

Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

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To: Mai Vang

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RE: Demolition at 451 Selby Avenue and 466 Iglehart Avenue in Saint Paul.

Dear Ms. Vang:

We support the Heritage Preservation Commission recommendation against the demolition of the houses at 451 Selby Avenue and 466 Iglehart. We live at 482 Dayton Avenue and own our office building at 524 Selby Avenue. As relatively long term resident and neighbors, we are very familiar with the Selby Property. Because the properties are not physically a threat to the public or being used for criminal purposes I do not see the purpose in their removal except as a not very productive bureaucratic exercise.

Particularly the removal of the house at 451 Selby would create an empty lot with little purpose. As architects we are particularly aware of the difficulties of finding another use of theses parcels for anything except a single family residence. The Selby parcel because of it's small size and zoning set back and drive aisle sizes is practical useless for commercial parking. It is too small to be a duplex. And it is an important part of the group of housing at the north end of the block. I believe similar comments apply to the Iglehart property except it could be used for parking if there was a need in that non commercial area.

Again we ask you to support the Heritage Preservation Commission recommendation against demolition of these two dwellings in my neighborhood.

Sincerely

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