



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only - Draft

Legislative Hearings

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9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

- 5 RLH RR 11-24 Resolution ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1025 LAWSON AVE E within fifteen (15) days after the June 1, 2011, City Council Public Hearing.

Sponsors: Bostrom

No one appeared. Remove the building within 15 days with no option for repair.

RE: 1025 Lawson Avenue East.

Steve Magner, Vacant Buildings, Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) reported that this building is a two-story, wood frame single-family dwelling with a detached two-stall garage on a lot of 4,792 square feet. According to City files, it has been a vacant building since September 30, 2009. The current property owner is Bank of America per Ramsey County Property records. There have been eleven (11) Summary Abatement Notices since 2009 and eleven (11) Work Orders issued for:

- garbage/rebbish*
- tall grass/weeds*
- boarding/securing*
- exterior-remove tree limb from public sidewalk*

On January 25, 2010, an inspection of the building was conducted, a list of deficiencies which constitute a nuisance condition was developed and photographs were taken. An Order to Abate a Nuisance Building was posted on March 2, 2011 with a compliance date of April 4, 2011. As of this date, this property remains in a condition which comprises a nuisance as defined by the legislative code. The Vacant Building registration fees were paid by assessment on October 22, 2010. Taxation has placed an estimated market value of \$14,600 on the land and \$80,400 on the building. A Code Compliance Inspection was done on November 24, 2010. As of May 6, 2011, the \$5,000 performance deposit had not been posted. Real Estate taxes are current. Code Enforcement officers estimate the cost to repair this structure to exceed \$24,000; the cost to demolish exceeding \$12,000. DSI is seeking a resolution to remove the building within fifteen (15) days.

Amy Spong, Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC), Planning and Economic Development (PED), reported that this is a 1889 worker's cottage that sits up on a hill and there are several houses in a row that have retaining walls, including this one. This area has not been surveyed. The building fits with the era of surrounding buildings but demolition would not have an adverse effect. It has some integrity but no distinguishing characteristics.

Ms. Moermond will recommend the building be removed within fifteen (15) days with no option for rehabilitation.

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/1/2011