



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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CITY CLERK

We need the following to process your appeal:

- \$25 filing fee payable to the City of Saint Paul (if cash: receipt number _____)
 - Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed
 - Attachments you may wish to include
 - This appeal form completed
 - Walk-In OR Mail-In
- for abatement orders only: Email OR Fax

HEARING DATE & TIME

(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

Time 11:00 AM

Location of Hearing:

Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1029 VanSlyke Ave City: St Paul State: MN Zip: 55103

Appellant/Applicant: Kristine Anderson Email _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence 651 488 9407 Cell _____

Signature: Kristine Anderson Date: 18 Aug 2014

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell _____

What Is Being Appealed and Why?

Attachments Are Acceptable

- Vacate Order/Condemnation/Revocation of Fire C of O
- Summary/Vehicle Abatement
- Fire C of O Deficiency List
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- Vacant Building Registration
- Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)

Summary Abatement order 14-316136

1029 Van Slyke Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55103
Ph: 651-488-9407

Re: Application for Appeal to Summary Abatement Order 14-316136

310 City Hall
15 W. Kellogg Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55102
Ph: 651-266-8585

18 August 2014

To whom it may concern, in response to Summary Abatement Order 14-316136 regarding the address above.

The boulevard planting is not weeds, as reported, but consists of native Minnesota wildflowers including cup plants, compass plants, maximilian sunflowers, and prairie dock which we purchased from a local plant nursery. The mix is similar to what the city recently installed on the boulevard in the curve of Lexington Parkway at the north end of Como Lake.

The native plants are hardy in the poor dry soil on the boulevard. The plants are drought resistant and do not require supplemental watering, preventing run off to the sewers in Lake Como which mailings from the City have asked us to minimize. The plants provide food and habitat for wildlife including butterflies and goldfinches.

The plants do not obstruct the sidewalk. See the attached picture. It is only for a few months in late summer and early fall that they are tall, and this is when the plants flower and are at their most beautiful. **The street is scheduled for a complete renovation in 2015. The boulevard will be completely replaced and the plants will be removed permanently.** We cut the plants back to the ground every fall after the first frost.

We receive compliments from many passers by. In the past this planting has been nominated for a "Blooming Boulevards" award.

There is a strong precedence for boulevard plantings around St. Paul, many of which exceed three feet in height and do not pose any inconvenience. See attached pictures.

We appeal this abatement in light of these facts. The plants are not obstructing the sidewalk, and do not pose any safety hazard. We ask for one last season to let the flowers bloom, go to seed, and watch the goldfinches come to feed.



Kristine Anderson



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS
DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

August 14, 2014

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SUMMARY ABATEMENT ORDER

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- Yog hais tias koj hais tsis to taub tsab ntawv no, hu rau tus txhais lus ntawm (651) 266-8989. Nws yog pab dawb zwb.
 - Si necessita un traductor, por favor llamanos al (651)266-8989. No costo.

Kristine L Anderson
1029 Van Slyke Ave
St Paul MN 55103-1039

Occupant
1029 VAN SLYKE AVE
St. Paul, MN 55103-1039

As owner or person(s) responsible for: 1029 VAN SLYKE AVE you are hereby ordered to eliminate all nuisance conditions which are in violation of Chapter 45 of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

Boulevard plantings are over 36" and are growing over and obstructing the public sidewalk. See enclosed. Please trim boulevard plantings to thirty-six inches and so sidewalk is clear full width

If you do not correct the nuisance or file an appeal before August 22, 2014, the City will correct the nuisance and charge all costs, including boarding costs, against the property as a special assessment to be collected in the same way as property taxes. Charges: If the City corrects the nuisance, the charges will include the cost of correction, inspection, travel time, equipment, etc. The rate will be approximately \$260.00 per hour plus expenses for abatement.

You must maintain the premises in a clean condition and provide proper and adequate refuse storage at all times

FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN A CRIMINAL CITATION

Issued by: Joel Essling Badge Number 322 Phone Number 651-266-1904

If you have any questions about this order, the requirements or the deadline, you should contact the Inspector listed above, Monday through Friday.

Appeals: You may appeal this order and obtain a hearing before the City Council by completing an appeal application with the City Clerk before the appeal deadline noted above or seven (7) days after the date mailed, whichever comes first. No appeals may be filed after that date. You may obtain an appeal application from the City Clerk's Office, Room 310, City Hall, St. Paul, MN 55102. The telephone number is (651) 266-8585. You must submit a copy of this Correction Order with your appeal application.

***WARNING** Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If the violations are not corrected within the time period required in this notice, the city's costs in conducting a reinspection after the due date for compliance will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. If additional new violations are discovered within the next following 12 months, the city's costs in conducting additional inspections at this same location within such 12 months will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. Any such future costs will be collected by assessment against the real property and are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.

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1029 Van Slyke Avenue, 16 Aug 2014



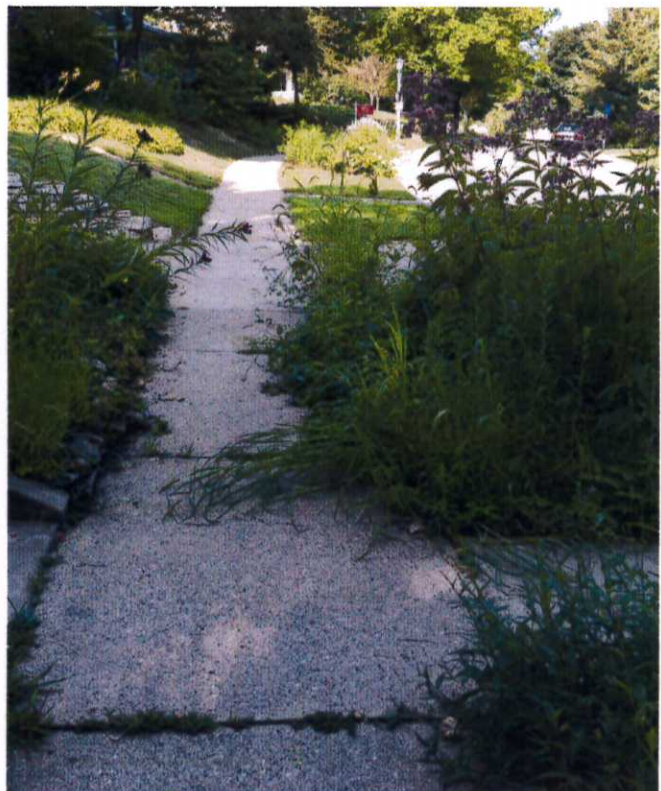
City garden on the boulevard at end of Van Slyke Avenue

The plants exceed 3 feet, use the bus bench as a scale, and clearly overhang the sidewalk.

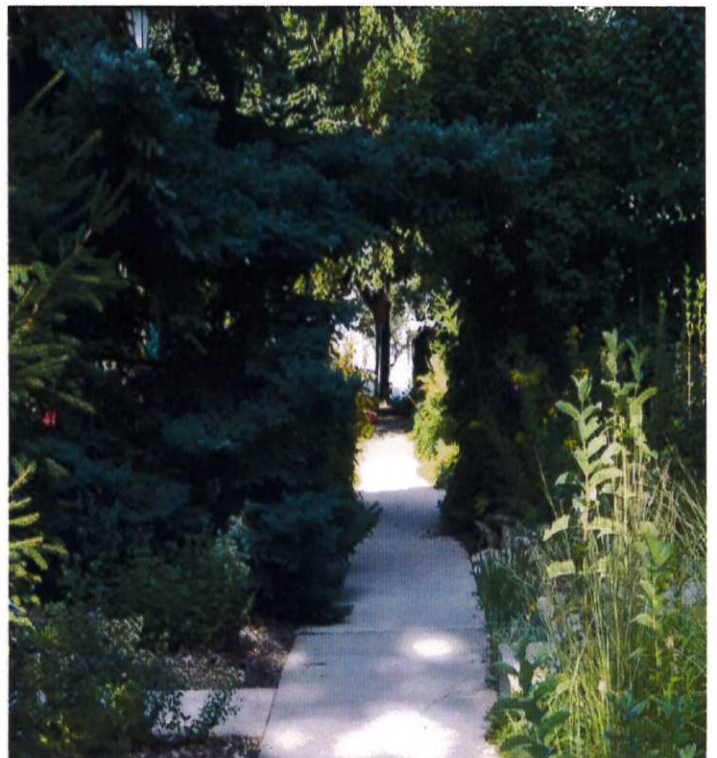


From one single block in St. Anthony Park

These pictures are from the first block I saw after opening the abatement order on the way to dinner 15 August 2014. This block is very typical of a St. Paul neighborhood.



More from the same block in St. Anthony Park



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