



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only - Draft

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Tuesday, April 19, 2011

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

23 ALH 11-489

Appeal of Emily Scholl to a Summary Abatement Order at 719 CHARLES AVENUE.

Sponsors: Carter III

Deny the appeal. Grant extension to Friday, April 29, 2011.

Emily Scholl, tenant, appeared.

(Christopher Hubbuch, owner)

Inspector Essling reported that this is a Summary Abatement Order for 719 Charles Avenue regarding the furniture in the rear of the property near the alley. The Summary Abatement was issued April 6, 2011 with a compliance date of April 15, 2011. Note: including removing a pile of wood, cloth furniture, mattresses, misc. refuse in the rear of the property. He assumes that the property owner will say that this is illegal dumping and he has no reason to doubt that it is but the City can't send a crew onto private property to clean up without charging. Photos were introduced.

Ms. Scholl said that their house is right next door to an empty lot and a rental house with two (2) units, which has had a lot of turnover with a lot of undesirable tenants in the past few years. When some of them moved out, they put a bunch of stuff on their front porch and put some furniture in the middle of the empty lot. Later, all of the stuff was pushed over onto their side of the property. People keep adding to the pile. Currently, there are four (4) love seats, two (2) mattresses, shelves, etc. None of it is theirs.

Mr. Essling added that the vacant lot's address is 723 Charles Avenue; a Work Order was issued yesterday to clean it. Ms. Moermond asked if the alley is a common dumping alley. Ms. Scholl said that it had been a problem in the past but she hasn't gotten a letter from the City before. A couple of times when people had left stuff there, she had gotten letters from her trash company (Waste Management) saying that they were going to charge an extra fee for picking up the furniture, which they hadn't left. The rental property has had a lot of problems.

Ms. Moermond viewed 725 Charles in STAMP, a brick house, which is probably the problem property here. Trikin Holdings LLC, Box 807, Hudson WI 54016-4855 owns it. 651-964-3812 x101. The Certificate of Occupancy responsible party: Michael Brennan, 112 South Victoria, Saint Paul MN 55105-3106. 651-227-1763. When there's dumping, she suggested that Ms. Scholl call these numbers and let them know that this has been a pattern of behavior from the tenants in the past and tell them to take care of it. If they fail to take responsibility, Ms. Moermond suggested

that Ms. Scholl get someone to haul the stuff away. If it were in the public alley, the City would come and pick it up. Mr. Essling thinks that the trash hauler would pick it up for about \$100 or at least, they would be cheaper than if the City does it. Also, she could haul it down to Viola (651-459-3029) at Como and Minnehaha; they'll take anything.

Ms. Moermond noticed that Ms. Scholl's fence stops mid-garage. Perhaps, if it were all the way back, it might help. A motion activated light may also help.

Ms. Moermond will recommend denying the appeal and grant an extension to Friday, April 29, 2011 to get it cleaned up. The inspector will come to check Monday, May 2, 2011.

Referred to the City Council due back on 5/4/2011