

Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

From: Martin, Lisa (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 8:09 AM
To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Subject: RE: Assessment #178523

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From: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 7:57 AM
To: Martin, Lisa (CI-StPaul) <lisa.martin@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Dannielle White <danniellewhite@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Assessment #178523

Ms. White,
I can rescheduled you for a Legislative Hearing since the public hearing is in September. Our next Legislative Hearing is Tuesday, August 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 330 City Hall & Courthouse. Please let me know if this date and time works for you.

Lisa,
The file is entered already so I will wait for Ms. White's response before changing the recommendation.

Mai Vang

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From: Martin, Lisa (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 7:23 AM
To: Dannielle White <danniellewhite@gmail.com>
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Subject: RE: Assessment #178523

Good Morning! In the letter you received it gave you the hearing date and the City Council Hearing which will be on 9-6-17. Your hearing was on 7-18-17 in which no-one appeared, therefore the assessment was approved. You may still attend the City Council Hearing on 9-6-17 to see if they would consider your request. If you need further information regarding the hearing you may contact 651-266-8688 which is the City Clerk's Office.

Thank you.

From: Dannielle White [<mailto:danniellewhite@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 6:56 PM
To: Seeley, Paula (CI-StPaul) <paula.seeley@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Martin, Lisa (CI-StPaul) <lisa.martin@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: Assessment #178523

Hello!

I am just following up on this e-mail that I sent last week. Could you please let me know how I can go about resolving this issue?

Thanks so much!
~Dannielle

On Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 12:43 PM, Dannielle White <danniellewhite@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Ms. Seeley and Ms. Martin,

I received your contact information from Nate Edwards (Park & Rec Services), and he suggested that I contact you. Dan Hessie had suggested I contact Nate Edwards. The biller had suggested I contact Dan Hessie (inspector).

I received an assessment (Assessment #178523) on 6/29/17 at my current address: 486 Carol Drive, Vadnais Heights about my property 1358 Farrington Street, St. Paul. It reports that the assessment is \$534 due to clean-up on the property from April 3-April 28, 2017.

I'm sure you are tired of the old excuse of not receiving the letter, but I really actually didn't receive the letter. When I received the assessment on 6/29/17, I called the phone number on the card, and I was routed to a biller. She reported that in her system my address was changed as of May 13, 2017 to my current address in Vadnais Heights (which is why the assessment was sent to the correct address), which she was alerted to the updated address because my mail no longer forwards from the post office, and it is instead returned to the sender.

The other tricky part of this situation is that I own 1358 Farrington Street (just the physical townhome---no land), and there was no clean-up done at that property. Perhaps the parcel of land (where clean up was done) is connected to my address because my address is closest to that property (I'm not sure). This parcel of land is owned by all 8 townhomes of the Farrington Townhome Association. This association is owner-led, and there is nobody else associated with running the association. In the past I was the president, but I have not held an office for at least 3 years (perhaps this is why it was mailed to me---I'm not sure).

We have a verbal agreement with local neighbors across the street that they are able to garden on our parcel of land as long as they maintain and keep clean the whole parcel of land. When I talked to Nate Edwards, he was part of the clean up. He suggested that he thought as the snow was melting it was uncovering all the trash that the snow plow had probably pushed onto our parcel of land (our parcel of land is at the end of a cul de sac). We have received letters in the past about this parcel, and we have cleaned up the property. As far as I recall, I don't think Parks & Rec has ever had to clean up our property. (It's such a strange parcel of land, as it is on both sides of the railroad tracks and includes space across the tracks that isn't really even close to our townhomes. There is a lot of foot traffic over this parcel of land with people crossing the railroad tracks and them leaving garbage everywhere. There are really no benefits to our association to own this land, so we are certainly open to figuring out a way to get rid of the parcel of land. If you have information on how to go about this, we would certainly be happy to have that info.) We did think we had a good system in place with the gardening agreement.

I am wondering how to go about resolving this issue. Ideally, it would be wonderful to be able to waive the assessment if possible. (We as a townhome association have a pattern of always keeping our property clean and always respond when we receive a letter). Our association does not have any excess money each month, and we try to do most of the labor requirements of our townhome ourselves. If we had received the notice to

clean up the parcel of land, we most certainly would have done so. If that is not a possibility without a hearing, is there a way that the assessment could be sent to the responsibility of the association versus just one owner. I am actually out of town on Tuesday, July 18th at 9am (when the legislative hearing would take place). In case that is a possibility, the contact information of our treasurer/secretary is Manuel Aviles, 1368 FARRINGTON STREET, ST. PAUL, MN 55117-4395, aviles_manny@yahoo.com. I decided not to include the president of the association's contact information, as she is currently battling brain cancer.

Thank you so much for reading this lengthy e-mail!

Have a nice day!
~Dannielle Fladten White