



# City of Saint Paul

15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

## Meeting Minutes - Action Only

### Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, May 2, 2017

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

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#### 9:00 a.m. Hearings

##### Special Tax Assessments

- 1**     [RLH TA 17-154](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 871 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. VB1707, Assessment No. 178807) (Legislative Hearing on May 2)

**Sponsors:**     Bostrom

*Recommendation is forthcoming.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/3/2017 (Public hearing continued to May 17)**
- 2**     **RLH TA 17-162**     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1880 BERKELEY AVENUE. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)

**Sponsors:**     Tolbert

*Delete; vacant building file not closed when code compliance certificate as it should have been.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**
- 3**     **RLH TA 17-178**     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 517 BIDWELL STREET. (File No. J1711A, Assessment No. 178514)

**Sponsors:**     Noecker

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**
- 4**     **RLH TA 17-173**     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1002 BLAIR AVENUE. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)

**Sponsors:**     Thao

*Delete; rehab completed on time but file was not closed at the proper time.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 5 RLH TA 17-163** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 598 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J1711A, Assessment No. 178514)  
**Sponsors:** Bostrom  
*Approve; no show.*  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**
- 6 RLH TA 17-181** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1907 CHELTON AVENUE. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)  
**Sponsors:** Stark  
*Delete; rehab completed within 45 days of anniversary date. (Refund to be made after June 21 PH)*  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**
- 7 RLH TA 17-156** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 503 CLEVELAND AVENUE NORTH. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)  
**Sponsors:** Stark  
*Code compliance certificate was issued in January. Vacant building file should have been closed at that time; recommends deleting the assessment.*  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**
- 8 RLH TA 17-184** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 242 CONGRESS STREET EAST (469 ANITA STREET). (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)  
**Sponsors:** Noecker  
*Approve; no show.*  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**
- 9 RLH TA 17-170** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 53 DALE STREET NORTH. (File No. J1711A, Assessment No. 178514)  
**Sponsors:** Thao  
*Approve; no show.*  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**
- 10 RLH TA 17-180** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 402 FRY STREET. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)  
**Sponsors:** Stark  
*Code compliance certificate issued within 60 days of anniversary date; recommends deleting the assessment.*  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 11     **RLH TA 17-175**     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1786 HAWTHORNE AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)
- Sponsors:        Bostrom
- Approve; no show.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**
- 12     **RLH TA 17-165**     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 467-469 HERCSHEL STREET. (File No. J1711A, Assessment No. 178514)
- Sponsors:        Stark
- Reduce the assessment from \$448 to \$224 (video available).*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**
- 13     **RLH TA 17-168**     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1140 JACKSON STREET. (File No. J1707A2, Assessment No. 178519)
- Sponsors:        Brendmoen
- Approve; no show.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 5/17/2017**
- 14     **RLH TA 17-176**     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 845 JESSIE STREET. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)
- Sponsors:        Brendmoen
- Approve; no show.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**
- 15     **RLH TA 17-164**     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 687 LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1711A, Assessment No. 178514)
- Sponsors:        Bostrom
- Approve; no show.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**
- 16     **RLH TA 17-186**     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1088 LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1708G, Assessment No. 178709)
- Sponsors:        Bostrom
- Delete the assessment.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**
- 17     **RLH TA 17-167**     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 952 LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1711A, Assessment No. 178514)

**Sponsors:** Bostrom

*Delete the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 18 RLH TA 17-192** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 841 MANOMIN AVENUE. (File No. J1711A, Assessment No. 178514)

**Sponsors:** Noecker

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 19 RLH TA 17-189** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 984 MARION STREET. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

*Vacant building file opened on February 10, 2016 and closed on March 9, 2017. Since it was closed 29 days after anniversary date; recommends deleting the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 20 RLH TA 17-177** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1295 MARION STREET. (File No. J1711A, Assessment No. 178514)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 21 RLH TA 17-188** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 227 MARYLAND AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1711A, Assessment No. 178514)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

*Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 22 [RLH TA 17-121](#)** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 544 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1707A, Assessment No. 178506) (Amended to File No. J1707A4, Assessment No. 178521 and to be referred back to Legislative Hearing on May 23)

**Sponsors:** Thao

*To be laid over to May 23rd Legislative Hearing. (No Video)*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/17/2017**

- 23 [RLH TA 17-122](#)** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 550

MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1707A, Assessment No. 178506)  
(Amended to File No. J1707A3, Assessment No. 178520 and to be referred  
to Legislative Hearing on May 23)

**Sponsors:** Thao

*To be laid over to May 23rd Legislative Hearing. (No Video)*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/17/2017**

- 24 [RLH TA 17-179](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1474  
MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)

**Sponsors:** Stark

*If all permits are finalized, will delete the assessment.*

**Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 5/16/2017**

- 25 **RLH TA 17-182** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1623  
RANDOLPH AVENUE. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)

**Sponsors:** Tolbert

*Reduce from \$2240 to \$1120 and spread payments over 5 years.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 26 **RLH TA 17-172** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1879  
REANEY AVENUE. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)

**Sponsors:** Prince

*Delete the assessment; rehab completed 33 days after anniversary date.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 27 **RLH TA 17-174** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1141 RICE  
STREET. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

*Delete the assessment; vacant building fee should have been waived.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 28 **RLH TA 17-183** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1258 RICE  
STREET. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 29 **RLH TA 17-190** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 373 RUTH  
STREET. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)

**Sponsors:** Prince

*Delete the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 30 RLH TA 17-191** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 744 SIMON AVENUE. (File No. J1708G, Assessment No. 178709)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

*Delete the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 31 RLH TA 17-169** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 676 WELLS STREET. (File No. J1710A, Assessment No. 178511)

**Sponsors:** Bostrom

*Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 32 RLH TA 17-171** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1284 WOODBRIDGE STREET (File No. J1711A, Assessment No. 178514)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

#### **Special Tax Assessments - ROLLS**

- 33 RLH AR 17-38** Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up, Improvement and/or Emergency Abatement services during October to December 2016. (File No. J1710A, Assessment No. 178511)

**Sponsors:** Stark

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 34 RLH AR 17-39** Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during October 12 to December 30, 2016. (File No. VB1709, Assessment No. 178812)

**Sponsors:** Stark

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017**

- 35 RLH AR 17-40** Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during February 1 to 28, 2017. (File No. J1711A, Assessment No. 178514)

Sponsors: Stark

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017

- 36 RLH AR 17-41 Ratifying the assessments for Trash Hauling services during January 31 to February 21, 2017. (File No. J1708G, Assessment No. 178709)

Sponsors: Stark

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/21/2017

## 11:00 a.m. Hearings

### Summary Abatement Orders

- 37 RLH SAO 17-30 Appeal of Vicki L. Norwood to a Summary Abatement Order at 541 CASE AVENUE.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

*Vickie L. Norwood, owner, appeared.*

*Inspector Paula Seeley:*

*-Summary Abatement Order issued Apr 17; compliance Apr 24  
-sent to Occupant & Vickie L. Norwood, 541 Case Ave  
-tree logs, mattresses, chairs, wood, tire, debris in back yard  
-I talked with Vickie and suggested that she file an appeal because she requested time until there's a neighborhood clean-up*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-the neighborhood clean-up will help with some of the items in the yard but not all of them*

*Ms. Norwood:*

*-correct; the wood will be cut & split for firewood; stacked  
-chairs will be broken down & disposed of at the nbhd clean-up; they used to have a spring & a fall clean-up*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-I see some wood, fencing materials, 2 x 4's, 4-6 ft long; TV set; etc.*

*Ms. Norwood:*

*-my ex-husband is in hospice & that's where my main concern has been lately  
-my son & one of his friends have been moving; I had everything in the garage & they decided that they needed the garage to work on a vehicle; they will get it out but not within the next week  
-my son told his friend last night that he's moving out this weekend; there's been a lot of emotion at the house with him; I will be looking for people to help me; I think that some of his friends will come to help me; they are like my sons, too  
-we got adjustable beds so I gave my mattress to my son & in turn, he threw his out into the yard instead of into the garage (his behavior is part of the battle)  
-I live on less than \$1000/month so it's hard to do it without neighborhood clean-up  
-both my sons have trucks to get the things to the clean-up*

-Harding H.S. clean-up is Jun 3, 2017; Washington Tech Magnet School is Jun 24  
-it's a double car garage

Ms. Moermond:

-I'd like to get the water-soaked mattress/chair dried out & then into the garage in a week

-neighborhood clean-up - Jun 3 for some items

-we'll go a month longer for getting the wood cut & stacked - Jul 10

Need to remove the mattress and cushion chair within a week;  
new resolution to go to LH on May 16 for compliance check.

Grant to June 5 for compliance on the other debris in the yard;  
new resolution will go to Legislative Hearing on June 6 for compliance check.

Grant to July 10 for compliance on the lumber/logs;  
new resolution will go to LH on July 11 for compliance check.

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/17/2017**

- 38 [RLH SAO 17-32](#) Appeal of Sherold Mustin to a Summary Abatement Order at 1027 CASE AVENUE.

**Sponsors:** Bostrom

Further discussion on what owner wants to do with the garage.

**Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 5/23/2017**

- 39 [RLH SAO 17-31](#) Appeal of Nawei T. Soe to a Summary Abatement Order at 956 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST.

**Sponsors:** Bostrom

Nawei T. Soe, Mingalar Inc, owner, and her husband, appeared.

Inspector Joe Yannarely:

-will email a photo to Mai

Ms. Soe:

-I paid Brian a lot of money to fix the house; he never finished; so I decided to tear down the house

-I got another construction company; I paid already; and then, they want more money; so, I said No; there were too many headaches

-and I didn't get letter; I go to the city

-now, I have everything ready to go

(I could not make out what she was really trying to say)

Ms. Moermond:

-regarding the photo: just basically a lot with a lot of dirt just on one side of it

Mr. Yannarely:

-there's a big hole & still a lot of concrete that hasn't been removed

-our concern: City Council passed a Resolution to Remove/Repair within 90 days of Aug 17, 2017; it was not done; you hired a contractor to remove the house & garage; the house is gone but there's a hole there; the garage is still standing

-they pulled a building permit Feb 1, 2017



*Ms. Moermond:*

*-how much time do you want to remove the garage, the cement & fill in the hole?*

*Ms. Soe:*

*-I paid him already; he told me to leave the concrete for the future*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-it all has to go*

*Ms. Soe:*

*-this cost a lot already; the contractor, Gaylen Contractor, told me that he would be coming here today*

*Mr. Yannarely:*

*-if there is going to be some time given, they should have adequate fencing around it too, to keep the kids out*

*Ms. Soe:*

*-I don't want to build a house; too much headache*

*-I will fill up hole*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-you have to put up a fence around the property (orange snow fence - something to keep people away from that big hole in the ground)*

*-the fence needs to be up by the end of this week, Fri; if not, Parks crew will put up a fence on Mon and you will get a bill for it*

*Ms. Soe:*

*-I have a fence already; the neighbor took it down*

*-I have a new one already*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-if you have a fence, no problem; we'll check; on Jun 5, the hole should be filled, the concrete gone, the garage gone, the ground graded & the lot seeded; we'll check on Jun 6; if all is not done, Mr. Yannarely will hire a contractor to finish the project*

*Grant to Friday, May 5 to install proper fencing around the property;*

*New resolution to go to May 9 Legislative Hearing for compliance check.*

*Grant to June 5 to backfill, grade and seed the lot as well as removing the concrete.*

*New resolution will go to June 6 Legislative Hearing for compliance check.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/17/2017**

## 1:30 p.m. Hearings

### Fire Certificates of Occupancy

- 40**     [RLH FCO 17-43](#)     Appeal of Douglas King to a Fire Inspection Code Compliance Notice at 750 BLAIR AVENUE.

**Sponsors:**     Thao

*#19 (basement fire separation) - equivalency is granted with hard-wired interconnected smoke detectors*

#20 (basement south end-missing post) - owner wants clarification and he knows the expectation now

#29 (supports over spanned and under sized in garage); City to provide additional detail on expectations

#30 (wall/ceiling finishes) -deny

#31 (damaged ceiling in garage) - deny

#35 (exterior rear stairway) - deny

#38 (exterior stairways and porches) -deny

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/17/2017**

**41 RLH FCO 17-56**

Appeal of Bee Vang to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 128 COOK AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

*Bee Vang, owner, appeared.*

*Fire Supervisor A.J. Neis:*

*-Fire Inspection Correction Notice issued Apr 25, 2017 with reinspection May 22*

*-a complaint was received in Mar about the home in disrepair with lots of trash outside the house; Inspector Brian Schmidt went out to check inside & outside; he identified multiple code violations*

*-as a result, he pulled an early Fire C of O inspection on the bldg*

*-this bldg had been certified & approved by Fire Insp Niemeyer in Nov 2016; it was approved with corrections*

*-initially, it had been Revoked by Insp James Thomas for multiple code issues & ultimately approved in Dec 2016; all deficiencies on the original list were complied with*

*-checking the list, I found several new deficiencies & spoke with Supervisor Shaff*

*-Insp approved the C of O on Jan 27, 2017*

*-new items: front door handle broken; smoke detectors had low batteries; flex pipe under kitchen sink; intermediate rails; door not in good condition; damaged electrical fixtures; bedroom door missing a latch*

*-bldg was Revoked for noncompliance*

*-Insp Niemeyer went out to check off Insp Thomas' list; and told Ms. Shaff that all the work that was inspected by Insp Thomas had been done but he found more violations; and since it was new stuff, they approved it with corrections & gave the owner additional time*

*-after it was approved in Jan, we received another complaint that the property was*

*full of trash and in disrepair, which is why Insp Schmidt went out to inspect again*

*-bldg rating: D*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-OK; so, the last C of O was approved with corrections; those corrections were abated by Jan 2017 when there was a recheck; then, we have a complaint about trash & disrepair in Mar; when that was investigated, there was disrepair & trash, which was sufficient for the inspector to open up a Fire C of O*

*Mr. Neis:*

*-Revocation Notice went out in Oct 2016 because the inspector was not allowed access to the bldg; so, they Revoked it because they could not get a response from the landlord*

*Mr. Vang:*

*-appealing because the property was just fully certified back in Jan 2017 & today, the city wants to do another re-certification on my house*

*-I feel that is unjust; I fix everything that they ask me to do & then within a month, they come back again to recertify; I feel that's not fair to me*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-is it fair that the city investigates the complaint on the trash inside the house?*

*Mr. Vang:*

*-the tenant had some items that they put downstairs because there's no other place to store them; that was pretty much it; and the main reason for the complaint, I think was because the grills, kids' bikes, etc. was placed outside the front yard; I advised those tenants to move all those items*

*-I'm just not sure why the city wants to re-inspect the whole inside of the house again*

*Ms. Moermond:*

*-it sounds like there was significant deterioration since you were certified in Jan 2017*

*Mr. Vang:*

*-no; I don't know why Brian wrote what he wrote*

*Mr. Neis:*

*-I have before & after pictures; hard-wired smoke detector was missing 2nd time around*

*Mr. Vang:*

*-the tenant took it out - it was beeping when they were cooking; but it was still there; I advised them not to do that but I'm not living with them from day to day.....*

*Mr. Neis:*

*-in my opinion, the owner should be grateful that we inspected 2 months later because a photos shows someone sleeping in the basement next to the furnace while he was doing the inspection; based on everything he saw, not only is he in his right to pull a full C of O but in some cases, it should be Condemned*

*-I don't see any notes re: #13-no access to all parts*

*-on the Mar 20 complaint inspection, the insp documented that he went to the property, knocked on the door, no answer; he called the responsible party to leave a message; thought he saw the tenant; they said that they were unaware....*

*-I'm not disputing that a lot of this seems to be tenant related; it doesn't make things any less unsafe; and unfortunately, the owners are responsible*

*Mr. Vang:*

*-I would like them to drop all of the deficiencies*

*-I didn't see anyone sleeping in the basement; no one is sleeping in the basement, permanently*

*-I am the property manager but I wasn't there for the Apr 15 insp; I emailed Brian Schmidt the previous day to ask to extend it because I hadn't had enough time to work on some of the items but he denied my request & just came in; he said that he didn't have time to come back*

*-came up to look at the photo of the person in the basement*

*Mr. Neis:*

*-and there's a space heater right next to that person; this could have been deadly; it's plugged into a power strip, plugged into an extension cord right next to a sleeping body in the basement*

*-there is a recent TISH, Apr 18, 2017; notes say indicated a large amount of clutter*

*Mr. Vang:*

-with all this trouble, I'll have to just kick out the tenants and sell the property; I don't have time for all of this trouble - dealing with all these issues; I just want to be done with it; it's a headache for me; I'm tired of all these issues  
 -I will notify the tenants to get out; I can advise them all day long on what to do, what not to do, etc. but they are just messy & they don't care  
 -I do want to fix the house to a liveable condition but not until the tenants are out

Ms. Moermond:

-scanning the list, I find about half tenant caused and half owner responsibilities  
 -reinspection scheduled May 22; right now, provide a safe living environment but you probably won't get everything done; then the Fire C of O inspector will want to Revoke your C of O, which will ultimately mean that you have to vacate the premise  
 -I will push out your reinspection to Jun 2, 2017

Mr. Neis:

-we will follow the standard process; we would expect all or most of the items to be done at reinspection; we would not necessarily move to Revocation right away unless we see the smoke detector disabled again or someone sleeping in the basement again - then we would move from Revocation to Condemnation but if it were the basement, it would be the Condemnation of that area only  
 -we are not trying to displace anyone; we're trying to make sure that everyone is safe

Ms. Moermond:

-I want to set it up so that if he's not going to fix it up that we are leaving the tenants with a vacate date that's kind of like what rental cycles look like

Mr. Neis:

-if he's moving forward with a formal eviction or giving Notice to the tenants to be out..... we don't have an issue; we just want to see that the bldg is safe

Ms. Moermond:

-you are in the middle of a Fire C of O cycle; so, I would complete this; if you sell to an owner-occupant, they would not need a C of O but if they are going to have it be an investment property, they will need a C of O; the cycle isn't going to stop until the C of O is Revoked or issued (ideally) or until there's an owner-occupant living there  
 -you should know that this inspection list & a Fire C of O can be used in lieu of a TISH

Deny on the Certificate of Occupancy inspection but grant extension on reinspection to the week of June 5th; no one shall be sleeping in the basement and all smoke detectors must be properly working.

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/17/2017**

- 42**     [RLH FCO 17-51](#)     Appeal of Angie Mulvaney, Fiduciary Foundation LLC, on behalf of Wallace W. Ginkel Trust, to a Provisional Fire Certificate of Occupancy Renewal Invoice at 1415 MECHANIC AVENUE.

**Sponsors:**     Bostrom

**Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 5/9/2017**

- 43**     **RLH FCO 17-49**     Appeal of Karsten R. Williams to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 426 ROSE AVENUE EAST.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

*Karsten R. Williams, owner, appeared.*

*Fire Supervisor A.J. Neis:*

- Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice issued by Fire Insp Brian Schmidt*
- 1 item is being appealed: #19 south bedroom;*
- house is 1 1/2 story - attic was converted to a master bedroom & the entry to the attic is in the main floor south bedroom; a sleeping room entry cannot pass through another sleeping room*
- when built, most likely, the attic was not intended to be used as a sleeping room*
- the attic does have adequate ceiling height & adequate egress, smoke/CO alarms & heat are up there*
- Ramsey Co tax records identify this as a 3 bedroom home, which includes the attic bedroom*
- in good faith, Mr. Williams purchased a 3 bedroom home 14 years ago*

*Mr. Williams:*

- I was surprised by the findings*
- I am hoping that we can have it considered a 3 bedroom home; the house is the same as I bought it 14 years ago; it has large escape windows on either end of the room*
- it has not come up on inspection previously*

*Mr. Neis:*

- if they want to continue to use the attic as a bedroom, they could use the south bedroom as an office or other type of living space; they could use the attic as another type of space*
- or if the door to the attic were removed, they could consider the attic & the south bedroom as one room & use both spaces for sleeping since there's adequate egress on both floors (Mr. Neis consulted with the bldg official, Steve Ubl, who was also in attendance)*

*Ms. Moermond:*

- the city will allow both rooms to be used as bedrooms by removing the door to the attic; hopefully, that will work for your tenant*
- reinspection on May 16, 2017*

*Grant one month extension to remove the door in the main level south bedroom or discontinue the use of the attic room as a bedroom.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/17/2017**

## **2:30 p.m. Hearings**

### **Vacant Building Registrations (NONE)**