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Subject: RE: 499 Snelling Ave N. R-R Ltr CVS BULLDOZING vs Having a plan
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Good morning,

As always, I will attach your email to the public record. As noted previously, the City doesn't own the property, therefore has no say nor control over it nor the lot. Unless ownership comes forward (which they have not), the City's only option is to remove the building to abate the nuisance condition, though we acknowledge your position and the reasons behind them.

Thank you,
Joanna

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Bulldozing CVS?
For several years I have seen no evidence that there is a plan for this property. My suggestion will improve safety, and improve the look of CVS. CVS has not been found to be structurally unstable.

One possible temporary solution so building looks better, has more traffic, and crime is reduced asap is:

- open another police substation in CVS like we had in Midway Shopping Center
- offer this space to MTC for fare checkers as a break room

- hire 2 or 3 full time police officers to include CVS, LRT platforms & area around Kimball Court (trailer cop camera during remodeling).
- remove plywood and replace with vacant store front photos like in HarMar Mall, Rosedale Mall, etc… so property looks nice with windows lit.

Funding- same funding as for fencing and boarding up CVS, & Kimball Court grant money.

Another vacant lot is ugly including a vacant funeral home only feet from CVS & Kimball Court. Our neighborhood has expressed frustration- over 300 & 400 people asking city to do something.

It is time for city to have a plan to keep us safe, not just bulldoze and leave us yet another scar.

Jerry Ratliff