

From: [Joanna Zimny](#)
To: [Helen O'Brien](#)
Cc: [James Burnham](#); [Rebecca Noecker](#); [David Hoban](#)
Subject: RE: 621 Bidwell Street.Freedom Mortgage R-R Ltr.7-28-23
Date: Friday, August 4, 2023 12:30:00 PM
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Ms. O'Brien,

For Category 3 properties, the sworn construction statement/scope of work, subcontractor bids & schedule (as well as the other items outlined in my letter), are reviewed by the Legislative Hearing officer, as well as Department of Safety & Inspections staff, before going before Council for approval. Additionally, when permits are applied for with Department of Safety & Inspections (which have to be done in person for Category 3 buildings, they cannot be done online), the applications are reviewed then as well.

For what its worth, I have spoken with Kevin Stevenson, the contractor, a couple of times now and he seems to be very on top of things, while noting he hasn't worked with our office on any prior rehabs.

As always, please continue to reach out with your concerns, and I'll certainly make sure Ms. Moermond sees your email. As of right now nothing of their recent submissions has been approved (or even reviewed yet), and they certainly cannot begin to pull permits.

Thanks,
Joanna



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Joanna-

Thank you for sending out the information submitted by Freedom Mortgage Company regarding renovation plans for 621 Bidwell.

Can you tell me who I might contact with concerns regarding the companies that Freedom Mortgage lists as their contractors for renovation? Does someone in DSI vet these contractors?

The contractor called The Clean-out People (located in Waconia/Cologne, MN) has 1 review on line. "KLS Home and Remodeling" seems like it may be owned by the same person that owns The Clean-out People, but I am not certain.

(Two other companies list under the KLS name and associated with home renovations appear to be located in Maryland and in Kentucky.)

I am concerned that Freedom Mortgage will do this renovation in the cheapest way possible. I don't believe their estimate equals the amount designated by the city as necessary for renovation.

Thank you,
Helen O'Brien

On Jul 31, 2023, at 4:10 PM, Joanna Zimny <joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Thank you, I have updated your attached statement in the record.

Thank you,
Joanna



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From: Helen O'Brien <wellsobrien@gmail.com>

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Joanna-

I am resending my statement, which I originally submitted for the legislative hearing on 7/25/2023, regarding 621 Bidwell St., for the August 8 continued discussion of this property and the public safety issues it has created for our neighborhood.

I realized that my previous document had two mistaken dates, and I have amended those two (2) dates (highlighted in blue, changed from 2023 to 2022) for the August 8 hearing and for the sake of accuracy in the record.

The two dates in blue are the only 2 edits made in my statement, originally submitted for the July 25 hearing.

Thank you so much. I regret I cannot attend August 8, but I will be present at the city council hearing on September 6.

Sincerely,

Rev. Helen Wells O'Brien
651-247-5635

On Jul 28, 2023, at 9:26 AM, Joanna Zimny <joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Attached please find a letter regarding the above matter.

Thank you,
Joanna

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