

Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

From: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 1:02 PM
To: 'Ann Bennis'
Subject: RE: Property located at 702 Armstrong Ave. St Paul

Ms. Bennis,

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, reviewed the matter above on 4/17/18 and has recommended that the City Council approve the assessment. She looked at the photos and based on those photos, the house has peeling paint and is indeed needs to be scraped and painted; therefore, it needs to come into compliance. Ms. Moermond stated that there are programs to assist Ms. Huss. You may want to check into this program and see if they can assist her with the scraping and painting.

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/assistance-support/assistance/housing-services-support/housecalls>

If you wish to contest to Ms. Moermond's recommendation, you may attend the City Council Public Hearing on May 2, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 300 City Hall & Courthouse.



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From: Ann Bennis [mailto:annbennis11@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 2:21 PM
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Subject: Property located at 702 Armstrong Ave. St Paul

Hello Mai,

My name is Ann Bennis. I'm Gloria Huss's niece and I live in Eau Claire, Wi. In 2016 my husband and I randomly took Gloria for dinner when we were in St. Paul and found out that Gloria was on the verge of losing her home. She previously lost her job and could not afford to pay her taxes. She has lived at 702 Armstrong Ave. for 75 years. Since 2016 we've been paying her taxes and the confession of judgement which is against her property.

For quite a few years she has been receiving notices and fines from the city of St. Paul because she has "Defective, peeling paint on house exterior." She is very upset about this because 18 years ago a tornado destroyed parts of her home, and at that time the city put new windows on her home and a new porch. I believe this was an interest free loan with conditions attached that she would stay in her home for a certain period of time. I'm looking further into the details of this loan at this time.

About 3 years after the repairs were done by the city Gloria hired a local man to paint her house. She found out that the paint job did not hold up because the man never used primer first. She paid him \$1500.00 for the paint job. Since then he has moved out of the neighborhood and she doesn't remember his name.

My husband and I would like to have her home repainted or perhaps have it resided. Like I stated above we currently are paying her taxes and the confession of judgement costs. We have also replaced her worn out furniture, her broken TV and replaced her refrigerator when the old one stopped working. It is our goal to help Gloria fix up many things in her house, we do what we can do. I'm trying to get in touch with the PED office to understand the repair loan and it's terms and conditions, I'm waiting for Gloria's authorization to contact them on her behalf.

Gloria survives on her social security checks and food stamps. She has no bank accounts nor has she ever had a drivers license. She is now 83 years old and either takes the bus or walks to where she needs to be. Simply put, getting these notices causes her all kinds of anxiety. I'm asking the city of St. Paul if they could stop fining her and sending these notices to her. I appreciate your help with this matter.

Sincerely,
Ann Bennis (715)-579-9177