Dear Council President Amy Brendmoen,

I have lived in St. Anthony Park since 1978. As a long-term resident of St. Paul I must tell you how much I appreciate this city. However, I do not appreciate how a couple, Rev. Richard Foss and spouse Nancy, have been treated by fellow residents regarding a dispute over St.Anthony Park library land. They purchased their home in good faith and have, as far I as I can tell, been quality neighbors to our local library. I would like the city of St. Paul to expess good faith towards them regarding the land dispute by deeding them the land without payment on their part. It would benefit them by now owning what they had originally thought they had purchased and also by reducing personal and family stress and anxiety. The city would benefit by incrimentally increasing the tax role as well as knowing it has done a good deed. It is the right thing to do. It would be a quality move on the part of St. Paul.

My best regards and appreciation of your attention to this matter,

Paul Hirdman
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March 6, 2018

Dear Council President Amy Brendmoen:

After having reviewed various sources of information, I urge you to support for Rick and Nancy Foss in the dispute over the side-yard at 2239 Como Avenue and request that you allow the Fosses to purchase the land from the City as has been pre-negotiated.

I am a neighbor and make use of the library. I value the garden space behind the library to the extent that it has been known to exist for many years. I believe that the land in question has been treated as part of the side-yard of 2239 Como for a very long time and the final decision should support that boundary (as shown in the Ramsey County property tax records and property description.

Please vote in favor of selling the land to the Fosses.

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Cc: Samantha Henningson, Ward4 Council Member

From: Michael Rogness [mailto:mrogness@luthersem.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 10:11 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Subject: Rick and Nancy Foss property

March 7, 2018

TO: St. Paul City Council (for their March 7, 2018, meeting)

FROM: Michael and Eva Rogness, 1340 Keston Street, St. Paul, Minnesota (in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood)

ABOUT: Piece of property between the house owned by Rick and Nancy Foss, 2239 Como Avenue West, and the St. Anthony Park Library.

It appears clearly that the property in question already belongs to the homeowners at 2239 Como Avenue:

- They and the previous owner were assured by the surveyors that they owned the property
- They have paid taxes on it accordingly.
- The surveys of 1998 and 2006 support their claim.

Now another survey comes to a different conclusion, after the fact and after all the previous history of the property. So, on what do you base your decision? – The entire previous history of the property, or the conclusion of just one survey disputing this?

Here's my solution: If you decide that Rick and Nancy Foss do not own the property, *sell it to them for $1*. That's right - $1. Everybody will be happy. I assume the Fosses will happily pay it, and anybody who thinks the minority 2015 survey is correct will also be happy with the judgment.

You will have pleased both sides. How many disputes can be resolved so easily?

Michael and Eva Rogness

To the City Council of St. Paul, Mn.

I write in reference to a property line question that has arisen in the North St. Anthony Park neighborhood. Specifically, the boundary in question is the line between the St. Anthony Park Library (2245 Como Avenue) and the adjacent home (2239 Como Avenue) currently owned by Rick and Nancy Foss. I know the Fosses well as they are active members of the congregation I serve. I stand with them in hopes of a peaceful common sense resolution of the issue. I am aware of a public meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) but my work responsibilities prevent me from attending. This message expresses what I would say in that meeting as a St. Paul resident.

In my opinion the evidence lies heavily in favor of recognizing and affirming the actual boundary as the selfsame boundary that has been in practical use for many decades.

In my work as a pastor in the neighborhood (St. Anthony Park Lutheran) it is my privilege to be a guest in many of the homes of congregation members. The owners of 2239 Como prior to Rick and Nancy were also members of my congregation. I have been a guest in that home on several occasions both before and after the Fosses bought it. I observed there was a fence between the home and the Library. Without actually thinking about it, I assumed the existing fence represented the boundary. It is my belief that any reasonable person would assume the same. To my recollection, the prior owners never mentioned any disputes about the location of the boundary during the time they owned it. In practice, the library and the neighborhood have assumed for a very long time that the fence and the boundary line closely coincided.

Rick and Nancy are dear, honest people and hope for a final determination that will put this matter firmly to rest. I urge you to recognize the unsettling nature of a disagreement they did not choose or initiate. I believe an equitable decision will give decisive weight to the actual use of the property over many decades.

Respectfully,
Glenn Berg Moberg