



Frogtown Neighborhood Association (District 7)

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Marcia Moermond
Legislative Hearing Officer
City of Saint Paul

Dear Ms. Moermond,

I am writing this letter in efforts to ensure that the final disposition of 479 Sherburne remain in the best interests of Mr. Stuff, the homeowner and that overzealous timelines do not diminish his interests.

As you know FNA has been heavily involved with 479 Sherburne, including operating as the point person with Mr. Stuff. As we have stated before Mr. Stuff is homeless and vulnerable to strict timelines. In my experience, strict timelines have made sense when the property is a very serious community issue and the affected District Council is pushing for further enforcement. That is not the case here. FNA, the District Council, has been working to decipher the best outcome for the community AND for Mr. Stuff.

Imam Hassan was the first person I met, after Mr. Stuff, and who voiced interest in purchasing the property, which sits adjacent to 479 Sherburne. He has been working with Mr. Stuff for over a year.

I have worked hard to stay connected to Mr. Stuff. The trauma caused by the death of his mother and the roof/chimney collapse and subsequent forced displacement results in significant communication challenges and fear of systems. It takes extra time to work with him to accomplish required tasks.

Since the last hearing Mr Stuff with my support have worked with Highland Bank worked to obtain the lien waiver which was filed this week at Ramsey County.

If it takes additional time for Mr. Stuff and Imam Hassan to finalize the sale so be it. FNA is in full support of the additional time, as I believe would be, Councilperson Dai Thao.

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Co-Director FNA



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