



# City of Saint Paul

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## Minutes - Final

### Legislative Hearings

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Room 330 City Hall & Court House

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Review Request for Extension of Additional Time for Appeal of Mario Sanchez Marquez to a Correction Order at 1275 FREMONT AVENUE.

**Sponsors:** Prince

*Mario Sanchez Marquez, owner, and an interpreter appeared.*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-we talked about this case some time ago*

*Inspector Paula Seeley:*

*-you emailed Inspector James Hoffman to go out & take photos; he took recent photos Dec 14, 2016*

*-Jul 11, Inspector Hoffman sent a Correction Notice to repair the holes/peeling paint on the garage; remove weeds from driveway; and to remove the chicken wire fence (temporary fencing is not allowed).*

*-Dec 14, Mr. Hoffman went out; there had been no work done on the garage; he had given Appellant 2 weeks to work on the garage; and the fencing is still up; I spoke with Mr. Hoffman & I have no problem giving the Appellant until spring or Jun 1, 2017 to work on the garage*

*-there are a lot of weeds growing thru the driveway (no notes on it in Dec)*

*-now, there's a car with expired tabs*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-Orders last Jul: maintenance on garage siding; driveway was in disrepair; fence was in disrepair; at the time, I recommended to City Council that the Appellant get an extension to Jan 1, 2017 on the driveway and to bring the rest into compliance; it's been 6 months since the original Order was written*

*-I'm looking for some sign that any progress has been made*

*Ms. Mai Vang:*

*-nothing's been done*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-this is a disappointment; the Council had imposed a deadline which was not met; what are the department's obligations?*

*-I think that there are two: 1) either write an Excessive Consumption; or 2) eventually, a Criminal Citation*

*Ms. Seeley:*

*-or we would remove the chicken wire fence ourselves; most likely, we write an Excessive Consumption*

Mr. Marquez:

*-of everything that's been asked of me, I've just done the roof; friends were going to help me in Nov with the siding & the floor but something came up -my wife had surgery on Nov 29 (has proof); I don't have a full time job - just my wife has a full time job; &my wife hasn't worked for 2 months; sometimes I work; sometimes, I don't; what little bit of money that we had for the repairs had to be used to pay the bills for the house*

*-I know what I have to do; I just need some time to accumulate the money & for the snow to go away*

*-I haven't taken down the fence; it's for my 2 dogs (Labrador & Husky); if I take the fence away, the dogs will leave; they already got away & I had to pay a fine to the city; I want to put some sensors in the ground for the dogs, but I don't have the money yet, so I haven't done it; can you give me more time?*

Ms. Moermond:

*-one problem with the fence is that it's temporary & it's bent down; it should be tight; it's a simple repair that's better than removing it; (asked Mr. Marquez to come up & look at the photos)*

*-you can't have more than a 6 1/2 ft fence in the back yard & side yards; in the front yard, a fence can be only 4 ft; that fence looks closer to a 10 ft fence (guess)*

*-I want to fence to be in good shape - solid*

Mr. Marquez:

*-money is the problem*

*-if I shorten the fence, my dogs are going to leave - jump over*

*-with the dogs, no one has stolen from me or broke the glass in my car & stole the car's computer; with the garage there, it doesn't let me see*

Ms. Moermond:

*-I want to work with you*

*-OK; can you have it done by Jul 1, 2017?*

*-have you called to get financial help?*

Mr. Marquez:

*-I will try to do it by Jul 1*

*-no, because when you ask for monty, they always look to see if you're working - and we have debts*

*-my wife started back to work in Dec - a couple of hours*

Ms. Moermond:

*-I will give you another resource: Brush with Kindness Program, Habitat for Humanity; I don't think that they have those income issues (Mai will put the phone number in her letter)*

*-I will talk with Councilmember Prince tomorrow to see if she is agreeable with this plan*

*-deadline: Jul 1, 2017*

*A new resolution will be drafted for the February 1, 2017 Public Hearing to grant Owner additional time until July 1, 2017 for compliance.*

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