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Ms Moermond,

I'm the current property and business owner of Outdoor Lab Landscape Design, 1196 7th Street East. diagonally across from The Apostolic Church Assembly 1179 7th Street East. Along with two other business owners on the same block we have long wondered when the building at 1179 would be repaired, razed or at minimum maintained. The past week we have had two couches, a Christmas tree and a variety of trash dumped on the site, all of which are still on site. The sidewalks have not been maintained and the corner of 7th and Duluth is a school bus stop. We sent our own employees over to clear the sidewalk so the students don't wait in the street. I built a new office space on the East 7th in 2016/17. Other businesses are working on repairs and improvements to their properties. I have plans to further invest in this neighborhood, but it makes it difficult when we have a property with no current activity, no maintenance and from what I have read in the last legislative hearing minutes, no realistic plan to rehab this building. I was in the building in 2015 with Eastside Development and at that time we knew this building was past any realistic chance of rehab.

I was hoping to be able to attend the meeting next Tuesday, but I may be not be able to attend, so I was hoping to get my opinion on the record. If I do become available, I will be at the meeting along with the adjoining property owner to 1179.

Thank You, we have a very small pocket of property owners on East 7th that have been long term owners and we have seen this neighborhood stagnate and become blighted with buildings and homes in disrepair. But we have in recent years seen the area start to turn and would hate to see others turned away because of the issues like buildings like 1179.

Thank You
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