Driveway access and Garage Structure at 359 Maria Avenue

- My family has owned 355 Maria Avenue, a 20 unit apartment building, for 35 years. We have been responsible owners.
- I have no legal record of an easement on the narrow driveway behind my building. This driveway has only been used for the rubbish container, my parking spot, and tenant recreation.
- The rear stairway from the second story exit of my building ends at this narrow driveway. This could be an unsafe situation.
- For at least the last 20 years, it has not been used as a driveway access for the tenants
 of 359 Maria Avenue. This access has been abandoned, and allowing it now would
 greatly disrupt the back yard. A driveway and parking area would increase traffic and
 could lead to unwanted criminal activity. It is an asset to have green spaces for the large
 families in that building.
- A few years ago, St. Paul Fire and Safety Inspectors, order the garage structure to be removed. It had become a dilapidated building and a fire hazard. A previous owner removed the combustible wooden structure. Now all that remains is the poured concrete shell.
- Jim Notebaart owns the house at 667 East 5th street. Jim and I share the driveway between my property and his home. He bought an old run down rental house, which he remodeled it into his very attractive single family home and created a beautifully landscaped yard. Jim is an asset to the neighborhood and does not need cars driving close to his home day and night. The Dayton's Bluff area needs responsible owners like him.
- I have included photos to help clarify these points.
- Contact: Mark Albrecht, 651-485-9912, owner of 355 Maria Avenue.

