

Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

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Subject: 353 W Wheelock Pkwy

Sending this in lieu of my attending the meeting tonight

To all it may concern,

Due to family situations it's been necessary for myself to take responsibility for the residence at 353 Wheelock. Should it have been done much much sooner? Of course! Without going into private details in my sons as well as mine I didn't realize how bad the situation was until very late. Not making excuses, it is what it is and I take responsibility for that.

Having said that, I would like to voice a few things, and since I am unable to get off work to attend the council meeting this is the best I could do.

I obtained the Code Compliance Report on Feb 10, 2015. Since that day I have paid several city fees, code compliance fee, made the \$5000. Performance bond, hired a contractor, shown proof of "means to pay" of \$60,000, arranged removal of all debris from inside, and brought the mortgage current. Am I committed to finishing this project? Yes 100%. As a matter of fact I intend to occupy the residence upon completion. I had intended to move back into the cities within the next year anyway, I live 50 miles west of Mpls and with the situation with this house it's really the only answer.

I respect the job you have to do and I understand your concerns about 353 Wheelock, I do know how neglected properties degrade the neighborhood...I can even understand your impatience with me as I'm sure you deal w/non committed people all the time. I work 10 hr shifts for the city of Minneapolis and I live 50 miles outside of the city. Again, not making excuses..just saying that even with my time restrictions I am committed and I have made progress.

I lived in the cities all my life and owned property that I was very proud of "transforming" the outside as well as the interior. Obviously not to this extent but my point is that I take great pride in my home and the neglect of 353 Wheelock is NOT a good representation of how I live.

I'm asking you work "with" me on completing this, my contractor volunteered to attend the meeting since I can't so maybe he can answer any questions you have.

I can also get the notarized letter of monies needed to complete the job to you as soon as I know how much beyond \$60,000 it will be. Urban Renovations has said it is very realistic to shoot for a \$70,000 budget to bring ALL up to code which is what I was looking for.

Thank you for your time,
Wendy Forster