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June 13, 2016
City of Saint Paul
Board of Zoning Appeals
375 Jackson Street
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Sent via email to Barb McMonigal-St. Dennis

Attn: Barb Monigal-St. Dennis

Re: 702 Fairmount Sound Variance Application

On March 31st, 2016 the Summit Hill Association's Zoning and Land Use Committee met to consider the above application. The committee received one comment from a neighbor objecting to this application in response to a community notice that was put out regarding this meeting. Mr. Raabe, the neighbor appeared before the committee as well as the applicants – the O'Shaughnessys. The Zoning and Land Use Committee voted 4-1 in favor of approving the application with the city's recommendation, provided the applicants met with the neighbors in an effort to resolve their dispute. This recommendation was forwarded to the Summit Hill Association board to vote for a final recommendation.

The Summit Hill Association board met on June 9th, 2016 and this item was on the agenda for deliberation. The applicants did not appear before the Summit Hill Association board. Mr. Raabe was present to speak on this application. He indicated that to date, the applicant had not contacted him about resolving their dispute. The SHA board, by a unanimous vote, voted to recommend denying the variance application and for the City Council to hold it over until which time the parties have met to mediate their dispute.

Since then, SHA has learned that at the Zoning and Land Use meeting, it had been communicated to the applicants that the matter would not come before the SHA board. This was based on the 15-day response timeline language in the notice, but at the bottom of the same notice there was a later deadline for response. Also, SHA's attempts to contact the applicants to inform them of the board meeting were not successful and the email that SHA had was obsolete. The applicants therefore were not aware of the matter coming before the board. Additionally, the applicants have since communicated with the concerned neighbors about the steps they will be taking to address their concerns. This satisfies the Zoning and Land Use Committee's and SHA Board's conditions for the two parties to communicate to resolve the issue. Based on the miscommunication and the applicant's follow through per SHA's request, the Summit Hill Association recommends approval of the license application.

Sincerely,



Mark Peschel
SHA President

cc: Ward 2 Council Member, Rebecca Noecker

McMonigal-St Dennis, Barb (CI-StPaul)

From: Mark Peschel <mark.peschel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 11:52 AM
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Subject: 702 Fairmount Sound Variance Application
Attachments: doc20160614084305.pdf

Ms. McMonigal-St. Dennis:

See attached letter on behalf of the Summit Hill Association regarding the referenced matter.

Mark Peschel