

Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

From: Mary Murphy <mlmurphymn@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 1:41 PM
To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Re: 43 Elizabeth Street "nuisance condition"

Ms. Vang,

Thank you, but could you please be sure to forward my email onto Ms. Moermond? She asked me to put everything in writing and I hoped that it might result in possibly avoiding a hearing on the matter.

Thank you,
Mary L. Murphy
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On Thu, Mar 19, 2015 at 11:40 AM, Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Ms. Murphy,

Looks like this has not been sent by the Real Estate office for a legislative hearing yet. I believe it's scheduled for April 21 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm 330 City Hall which is still a month out. Ms. Gladis may return the "gold card" when she receives it and a record/file will be put together. She and/or you can attend the hearing then.

Any further questions, please let me know. Thanks.

Mai Vang

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From: Mary Murphy [mailto:mlmurphymn@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 4:02 PM
To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Cc: Afunarogladis@yahoo.co
Subject: 43 Elizabeth Street "nuisance condition"

Dear Ms. Vang,

I was instructed to send you an email explaining the situation as we understood it that caused the "nuisance condition" at 43 Elizabeth Street. I am Mary Murphy, sister of the person who was living at the property at the time, Frank Salmon. My brother, Frank, was renting the property from Antonia M. Funaro Gladis, and I am writing on her behalf, as well as my deceased brother, Frank's behalf. He was the type of person who would want this taken care of without burden to Ms. Funaro Gladis and I am trying to accomplish that.

On January 4, 2015, I was concerned about my brother's well-being. I had tried to call him all day and had not heard from him for a few days. We usually talked and he would come over for dinner at our house on Sundays and when I could not get a hold of him, my husband, Tom Murphy, and my son went over to his house. We live at 15 West Baker Street, only 3 blocks away. After knocking on the door with no response, my husband and son could see through the bedroom window that Frank was lying in bed, but not responding to knocking on the window, so they called the police, thinking he was hurt or sick. The police came and had to break the window of the back door in order to get in. My brother was dead of a heart attack.

My son came home soon after the police broke in, looking for a board to repair the back door. My husband called me to inform me of the bad news and also told me to tell my son that they would not need a board. The police officer told my husband there was someone they could call to come and board up the door and it would only cost about \$130.00. This sounded reasonable, and it was very cold, and we were all very distraught over the loss of my brother, so my husband waited there until the door was boarded up and then he came home.

As I said before, we live only 3 blocks from 43 Elizabeth Street, were conscientious about going to the house and checked on things once or twice a day and Ms. Funaro Gladis also went over there often and checked things. Within two weeks after my brother's funeral, we had called and had Besser Glass out to measure and order the glass to repair the door, which was done the next week. We were never informed that this was "nuisance condition." We gave our information and address to the police the night my brother died, and expected to get a bill for \$130 from the company that boarded up the door.

On January 21, 2015, a letter from the City of St. Paul was sent to Ms. Funaro Gladis, informing her of the fact that her house had been considered a nuisance condition and that there was a pending assessment by the City of \$431.95. She informed me of this and asked if I would be able to help her pay for it. I said I was shocked - we were told the cost would be \$130 and we were planning to pay for that. I tried to reach the police officer who gave us his card that night, but was transferred to a different office, and he said he would look into it. I called Mr. Dennis Senty, code enforcement Inspector, and explained the situation to him, and he suggested I contact Marcia Moermond and talk to her about this. Ms. Moermond advised me of the upcoming hearing, but also said I should put all of this in writing as a appeal and send it to you.

My brother was a wonderful person and a resident of this city his whole life, and took pride in taking care of property he was responsible for and being a good neighbor. I and my family are devastated by the loss of him. I am appealing to the City of St. Paul to please drop these assessments.

Thank you.

Mary L. Murphy

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