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**From:** Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 5:26 PM  
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**Cc:** Neis, Adrian (CI-StPaul); Perucca, James (CI-StPaul); Shaff, Leanna (CI-StPaul); Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** RE: Appeal for 1585 Rice Street

Mr. LeVitre,

Thank you for your clarification. Clearly I was using the terms bedroom and apartment interchangeably. If I am reading your email correctly, you are saying the only protection from smoke and possibly fire provided to the sleeping person is the hollow-core door of the bedroom. There are no other barriers provided by the presence of an "apartment" door or corridor doors. I am left assuming the doors in storage are the apartment doors.

In the appeal from January 2000, the listed appellant, Patrick Donahue, references "14 bedrooms. Do not have 20-minute fire rated doors. I am requesting that this be waived and fire rated doors installed as the doors are replaced." I'm quite sure the hearing officer did not know or consider the appeal in the context of the 3 sets of doors (bedroom, apartment and corridor) we are talking about, as all the other appeals of this nature referred to apartment doors. This was clearly an oversight.

The code questions I am left with are whether 1) there was an ongoing oversight on the part of inspection staff with respect to the corridor doors/bedroom doors (and their interplay) and if there is, does that need to be corrected; and 2) does the granting of the appeal on the bedroom doors in 2000 mean that the situation is acceptable now? I may add also that re-installation of the apartment doors may/may not add to the safety. I am not clear if you were offering in the hearing that these be re-hung as a possible measure to address the underlying concern of this order.

8. *HALLWAY FIRE DOORS - REPLACE MISSING FIRE RATED DOORS - MSFC 703.1 - Provide, repair or replace the fire rated assembly. The minimum rating must be: 1Hour.-The fire doors leading from the hallways into the bedroom common areas has been removed. You man either replace the hallway fire rated doors, or provide fire doors to each sleeping room throughout the building.*

While I appreciate your offer for a tour, it's hard to show that to Councilmembers. Photos, and better yet, a floor plan, would be most helpful.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, Marcia Moermond

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Good Morning Marcia, I want to use this email as an opportunity to offer further clarifying information.. There are three misunderstandings presented in your email dated 3//22/17.

In the first sentence of your email you write "In the course of our discussion we talked about the old apartment doors which are in storage in the building and how these doors were replaced by hollow- core doors which are presently in

place." The old apartment doors are in storage and they were not replaced by a hollow-core doors. There is no door in place and there has not been since the inspections preceding the January 2000 appeal. Later on in the paragraph you wrote: "We do not have any concrete information as to when the corridor doors were removed, but this also seems to have occurred at some point before ResCare MN acquired the building and maybe before a building permit pulled in December 2005. The doors were removed prior to the January 2000 appeal. I have spoken to the retired administrator who told me that the apartment/corridor doors were removed to provide an opened up building needed to effectively provide services to the SPMI population.

In the third paragraph it is written: "I think it is very plausible the hollow core doors were a noncompliant change to the old doors." There was no change to the doors on the bedrooms. These are the original doors that were subject to the January 2000 appeal where a variance was granted in the February 1, 2000 decision. As there is confusion surrounding apartment doors, corridor doors and bedroom doors I would like either present pictures or offer that you come and tour our building if it would help me present better information.

Thanks, Lon

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