

Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)

From: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 1:17 PM
To: 'Sarah Currier'
Cc: Jim Brewer
Subject: RE: Property on 1940 Fairmount

Good Afternoon Ms. Currier,

The Legislative Hearing for this appeal has been scheduled for July 24, 2018 at 11 a.m. I will make sure your email is attached to the record.

Sincerely, Marcia Moermond
Legislative Hearing Officer
Saint Paul City Council

From: Sarah Currier [mailto:curriersarah@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:31 AM
To: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul) <marcia.moermond@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc: Jim Brewer <brewjl@comcast.net>
Subject: Property on 1940 Fairmount

July 11, 2018

Dear Ms. Moermond,

I am writing in the hopes that you will follow through on the order to have the property at 1940 Fairmount cleaned up. The property has gotten into worse and worse shape, particularly over this summer. Weeds have grown up, many are waist high. Trash has accumulated. The ground has been dug up and dirt has been left exposed. The dirt eventually became covered with weeds.

I moved here three years ago. I tackled my own landscaping project and for a couple of months, my own property was in a state of being worked on. At first, I assumed that there was a project going on in my neighbor's yard which would be completed. But as time passed, things have continued to get worse. Plants have been torn out and not replaced. A layer of black landscaping cloth was tacked down over a strip of the weeds and is now becoming overgrown itself.

I have submitted three complaints about this via the city's website. In addition, I have reached out to the owner, both via email and in person, expressing my concern. I tried to remain friendly and supportive and offered to help the owner work on it by sharing plants, shoveling dirt, planting shrubs, etc. She rejected my offer and suggested that I "Keep my shades pulled so I don't have to look at it."

The property is truly a blight and it is not fair to others. Since the owner has been unwilling to clean it up herself and has turned down offers from neighbors to help with the landscaping and clean-up, I believe it is time for the city to follow through and take care of this civic matter.

Sarah Currier
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