

## Yannarely, Joe (CI-StPaul)

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**From:** Magner, Steve (CI-StPaul)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2013 3:14 PM  
**To:** Singerhouse, Rich (CI-StPaul); Yannarely, Joe (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** FW: People's Park

Joe please copy this to the CS folder.



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**From:** Cervantes, Ricardo (CI-StPaul)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2013 2:43 PM  
**To:** Schroeder, Greg (CI-StPaul)  
**Cc:** Magner, Steve (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** FW: People's Park

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**From:** Humphrey, Robert (CI-StPaul)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2013 9:34 AM  
**To:** Cervantes, Ricardo (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** FW: People's Park

Just got off the phone with Campbell. We need to talk further. Below is our previous joint release and the date of the upcoming public hearing.

Payne Phalen District 5 Planning Council , Community Planning & Economic Development Committee (CPED)  
Chair: Jonathan Bohn  
August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30 PM at 722 Payne Avenue (Eastern District Police Station).

**From:** Humphrey, Robert (CI-StPaul) [<mailto:robert.humphrey@ci.stpaul.mn.us>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013 3:36 PM  
**To:** Leslie McMurray ([d5-director@visi.com](mailto:d5-director@visi.com)); Meyer, Brad (CI-StPaul); Lee, Chai (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** DSI & Parks Response re. 676 Wells Petition

Thank you for submitting the petition and expressing your concern and feedback. Public safety is always the first priority of the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department (Parks) and the Saint Paul Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI). Prior to Parks and Recreation officially becoming the land owner last month, the materials at 680 Wells were constructed without any permits or authorization from the City on City-owned property. DSI became aware of the materials and inspected them for safety. At the inspection, DSI determined that the wall itself and much of the material

on site were significant hazards to passers-by. The DSI Building Official also determined that the handrail and other portions of the site offered a degree of false protection and could easily fail at any time for any reason. Following the inspection, the Parks and Recreation Department was notified by DSI of its findings of significant public safety hazards and was made aware that those materials need to be removed.

As I am sure you can appreciate, it is of the utmost importance that the city have safe, stable structures on its property and those that are deemed unsafe or unstable – in this case, 680 Wells – are addressed.

As a supporter of public art, the Parks and Recreation Department has embraced its growing popularity and demand throughout the city. The department is always open and willing to have meaningful discussions with the community about public art (much like was done and accomplished at the neighboring Eastside Heritage Park a few years ago). So, to address the community's concerns about this property, and have a meaningful discussion about the remaining materials on the site that haven't been deemed hazardous, staff from the Parks and Recreation Department and DSI have agreed to attend the Payne Phalen District 5 Planning Council's monthly Community Planning and Economic Development meeting on August 7.

We hope this information is helpful to you, and are looking forward to having a productive dialogue on August 7. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Mike Hahm, Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation

Ricardo Cervantes, Director  
Department of Safety and Inspections

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**From:** Campbell, Joe (CI-StPaul)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2013 9:16 AM  
**To:** Meyer, Brad (CI-StPaul); \*CI-StPaul\_Mayor  
**Cc:** Humphrey, Robert (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** RE: People's Park

Robert, I need you to explain to me why we are fencing two properties we don't own.

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**From:** Meyer, Brad (CI-StPaul)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2013 9:13 AM  
**To:** Campbell, Joe (CI-StPaul); \*CI-StPaul\_Mayor  
**Cc:** Humphrey, Robert (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** RE: People's Park

I had the same question of Robert this morning, as we received the same letter and it seemed like Parks needed to fence all three properties and not just our property at 680. Letter attached... Parks is planning on fencing just 680 Wells and are awaiting Gopher One marking the utilities on the property..

We are touring the site today at 12:30 with DSI, Public Works, PED and Parks... We are going to the community meeting on Aug 7, but ONLY to talk about the items that have been placed on our vacant lot at 680 Wells (encroachment on public land without permits or authorization – major safety hazards). DSI will be there as well to talk about why the wall and other items have been labeled as distinct hazards and need to be removed.

Parks wasn't really involved at all until PED transferred the property to us (because they couldn't build on it due to the terrain) about 2 months ago (so now we are a land owner with skin in the game), and because we have a trail project that would be affected by the abatement work of the un-safe walls that have encroached into the public right of way behind these aforementioned properties...

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**From:** Campbell, Joe (CI-StPaul)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2013 9:06 AM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_Mayor; Humphrey, Robert (CI-StPaul); Meyer, Brad (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** RE: People's Park

I need more information on what's happening here. This is going to turn into a disaster, especially if these people are finding out information first in the news.

Robert – can you put together a one page document outlining all the steps we've tried to take to avoid this, list some of the major problems with the structure, and what we plan to do?

Brad – can you provide information to robert for the document outlining how parks is involved?

Thanks - Joe

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**From:** \*CI-StPaul\_Mayor  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2013 8:59 AM  
**To:** Campbell, Joe (CI-StPaul); Humphrey, Robert (CI-StPaul); Hahm, Michael (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** People's Park  
**Importance:** High

Is it true we have a letter on the way?....  
Granted, she hasn't seen the letter herself ...and heard from the media...

Chai

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**From:** [noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com) [<mailto:noreply@civicplus.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2013 6:03 PM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_Mayor  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Contact Mayor Coleman

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## Contact Mayor Coleman

Please use the following form to contact Mayor Christopher B. Coleman with your comments and concerns.

**Full Name\***

Beth Agnes Woolsey

**Street Address\***

676 Wells St

**City\***

St Paul

**State\***

MN

**Zip Code\***

55106

**Home Phone**

612 250-0208

**Work Phone**

913 649-3646

**Email Address\***

[lillybeef@gmail.com](mailto:lillybeef@gmail.com)

**Message Details**

**Subject**

676 Wells St. and The People's Park

**Your Comment\***

I was just informed ,by Fred Melo of the Pioneer Press, that an abatement letter was sent to our property today instructing us to put a fence around, not only our property at 676 Wells St but the adjoining city lots of 674 and 680! First of all, there is no reason given as to why we should do this. Secondly, my property is already fenced. Mr. Coleman, it seems that you must have approved this action, as it is not coming from the Vacant building manager's office (as far as I can tell). I have not even seen the letter yet! We have a meeting scheduled for August 7th about The People's Park and a meeting with the city about 676 Wells on August 27th. If the city thinks that after 15 years or so--that now, all of a sudden, there is a safety issue with their city lots, the city can put up a fence! As far as my property, as I already stated, it is fenced. I can't help but feel there is an agenda here that the city hopes to accomplish through harassment. You can be assured that we will be filing an appeal. Sincerely, Beth A. Woolsey

The following form was submitted via your website: Contact Mayor Coleman

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Full Name: Beth Agnes Woolsey

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City: St Paul

State: MN

Zip Code: 55106

Home Phone: 612 250-0208

Work Phone: 913 649-3646

Email Address: [lillybeef@gmail.com](mailto:lillybeef@gmail.com)

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