

Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

From: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 3:38 PM
To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Subject: FW: 1846 Chelton Avenue comments

Please respond.

From: Emily Spende [mailto:emilynaberspende@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 10:20 AM
To: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul) <marcia.moermond@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Emily Spende <emilynaberspende@gmail.com>
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Hello Marcia,

I understand that we are to send comments on the property, 1846 Chelton for the hearing on July 24th. I am not aware of the particulars of the appeals process, but I would appreciate if my identifying information be left off any distribution/reading of this statement if the owner is present, for fear of retaliation.

I live across the street from this house so, luckily, do not have the worst view of the property. Those living next door and across the alley have the worst view of this property.

Concerns range from additions being added that are clearly not up to code, overflowing garbage, holes in the roof (allowing vermin inside), and the high number of people who seem to be living at this address. I am not aware of the codes for tenants, but there are easily 10-12 people coming and going/staying at this house at any time. There is the owner, a few 'regulars' and then a revolving cast of women who 'move in' with a bag of clothes and stay for a few days, and then are replaced by other women.

Of concern, as well, is the affect that this property has on our property values. It's clearly run down and clearly an eye sore. If we were to try and sell our house, it would surely factor in to our value--however, not as badly for us, being across the street, as for those right next to this house.

We were recently at a neighbor's house, having a campfire with our families. This house is right next to 1846 Chelton. I hadn't realized how bad the view is from their back yard--the mysterious black bags of garbage littering the back yard, the general state of the wood siding on sides/back, the boarded up door, the DIY second level addition that is clearly a safety hazard, and then all of the activity between the house and the garage (I forgot to mention that we think that people are also living in the garage).

I ask that you enforce City codes on this house and impose adequate fines to ensure that the needed work is completed in a timely fashion. If you have any direct questions, you may reach me at 612.770.0848.

Thank you,
Emily (and Mike) Spende at 1851 Chelton Avenue