



City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 1352 GALTIER STREET for Project #: 1103T,
Assessment #: 119090 in Ward 5

..Property Address

1352 Galtier Street

Cost: \$692.55

Service Charge: \$111.39

Total Assessment: \$803.94

Gold Card Returned by: NA

Type of Order/Fee: Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree October, 2010

Nuisance: diseased tree

Date of Orders: July 7, 2010

Compliance Date: August 8, 2010

Re-Check Date: August 16, 2010

Date Work Done: October 18, 2010

Work Order #:

Returned Mail?:

Comments:

History of Orders on Property:

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Lay Over for four (4) months (May 17, 2011).

Mai Kao Yang and her son-in law, Her Thao appeared.

Tree removal

Inspector Karl Mueller reported that three (3) diseased trees at 1352 Galtier Street were marked on July 7, 2010: 1) 18"; 2) 4"; 3) 4". A re-check was due August 8, 2010 and made August 16, 2010. The trees were still standing. The contractor removed the trees October 18, 2010 at a cost of \$803.94. He entered two (2) photos. There also was an elm wood pile found on the property.

Mr. Thao explained that the trees were not on Ms. Yang's property. His father-in-law did not see any markings on their trees. The marked trees are on public or railroad property. A tree from the other side of the fence fell over to his inlaws' side and someone cut it up and pulled it away. No Notice was given to them.

Mr. Mueller stated that the tree was situated on an unimproved street or alley. The abutting property owner is responsible for any diseased trees that are on that property. Mr. Thao noted that they were told to leave the trees on the railroad side of the fence alone and the outer yard. His father-in-law cleaned up the brush around there once and the City sent a Notice to not touch anything on the other side of the fence.

Ms. Moermond asked staff to check Notices on this property.

Mr. Mueller stated that there would still be stumps.

Ms. Moermond will wait until spring to check this out. She recommended laying this matter over to May 17, 2011. This may be resolved without having a hearing.