Graybar, Matthew (CI-StPaul)

From: Graybar, Matthew (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 10:46 AM
To: chue vang
Subject: RE: 35 Winthrop Hearing follow up

Good Morning Chue,
I included your statement in the packet for today's hearing. Keep in mind that since this is a last minute addition to your application, the board members may not have enough time to read all of your statements before your case is heard.

Respectfully,

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From: chue vang [mailto:vang0174@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 15, 2019 8:29 PM
To: Graybar, Matthew (CI-StPaul) <Matthew.Graybar@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: 35 Winthrop Hearing follow up

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Hi Mathew,

Thank you for adding the statement and pictures. Regarding to the letter from District Council 1, thank your for the information. However, please add my statement to package for the board as they may not let me speak again and I did not know about District Council 1 or their involvement:
"I would have reached out to the District Council if I had known or was informed. However, based on the District Council letter, as stated opposition is their default position; however, also stated in the letter, the "circumstances in which we may find a compelling reason to support such an application" is exactly my circumstances. Their example of generational family is exactly my case. This is one of the reason why my family needs more parking space. The drivers in my family are my brother, mother and this coming summer, my niece and wife. We all rely on cars for mobility,

independence and economic stability. In addition, another factor which I believe if given the opportunity to discuss with the District Council they would support the pad is the demonstrated unique danger of parking in front of the house given it is an uncontrolled T-Intersection on a hill where cars get stuck every snow storm and the advantage of having my car off the street for school bus stops as multiple school buses use this corner to pickup and drop off children"

Thanks you

Chue

On Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 5:04 PM Graybar, Matthew (CI-StPaul) <Matthew.Graybar@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Good Afternoon Chue,

I included your statement and pictures in your application. I also attached a letter from the district council regarding your variance application.

Respectfully,

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From: chue vang [mailto:vang0174@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 2:19 PM
To: Graybar, Matthew (CI-StPaul) <Matthew.Graybar@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: 35 Winthrop Hearing follow up

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Hi Mathew,

Thank you for the help thus far. Please add the following information to the report regarding find #6. In my neighborhood (about 4 blocks east), there are three houses that cars currently park in the front yard with similar pavement. I've attached the pictures.

92 Michael Street. This house uses bricks to pave the side of the driveway but it serves as a parking area.
27 McKnight Rd N. This house has very similar pavement.
77 McKnight Rd N. This house is again very similarly paved

Thank you

Chue

On Tue, Dec 3, 2019 at 9:45 AM Graybar, Matthew (CI-StPaul) <Matthew.Graybar@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

> Good Morning Chue,
>
> Your case was laid-over until the Dec. 16th hearing in the hopes that another board member will be present to weigh-in on the variance application and cast a vote. They will revote on your variance on this date, so please come to the hearing just in case they have more questions for you. I'm not sure if they'll reopen the public testimony portion or not, that's up to them. I will include the statement that you just sent me into their packets for the next hearing.

Two cases were laid over from yesterday's hearing, so you'll be either first or second on the list since it's considered "Old Business."

Respectfully,

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From: chue vang [mailto:vang0174@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 8:30 PM
To: Graybar, Matthew (CI-StPaul) <Matthew.Graybar@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Richfield Blacktop <tom@richfieldblacktop.com>
Subject: 35 Winthrop Hearing follow up

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Hi Matthew,

I was very nervous during the hearing and did not properly address findings 3 and 6 nor speak clearly.

Please clarify what will occur in two weeks. Is a similar hearing occurring with a 7th board member present? If so I would like to add comments on findings 3 and 6. Finding 3 should be met as parking on the T intersection during winter is dangerous and not practical. In addition, this intersection is a common school bus stop. Many parents pick up their children on this corner. Other properties do not have these unique circumstances to content with.

Regarding number 6, each house in this neighborhood is unique, shape, size, style. The parking 'characteristic' of this neighborhood is unique to each home. For example, some properties have drive ways out the side, others have the garage exiting to a different street, and still other homes sit behind two garages. I hope that you will reconsider the finding as extra parking pad for my home is another unique attribute. In addition the walkway, new siding, windows, and doors all cohesively enhance the beauty of this property and exhibits the it as a welcoming home at the T intersection.

As for the alteration suggested by the Board Member, please inform them that alterations are welcome. If required, I will work with the contractor to meet the alternation requirements of the board.

Thank you

Chue