

Joanna Zimny

To: Jack Harrington; Der Vue; Mai Vang
Subject: RE: 1771 Reaney Avenue – Northwestern Deck Post

From: Joanna Zimny
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 10:28 AM
To: Jack Harrington <Jack.Harrington@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Der Vue <Der.Vue@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Mai Vang <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Good morning,

This was the last update we'd received; as the Council voted April 9, it is up to Fire to decide whether the fix means it is compliance with the orders. Council gave a deadline to do the engineer's report, which they chose to fix in lieu of paying for that. It's up to your team to decide how to proceed if this isn't in compliance still.

WHEREAS, in the matter of the Appeal of Gary Blair to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint at 1771 REANEY AVENUE, the Legislative Hearing Officer has reviewed the appeal and considered the testimony of City staff and the appellant; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Hearing Officer recommends that the City Council grant to September 1, 2025 for compliance with the exception of the deadline for the northwestern-most post of the deck that will be based on recommendation from your engineer's report that is to be submitted no later than April 28, 2025; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council hereby accepts and adopts the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation in this matter.

Thanks!
Joanna

From: Jack Harrington <Jack.Harrington@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 9:39 AM
To: Joanna Zimny <joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Der Vue <Der.Vue@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Good morning,

I'm sorry for reaching out late and not responding to this more promptly. Did Gary reach out to get a variance or extension or ask for an appeal with the city council regarding this?

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From: Gary Blair <gary.carpetcourt@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 7:30:14 PM

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Think Before You Click: This email originated outside our organization.

We are writing regarding the deck located at 1771 Reaney Avenue, specifically concerning the northwestern post.

At the time of our meeting, the potential need for an engineering report was discussed; however, we were unaware of the exceedingly high cost associated with obtaining such a report. While we maintain that the post and its function were structurally safe, spending more on a report than on the post itself seemed impractical.

Upon learning that the cost of the report would substantially exceed the cost of simply addressing the post, we decided to proceed with correcting the post directly to avoid unnecessary expenses and further delays.

I've attached images of the corrective actions taken on the post.

We trust this resolution demonstrates our further commitment to both safety and practicality. Should you have any further questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,
Gary Blair

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