

**From:** [Joanna Zimny](#)  
**To:** "Aaron Symicek"  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul LegislativeHearings  
**Subject:** RE: appealed tax assessment for 571 Van Buren Ave  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024 1:05:00 PM  
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Good afternoon,

An update, the Legislative Hearing officer spoke to Councilmember Bowie and she's comfortable relying on the written record to make her decision. You're welcome to submit a statement ASAP before 3:30 if you wish to. The Council Public Hearing won't be continued.

Thanks,  
Joanna



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**From:** Joanna Zimny  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:57 AM  
**To:** Aaron Symicek <aaronsymicek@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: appealed tax assessment for 571 Van Buren Ave

Good morning,

Just a note to update you, I don't have an answer as to how this will be handled, and won't until after the Councilmember discusses it with the Legislative Hearing officer. This is discretionary on the part of the Council. I will let you know as soon as I can.

Thanks,  
Joanna



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**From:** Aaron Symicek <[aaronsymicek@gmail.com](mailto:aaronsymicek@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:31 AM

**To:** Joanna Zimny <[joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>

**Subject:** Re: appealed tax assessment for 571 Van Buren Ave

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Hello.

I am not able to attend the session today. I am requesting to reschedule this for the next City Council meeting so I can appear.

Thank you for your assistance.

Aaron Symicek

651-210-0852

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On Mar 21, 2024, at 10:41 AM, Joanna Zimny <[joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Good morning,

Your item was reviewed at the Legislative Hearing on March 19, and your statement

read into the record. As your billing year goes from May 19, 2023 through May 18, 2024, you're already 10 months into the billable year, so Ms. Moermond's recommendation is that this assessment be approved.

It was also noted that you haven't done a Code Compliance Inspection yet for the property in order to pull permits, so I wanted to note that for you. The Code Compliance form can be found online here:

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/safety-inspections/vacant-buildings>. Please contact the Department of Safety and Inspections directly at 651-266-8989 for questions regarding the application or payment process. **Please include the lock box code in your Code Compliance Application.**

This matter will go before the City Council at Public Hearing on **Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 3:30 pm. in room 300 City Hall**. If you are contesting Ms. Moermond's recommendation you may:

1. appear in person (please arrive before 3:30 p.m. and check in with staff outside Council chambers when you arrive); or
2. **Should you wish to address Council directly but not appear in person, you must register by noon on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 here to testify via phone:**

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/city-council/city-council-public-hearing-live-testimony>.

Additionally, here is a link to your file online: [Gateway \(legistar.com\)](#) (note that if it says 'unavailable' it means staff is working on the file and it is offline, so please try back later). Minutes are typically done by early next week.

Thank you,  
Joanna

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**From:** Joanna Zimny

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:18 AM  
**To:** Aaron Symicek <[aaronsymicek@gmail.com](mailto:aaronsymicek@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Mai Vang <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: appealed tax assessment for 571 Van Buren Ave

Received, thank you. I'll follow up after the hearing.

Joanna

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Hello Hearing Representatives,

Here is my statement for today's session:

Hello, and thank you for allowing me to write this statement to share with you today. I apologize I am not able to be there in person as I am traveling out of state today.

St. Paul is a great community and has so much to offer. I am looking to my local representatives officials and departments for assistance as a hard-working individual trying to create additional affordable housing in St. Paul. I've run into many challenges over the past few years, including finding contractors to perform work and updates to my property.

As a property owner, it is very challenging to not have a house rented.

My request today is to allow me to come in and meet with the appropriate representatives/ departments from the city building inspections, any grants to assist landlords and create a plan together and a timeline to meet all codes and requirements. if you could refer this matter to the appropriate departments within the city, you have my commitment for me to meet with them and create this plan over the next 30 days.

Hi am doing my best to try to create additional available housing in St. Paul by having the city impose. A large vacant building fine on me would not be in any of our best interests. Please help me help the citizens of Saint Paul, with suspending any fines until we've had an opportunity to sit down and create a plan to move forward.

I'm looking to you to my local representation and government to work with me to continue to make Saint Paul a great place to work and play.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Aaron Symicek  
651-210-0852

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On Mar 18, 2024, at 4:11 PM, Joanna Zimny  
<[joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

No, we only do hearings on Tuesdays.

Thanks,  
Joanna

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**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 3:22 PM  
**To:** Joanna Zimny <[joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Cc:** Mai Vang <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
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Hello,

Is there a day other than Tuesday morning this can be scheduled?

Aaron Symicek  
Cell 651-210-0852

On Mon, Mar 18, 2024 at 2:47 PM Joanna Zimny  
<[joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Mr. Symicek,

Our policy is to reschedule no more than two times, plus this was already referred back from the City Council once. I spoke with the hearing coordinator and we will not be rescheduling again.

You can choose to participate tomorrow, or you're welcome to send in a written statement for tomorrow that will be put on the record, and a recommendation given.

Thanks,  
Joanna

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**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 2:40 PM  
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Hi Joanna,

I am traveling again this week. I am out of state.

I will not be traveling on April 2. Please reschedule for April 2 in the morning. I will be available at that time to participate.

Thank You.  
Aaron Symicek  
Cell 651-210-0852

On Tue, Feb 20, 2024 at 7:27 AM Joanna Zimny  
<[joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Hi Aaron,

No problem, we'll have the Council refer it back to Legislative Hearing March 19, 2024 via phone (same time frame –between 9 and 11).

Thanks,  
Joanna

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**From:** Aaron Symicek <[aaronsymicek@gmail.com](mailto:aaronsymicek@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 19, 2024 1:33 PM

**To:** Joanna Zimny <[joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>

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Hi Joanna,

I had unexpected travel come up for tomorrow, Feb 20 and will be on an airplane.

I would like to reschedule for a Tuesday that I know I will not be traveling = Tuesday, March 19, 2024. I do want to participate in this hearing and work with the City of St. Paul. Thank you for your understanding. This is my last request to reschedule.

Aaron Symicek  
Cell 651-210-0852

On Mon, Feb 5, 2024 at 4:30 PM Joanna Zimny  
<[joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Hi Aaron,

Not a problem, we'll reschedule you to Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, same time frame (we only do these types of hearings in the morning).



Thanks,  
Joanna

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**From:** Aaron Symicek <[aaronsymicek@gmail.com](mailto:aaronsymicek@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 5, 2024 3:05 PM

**To:** Joanna Zimny <[joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>

**Subject:** Re: appealed tax assessment for 571 Van Buren Ave

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Hi Joanna,

I just received notification I need to Travel to Florida tomorrow morning. I just booked my flight and will be flying from 7 am to 11am tomorrow, Feb 6. I would be able to speak on the phone tomorrow afternoon or I am going to need to request to reschedule this hearing so I can participate. Please advise what my options are.

Thank you.

Aaron Symicek  
Cell 651-210-0852

On Wed, Jan 31, 2024 at 11:53 AM Joanna Zimny  
<[joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Good morning,

This email is to confirm that your Appealed Special Tax Assessment property at **571 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. VB2401A, Assessment No. 248808)** has been scheduled for **Tuesday, February 6, 2024 via phone between 10 am and 12 pm** Attached are documents related to your appeal.

We will call you into the hearing at 651-210-0582 (*you will not receive a separate link to join nor be able to join yourself, we will simply be calling you*).

Please note that the incoming number from the City shows up as **612-315-7905 so please make sure to answer.**

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