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Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 7:52 AM
To: Mary Gallagher
Cc: Assessments (CI-StPaul); Jorgensen, Zach (CI-StPaul); Moser, Lynn (CI-StPaul); Engelbrekt, Bruce (CI-StPaul)
Subject: RE: Griggs/Scheffer project

Mary,

Please find the responses to your questions regarding the Griggs/Scheffer Street construction project.

#1. I corresponded with the experts in our Real Estate Assessments group. The short answer to your question is that your assessment was adjusted for being on a corner. Your frontage is along Hartford is approximately 136 feet; for this assessment the frontage used was the shorter side of the property along Edgumbe which is 68 feet. The technical answer is as follows:

Please see page 6 of the attached SPS Program Policy that was approved on March 14, 2018 under RES 18-395. (To see the resolution visit <https://stpaul.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx> and search for 18-395 in the 2018 council year)

Exceptions 2 states for residential properties with multiple frontage that “If the project improves one of the abutting streets, the frontage used in the assessment calculation is the property’s short side. If the project improves two or more abutting streets, the frontage used in the assessment calculation is 50% of each side being improved”.

Exception 3 states “For residential properties 1-4 units with multiple street frontages, if a previous street reconstruction project improved one of the abutting streets and the property was assessed for that improvement, the property will not be assessed again under a later project that improves a different abutting street if the new assessment occurs within 20 years after approval of the previous assessment”.

For additional questions on the assessment process, please feel free to call the Assessment Office at 651-266-8858.

#2. The City Forestry representative, Zach Jorgensen 651-632-2437, is the right person to contact regarding your tree questions. There are a few elements that Zach and I will have to follow up on, as we do have utility work/road work that may negatively impact the trees adjacent your home.

#3. We have received the form for 1399 Edgumbe selecting option 1 (repair at the main). I confirmed you are on the list.

If you have any further questions, now or in the future, please call or email me (Chris Engelmann) with them. I will generally be able to answer the design and construction questions, or will help you connect with the right person for any other questions. Thank you!

Chris

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From: Mary Gallagher <mary_gallagher@icloud.com>
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Subject: Griggs/Scheffer project

Hello!

I am a resident at 1399 Edgcumbe Road and I have a couple of questions for the meeting on April 15th.

1. We live on a corner (Edgcumbe and Hartford). Is there any allowance made for residents who live on corners? Given that we live at the intersection of two streets, we would be potentially assessed for roadwork done on both - in our case, Edgcumbe and Hartford. As these are costly assessments (our estimate is more than \$9500 for the work on Hartford), this seems like a potentially unfair burden.
2. We have two emerald ash trees on our boulevard on Hartford. When the emerald ash were being cut down due to emerald ash borer, we arranged to have our trees treated by an arborist according to city instructions. We know that there is a chance that the trees will need to be cut down but we understand there is a chance they could be saved. Is there a way that we can register our interest in keeping the trees and/or connect with whomever is in charge of making these decisions?
3. We had our sewer line up to the connection point worked on as per your instructions in a letter sent out in late fall. We indicated that we wanted to pay for you to do the work at the connection point for a cost of about \$1800. How do we know that this request is registered? I don't think we've received any confirmation from you; the private sewer job by Paul Bunyan Plumbing was completed in January 2020.

Thank you for all of your work and for your communication.

Kind regards,
Mary Gallagher
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