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9 [SR 18-182](#)

Review Request of Extension for Council File RLH VO 18-51 adopted October 17, 2018 for an Appeal of Ranjit Bhagyam to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 2012 COMO AVENUE.

Sponsors: Jalali Nelson

Ranjit C. Bhagyam, owner, appeared along with Carolyn Brown

Ms. Moermond: you're all working together to complete the repairs; I talked to Metric Giles, Deputy Director of Community Stabilization Project, on the phone; Carolyn Brown, you are here working with the landlord; the C of O had been Revoked; & we were working with new deadlines but that wasn't enough time for contractors to get the work done

Fire Supervisor Leanna Shaff: as far as we know, nothing has been really done; the last time I was in there was Nov 15, 2018; in the meantime, we got a new exterior complaint for trash & debris

-Insp Huseby writes that the electrical inspector issued a No Entry for an inspection scheduled for Nov 21

Mr. Bhagyam: I honestly did not know that the electrical inspector had the inspection; we did not know he was coming because the electrician who did the job said that we had to amend something & we did not know he was coming; Ms. Huseby saw the work done & she said to leave it open so the elect insp can come & take a look at it; permit was pulled; work was done & I apologize.....

Ms. Shaff: L & J Electrical, your contractor, must call for inspections according to the code; trades inspectors don't inspect unless they're called; somebody called & made the appointment; they didn't just show up there for

Ms. Moermond: L & J needs to follow-up & re-connect with the elect insp

Ms. Brown: they went in and added work that needed to be done - #10; so, L & J added to the permit;

-question: the basement toilet was leaking & they replaced it but did not know that a permit needed to be pulled to do that; so, we still need to pull that permit

-the debris in the yard has all been removed

-the heater that was in the basement has been removed

-all the light fixtures globes will be replaced

Mr. Bhagiam: I need to take care of #5 - I did not know that the fresh air intakes needed screen covers

Ms. Brown: we can get that done

-question: does a permit need to be pulled to tighten up bolts on the railing?

Mr. Bhagiam: I understand that we need to put a new strip of wood between the railing & the wall; now, the gap is 6 inches; needs to be less than 4 inches

Ms. Moermond: I feel comfortable about granting an extension on soffit/fascia repairs

Mr. Bhagiam: Ms. Huseby is coming on Dec 3; I've got everything taken care of except one big tote is supposed to be moved but I can't do it along; it will be picked up by a company

-my fear is that Ms. Huseby keeps adding things & if she comes again & Revokes my license....

Ms. Brown: we want an extension to the end of Dec 2018 just to be sure

-can the exterior work wait until spring?

-I'll send pictures & the affidavit

Ms. Moermond: I don't see photos of the eaves; I'm inclined to recommend granting an extension to Jun 1, 2019 for the exterior work (potholes & trim)

-for #7 & #9, we'll say the work doesn't require a permit (guardrail)

-all other items you think will be taken care of by the end of Dec (?)

Ms. Brown: yes; another question: can I provide a receipt for #16 for the purchase of material as documentation?

Ms. Shaff: it depends; the receipt may not say fire rated 5/8" gypsum board (which is required)

Ms. Brown: so, what do I need?

Mr. Bhagiam: Ms. Huseby said that I need to have 5/8" & I do have leftovers from the Kit ceiling, which is done

Ms. Brown: that whole ceiling has been replaced (have receipt)

Ms. Shaff: Insp Huseby wrote re: gypsum board - when we have more than 1 unit, all those walls between the units need to be fire-rated 5/8" gypsum board, usually that's a type X; in her Orders, she said that she found sheetrock on Apr 21, 2015 in the lower level to not be fire-rated for use in multi-family dwellings

Ms. Brown: cover up the fireplace & put up a sign - OK

Ms. Shaff: I'm going to recommend that you insulate up there to reduce the draft

Mr. Bhagiam: that's a good idea; I can do that

Ms. Moermond: today, we just had the conversation; the reason we handled it this way is because the Council already gave a deadline; the deadline was blown & so the Dept goes to enforce what was already a Council decision; so, we didn't have anything fresh

for the Council to look at

Grant additional extension to January 1, 2019 for work to be done with the exception of the driveway repair and missing metal trim at eaves which are granted until June 1, 2019.

A new resolution will be in front of City Council on December 12 amending Council File No. RLH VO 18-51.

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