

Ubl, Stephen (CI-StPaul)

To: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)
Subject: 928 Como


Marcia,

I received a package today to review a variance for a fence at 928 Como. The fence appears to be non-conforming in height. None of the three conditions for approving a variance are in place for me to approve a variance. I will need to deny the variance request. However; attached you will find copies of the package that was submitted to me for review. These documents, along with the variance request form, were submitted to me by the property owner. Due to the side street being a dead end, the neighbor having quite a high wall on their deck, the fact that the high point of the fence is a pergola and it appears to add character and charm to the neighborhood (this one is just my opinion!) I would certainly support council approval of this fence/pergola design. As I said, my authority lies with only three criteria/conditions for approval.

I would hope there might be a way for this to be approved or supported by you and council. I will email the documents and submit paper copies to your office.

Thank you for your time and energy on this issue.

Sincerely,



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REQUEST FOR FENCE VARIANCE
\$70.00 PER FENCE VARIANCE
(Fees Eff.: 01/01/2009)

Folder #

ADDRESS OF VARIANCE: 928 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103
OWNER ADDRESS: 928 Como Ave., St. Paul CITY St. Paul STATE MN ZIP 55103
CONTRACTOR ADDRESS: Dakota 15953 Biscayne Ave CITY Rosemount STATE MN ZIP 55068
PHONE W/AREA CODE 612 - 205 - 0668 PHONE W/AREA CODE 651 - 322 - 7123
FAX W/AREA CODE - - - FAX W/AREA CODE - - -

FENCE DETAILS REQUIRED (A site plan indicating the location of the fence must be provided with this application)		
Proposed length of fence (total lineal feet) Length of Fence: <u>54</u>	Proposed height of fence Feet: <u>7</u> Inches: <u>11</u>	Will the fence be erected on a corner lot? Yes <u>yes</u> No <u> </u>
Type of Fence: <u> </u> Non-Obscuring Fence <u> X </u> Privacy Fence <u> </u> Barbed Wire Fence		
Fence Location: <u> </u> Perimeter of Entire Yard <u> </u> Front Yard Only <u> X </u> Rear or Side Yard Only		

Sec. 33.07. Fences--Requirements.
Variances. A variance of the fence height regulations may be granted if, after investigation by the building official, it is found that site, or terrain, or nuisance animal conditions warrant a waiver of the height restrictions.

The property on which the fence is proposed satisfies the variance criteria (underlined in preceding box) for the following reason(s):

Check at least one item below and state the reason(s) you believe the property qualifies for variance consideration

 X SITE CONDITIONS TERRAIN CONDITIONS NUISANCE ANIMAL CONDITIONS

REASON FOR VARIANCE REQUEST: The site is a unique corner property on a dead end street with a well landscaped alley. The lattice fence is between 6'2" and 6'6" but there is a 15" decorative pergola on top as a decorative accent to offset the neighbor's garage wall and fence which sits on top of their deck - both of which are over 9ft.

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INSPECTOR'S OBSERVATIONS: _____

INSPECTORS NAME: _____ Phone: 651 - _____

 APPROVED Date: _____ Building Official: Phone: 651 266 - 9021

 X DENIED (This decision may be appealed to the legislative hearing officer by calling 651-266-8560.)

RETURN SIGNED RECOMMENDATION TO: _____ AT THE FRONT COUNTER.

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE BY CREDIT CARD

ACCOUNT NUMBER _____ MasterCard/Visa/Discovery/American Express _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

RONALD OKENFUSS & JENNEKE OOSTERHOFF

928 COMO AVE., SAINT PAUL, MN 55103

TEL. 612 205 0668

November 9, 2015

Mr. Steve Ubl
Department of Safety and Inspections
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101

Dear Steve,

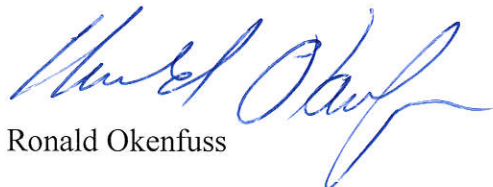
Thanks for taking the time today to discuss our fence at 928 Como Ave., we appreciate your willingness to consider our request for a height variance and guidance on the correct process to follow.

We believe the lattice fence and pergola add to the character of the neighborhood and the surrounding area and are in harmony with the unique corner site and the surrounding property and alley.

Attached is our application for a fence variance, the site plan, and two photos showing the neighbor's fence and garage to the east and one of the corner and fence to the south along the alley.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Thanks for your consideration and assistance.


Ronald Okenfuss

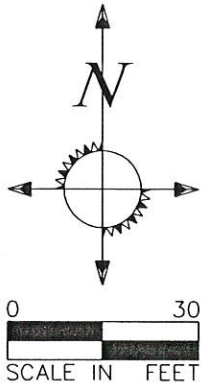
CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY FOR RONALD OKENFUSS

PROPERTY ADDRESS *tel. 612-205-0668*

928 COMO AVE.
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

DESCRIPTION: FROM TAX RECORDS

Lot 15 except avenue, Block 3,
THE STRAND ADDITION TO SAINT PAUL
RAMSEY COUNTY, MN.



LEGEND:

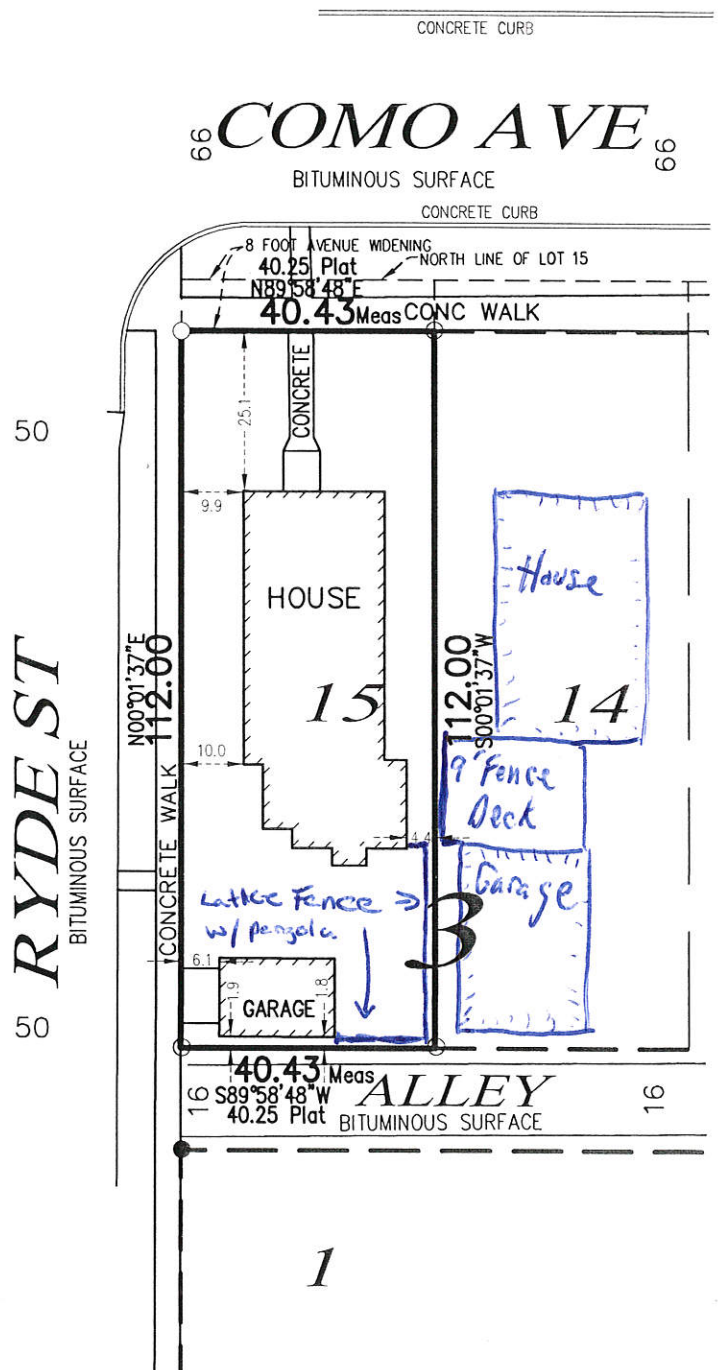
- Denotes Iron monument found
- Denotes 1/2 inch Iron Pipe set and marked with RLS #47223

I hereby certify that this survey, plan or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

Theresa K. Foster

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DATE 05/20/2013 LIC. NO. MN 47223



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View looking east
of fence + pergola elevations
compared to neighbors
garage and fence (which we
are ok with - just want to offset)



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View of SE corner

