

## Dadlez, Kady (CI-StPaul)

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**From:** DAN NANCY ZIGMUND <DNZIGMUND@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 8:40 PM  
**To:** Dadlez, Kady (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** RE: Public Hearing to Consider Revocation or Modification of the Bed and Breakfast Conditional Use Permit for 241 George St W

Hi Kady,

Once again, it appears that our neighbor Scott Kramer and his Deering Mansion B & B are in the spotlight – this time, in connection with a New Year’s Eve party 1/1/18 that another neighbor reported as a problem...

We don’t know Scott very well but over the years our interactions have always been positive and cordial and he seems to be very much a mild mannered good citizen – the kind of person you’d be happy to have live near by. So in this context, I would like point out that our current outreach is driven not because Scott is a “special pal” but rather by two simple things 1). Facts, and 2) Our sense of fair play.

In terms of FACTS: We attended a New Year’s Eve party elsewhere in the neighborhood and drove past 241 George St. W. somewhat after midnight and whatever was going down at 241 George St West made absolutely ZERO impression on us. That is, we didn’t see anything or hear anything in the least bit untoward or problematic.... Not when we drove by, and not when we got out of the car and entered the house. We live two doors down from the Deering Mansion.

In terms of FAIR PLAY: we live here year round and the Deering Mansion has never, not once, come up on our radar as a problem. Scott’s B & B business is wholly invisible to us... And if we HAD noticed a party going on or heard one New Year’s Eve at ANY of our neighbors’, our sense of fair play is such that it would not have occurred to us to raise a fuss... It seems unfair that a New Year’s party can be conflated with year round behavior (and again, we don’t know what the problem even was 1/1/18...).

In closing, we are sorry to see a citizen who, from our perspective, is a welcome addition to the neighborhood being characterized in way we don’t understand. We do not think that Scott’s Conditional Use Permit should be revoked.

Sincerely,

Dan & Nancy Zigmund

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**From:** Dadlez, Kady (CI-StPaul) <Kady.Dadlez@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017 8:10:34 AM  
**To:** DAN NANCY ZIGMUND  
**Subject:** RE: Public Hearing to Consider Revocation or Modification of the Bed and Breakfast Conditional Use Permit for 241 George St W

Dan and Nancy-

Thanks for your email regarding the property 241 George Street. It will be provided to the Zoning Committee for its information and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

-Kady



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**From:** DAN NANCY ZIGMUND [mailto:dnzigmund@msn.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:18 PM

**To:** Dadlez, Kady (CI-StPaul)

**Subject:** Public Hearing to Consider Revocation or Modification of the Bed and Breakfast Conditional Use Permit for 241 George St W

Dear Kady:

Nancy and I just learned that our George Street neighbor, Scott Kramer and his B&B, will be the subject of a Planning Committee vote this Thursday re: the conditional use permit for 241 George, a.k.a., the Dearing Mansion.

We have been residents on St. Paul's West Side for nearly 20 years and have owned our property at 205/207 George since December 2014 (that is, the first house after the church east of 241 George).

This letter is in support of Scott and the operation of his B & B. In our view, Scott has done a remarkable job restoring a West Side landmark and operating a B & B from there is terrific way of sharing this terrific old, St. Paul home with others.

Scott indicated to us that the hearing is a result of a Robie St. neighbor's complaint about an outdoor party. This came as a surprise to us as in our experience, the B&B aspect of 241 George has been wholly invisible and never a problem (also, in our experience one party doesn't generally constitute a public nuisance...).

In closing, we regret that our work schedule does not permit our attendance at the Public Hearing this Thursday.

Could you please read this email into the record? Our bottom line is that restored home and B & B is a St. Paul success story and the B & B should definitely be allowed to carry on as such.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan & Nancy Zigmund

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## Dadlez, Kady (CI-StPaul)

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**From:** Laurie <lasovell@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Dadlez, Kady (CI-StPaul)  
**Cc:** Noecker, Rebecca (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** 241 George St W

Dear Kady,

I am writing in support of Scott Kramer and the continuation of his permit to run a bed and breakfast at 241 George Street W. I am actually really upset that I must do this. Again. As I wrote last time his permit was in question, Scott has done NOTHING BUT GOOD AND POSITIVE WORK for West George Street, the West Side, and the city of St. Paul.

We ALL owe Scott more than any of us could ever pay him for what he has given our neighborhood and city - the restoration of a historic home to its original splendor. No one else could, or would, have done what Scott has done for that house and this neighborhood. Let's face it, George Street W is not and will never be Summit Ave, or even Cherokee Ave. We are so blessed to have Scott here, and the dedication and care that he has put into our neighborhood. It would be a HUGE loss to our community if he were to lose his permit, forcing him to sell.

I ask the city to support Scott, a resident and citizen who cares and invests in our neighborhood.

I understand that Scott made some questionable decisions regarding the New Years 2018 party. I do not believe that his permit should be revoked as a result of this. He does not deserve, nor do I believe that his actions deserve that kind of treatment.

We have lived directly across the street from the Dearing Mansion for 15 years, since before Scott bought the house. Scott has been an excellent neighbor and has run the B & B in a very considerate way for us, his neighbors. He is always very open and honest, often letting us know when he will have guests. I honestly cannot understand who would complain! The church, two doors down from Scott, is louder on a weekly basis than his home has been.

We have SO many issues on the West Side that demand the city's time, attention, and our tax dollars. Please, please do not spend time and resources to shut down the positive efforts and investments of a person we need and value as a member of our community!

I stated my feelings to the Star Tribune reporter who rang my doorbell a few weeks ago and asked me questions about this situation. He apparently didn't feel my sentiments were a good fit for his story. Again, our loss. Scott deserves so much better. We all do.

I will do my best to be at the hearing on Thursday, but I wanted to send you a letter of support as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Laurie Sovell  
240 George St W



## Dadlez, Kady (CI-StPaul)

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**From:** Michele Stillinger <stil0005@umn.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 10:24 AM  
**To:** Dadlez, Kady (CI-StPaul)  
**Cc:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward2  
**Subject:** Urgent: Scott Kramer Conditional Use Permit

3/27/18

To: Kady Dadlez  
CC: Councilmember Rebecca Noecker  
Re: Conditional Use Permit for Scott Kramer

Dear Ms. Dadlez,

I am saddened to hear that city is considering revoking Scott Kramer's Conditional Use Permit. I live directly across the street from Scott. He has been an exemplary neighbor and I have never had any issues with him or his property being used as a bed and breakfast. I have lived in this neighborhood for over 20 years. I remember the former owners and when that house was falling apart. Scott rescued and restored a beautiful old house to its former glory. In this economy, that type of property is too large for a single family and ideally suited to being a bed and breakfast and event rental where everyone can have the opportunity to enjoy its historic charm. He has brought life back into our community and I for one am happy that the home can be preserved and enjoyed by others.

Apparently on New Years he had a private party. I was home all night recovering from a recent surgery. I didn't even know he was having a party. I heard no noises, no cars, nothing. I assume as citizens, we are allowed to have parties in our own homes, barbecues, family get-togethers, etc. I don't know how Scott's rental events are any different than a private citizen enjoying their own property. As long as everyone is respectful of their neighbors, which I know Scott is, I don't see any problem. **I am very concerned that the city is continually taking the word of one person as representative of the situation. This is beginning to look like a personal vendetta.**

This problem is really a matter of geography. Scott lives uphill of his neighbor to the north. Sound is carrying down, and probably seems louder then it really is. There is nothing that can be done about the placement of these houses. **No matter who lives in that house, the noise from their family get-togethers, barbecues, children playing in the yard, etc. is going to carry downhill. Instead of ruining the livelihood of a citizen in our neighborhood, how about recommending that the two individuals come up with a plan to build a fence or hedge as a sound barrier?**

I plan on being at the meeting on Thursday in support of Scott. I hope the city takes a closer look at the fact that they are relying on the word of one individual instead of a neighborhood, which has benefited from having a neighbor like Scott.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Michele Stillinger

234 George Street West