at 694 GRAND AVENUE.
- Sponsors:** Thune
- No show; deny the appeal.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**

- 22 **RLH FCO 12-9** Appeal of Steven J. Semple, Hoovers Pub, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Correction Notice at 755 JACKSON STREET.
- Sponsors: Helgen
- Laid over to get square footage load from Inspector Skow-Fiske.*
- On January 12, 2012, Inspector Skow-Fiske contacted Ms. Vang and indicated that she won't be able to get an inspection by Jan 17; therefore, the hearing is rescheduled to January 24.*
- Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 1/24/2012**
- 23 **RLH FCO 12-22** Appeal of Susan Costanzo to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1809 MARSHALL AVENUE.
- Sponsors: Stark
- Rescheduled at owner's request.*
- Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 1/24/2012**
- 24 **RLH FCO 12-31** Appeal of Terrence L. Eggum to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1726 FIFTH STREET EAST.
- Sponsors: Lantry
- No show; however, Ms. Moermond granted a 7-inch variance on the openable height of the egress window in the attic bedroom, grant a 1-inch variance on the openable height of the egress window in the main floor bedroom, and deny the appeal on the carbon monoxide issue.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**
- 25 **RLH FCO 12-32** Appeal of Jacob I. Prettyman to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 645 GRAND AVENUE.
- Sponsors: Thune
- Deny the appeal and grant an extension to June 1, 2012 for compliance on the garage issue.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**

2:30 p.m. Hearings

Vacant Building Registrations

- 26 **RLH VBR 12-2** Appeal of Dana Maendel to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 794 HYACINTH AVENUE EAST.
- Sponsors: Bostrom
- Withdrawn by dept. Owner was given extension by inspector.*
- Withdrawn**

- 27 **RLH OA 11-30** Appeal of Ron Staeheli to a Code Compliance Report at 633 PALACE AVENUE.
- Sponsors:** Thune
- Deny the appeal except for the items specified in the legislative hearing officer's letter dated January 11, 2012 attached to Legistar.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**

3:30 p.m. Hearings

- 28 **RLH SAO 12-1** Appeal of Kathleen Henderson to a Summary Abatement Order at 1504 SAINT ALBANS STREET NORTH.
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Grant the appeal on the trailer as long as owner clear out the brushes and debris.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**

Staff Reports (None)

Window Variances: No Hearing Necessary

- 29 **RLH FOW 12-2** Appeal of Tony Swanson, Saint Paul Public Housing Agency, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Correction Notice at 1058 BRADLEY STREET.
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- No hearing necessary; grant a 3.5-inch variance on the openable height of the egress window in the 2nd floor bedroom.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**
- 30 **RLH FOW 12-22** Appeal of Joan Bassing and Kelly Connor to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1241 BRADLEY STREET.
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- No hearing necessary; grant a 1-inch variance on the openable height of the egress window in the basement bedroom.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**
- 31 **RLH FOW 12-16** Appeal of Nathan Biggar to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Correction Notice at 1133 LANE PLACE.
- Sponsors:** Bostrom
- No hearing necessary; grant a 2-inch variance on the openable width of the egress window in the 2nd floor west bedroom.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**

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- 32 **RLH FCO 12-33** Appeal of Scit Housing Corporation/Chad Kulas to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 2054 LAUREL AVENUE.
- Sponsors:** Stark
- No hearing necessary; grant a variance on the ceiling height issue in the 3rd floor, first bedroom.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**
- 33 **RLH FOW 12-18** Appeal of Michele F. Collins to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Correction Notice at 2257 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE.
- Sponsors:** Stark
- No hearing necessary; grant variances on the openable height of the egress windows in second floor east and west, master, and third floor bedrooms.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**
- 34 **RLH FCO 12-29** Appeal of Mark Syrstad to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1058 FIFTH STREET EAST.
- Sponsors:** Lantry
- Grant a 2-inch variance on the openable height of the egress window in the main floor east bedroom and grant a 4-inch variance on the openable height of the egress window in the southwest bedroom. Note: Inspector Spiering was not able to measure the northwest bedroom and may need to do so in order to get a variance.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**
- 35 **RLH FOW 12-1** Appeal of Tony Swanson, Saint Paul Public Housing Agency, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Correction Notice at 1852 LACROSSE AVENUE.
- Sponsors:** Bostrom
- No hearing necessary; grant a 5-inch variance on the openable height of the egress window in all bedrooms.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**
- 36 **RLH FOW 12-20** Appeal of Andy Wilhoit to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 202 OTIS AVENUE.
- Sponsors:** Stark
- No hearing necessary; grant variances on the openable height of the egress windows in Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012**
- 37 **RLH FOW 12-21** Appeal of Andy Wilhoit to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 210 OTIS AVENUE.
- Sponsors:** Stark
- No hearing necessary; grant variances on the openable height of the egress windows in Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.*
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Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

- 38 **RLH FOW 12-19** Appeal of Andy Wilhoit to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 216 OTIS AVENUE.

Sponsors: Stark

No hearing necessary; grant variances on the openable height of the egress windows in Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. For Unit 7, she grants a 7-inch variance in minimum sill height if standard size step is installed, and permanently affixed to the wall, for the full length of the window.

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

- 39 **RLH FOW 12-4** Appeal of Kristen Gay to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Correction Notice at 1004 GRAND AVENUE.

Sponsors: Thune

No hearing necessary; grant variances on the openable height of the egress windows in Unit 1, north and south bedroom, Unit 1, north bedroom, Unit 3, north bedroom and Unit 4 south bedroom.

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012

- 40 **RLH FOW 12-17** Appeal of Donald Eldred to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies at 441 WHEELER STREET NORTH.

Sponsors: Stark

No hearing necessary; grant variances on the openable height of the egress windows in 441 rear bedroom, 441 ½ bedroom and Unit 2 bedroom.

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/1/2012