

# PAYNE PHALEN DISTRICT FIVE PLANNING COUNCIL

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April 6, 2012

Legislative Hearing Officer  
310 City Hall  
15 West Kellogg Boulevard  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

**Re: 1145 Edgerton - Remove or Repair Recommendation from District 5**

Dear Legislative Hearing Officer:


The Payne Phalen District Five Planning Council requests the immediate removal and demolition of 1145 Edgerton as it presents a clear safety hazard and blighted property in our neighborhood.

The District Five Community Planning & Economic Development Committee (CPED) unanimously voted at its April 3, 2012 meeting to voice to the City of Saint Paul its strongest recommendation that this dangerous fire damaged structure is removed at the earliest opportunity.

Adjacent homes are in close proximity to the building. One adjacent property is home to a number of children under the age of five years of age. The area between the buildings is littered with shards of glass. A door that was to be boarded up was open when D5 staff examined the property on April 6, 2012. Wires from utilities are strewn on the ground and attached to nearby poles. There are physical hazards present on this lot which remains accessible and open to intruders.

We find the building to be irreparable and a danger to health and safety of the neighborhood as long as it remains standing. Other community organizations share this position. We have difficulty marketing our neighborhood to investors when damaged properties are allowed to remain standing for this long period of time. We attach photos taken on April 6, 2012 (they are incorrectly date stamped due to an error with the camera).

Sincerely,

  
Leslie McMurray  
Executive Director/ Lead Organizer