From: Kristin Koziol
To: Joanna Zimny
Subject: Fw: Rain garden at 2350 Bayless Place
Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 8:44:58 AM

From: Kristin Koziol <kristin.koziol@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 09:14 AM
To: Seth A. Richardson <setharichardson@pm.me>
Cc: #CI-StPaul_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: Rain garden at 2350 Bayless Place

Hi Seth,

Thank you for your email. I apologize if there was a missed voicemail on our end; the city is still recovering from the recent digital security incident and some systems have not been reliably brought back online.

I understand that you have an upcoming legislative hearing on Tuesday, October 7. Due to this being an appeal and an eventual recommendation from the Legislative Hearing Officer coming before the City Council, CM Coleman and her colleagues will be acting in a quasi-judicial capacity. This means that unfortunately, she won't be able to visit the site or meet separately with you about this as that would constitute ex parte communication and would require her to recuse herself from any discussion or vote on this item.

Most folks find resolution during the legislative hearing and the recommendation from the hearing officer is a win for all parties. If you disagree with the hearing officer's recommendation, you would be able to come speak at a City Council meeting to make any additional asks for the CMs to consider at that time.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this information.

Best,
Kristin

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Hello Councilmember Coleman,

My name is Seth Richardson and I'm a constituent who lives at 2350 Bayless Place. I called this week to let you know the rain garden in front of my home is under threat due to a city code citation and invite you to come see it yourself. I wanted to write to say I found your declining to come visit the rain garden disappointing.

I thought I would share a couple of comments from some of my fellow neighbors about the garden to better inform you of what the rain garden means for the South St. Anthony Park community:

-We appreciate and enjoy the rain garden immensely (it's our kids bus stop so we have gotten to know it pretty well these past few years) there's always a lot of activity there and gorgeous plants to admire. Sorry you have to deal with the citation.

-We would also be willing to help out with the fine and/or also contact Councilmember Coleman about a reasonable policy update. I love all the native plants (and biodiversity) in our neighborhood.

-Thank you for managing the rain garden and undertaking this effort!

-I have a dog that I walk every day and very frequently route by the rain garden (and do you

live in the house across the sidewalk from it?? With all the cool colored lights? Literally my favorite house to walk by at night) and always appreciate how lush it is and the flowers and ALL the bees and butterflies and likely unseen insects and other critters that find shelter there. I would be absolutely crushed if you had to undo all those efforts - as it was clear during its construction that it was so thoughtfully designed - and not only squash a passion project for you, but deprive the neighborhood creatures and plants of that space.

I hope you'll reconsider your decision to not visit the site. I welcome the opportunity to introduce you to our little slice of the neighborhood as well as something people feel passionately about. If not, I look forward to presenting this to you in my Oct. 7 hearing.

Best,
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