



Frogtown Neighborhood Association (District 7)

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Dear Saint Paul Councilmembers,

Preserve Frogtown, a partnership between Historic Saint Paul and Frogtown Neighborhood Association, became aware of a Frogtown property, 854 Edmund, on your agenda this afternoon. The Legislative Hearing Officer has recommended that it be removed within 15 days.

Before moving forward with orders to raze this property, Preserve Frogtown would request time to assess its structural viability. The extreme affordable housing crisis we face as a city, county, state and nation should be pushing us to avoid demolition of structurally sound properties at all costs.

Preserve Frogtown, has in the past, intervened in similar circumstances and have successfully found responsible parties to rehabilitate the property and place it back in the neighborhood's housing inventory and the city's tax rolls. The most recent example being 489 Sherburne.

There are 5 category 3 vacant properties in Frogtown, two of those are duplexes. That means that those 7 units are at risk of demolition if we do not work together to develop proactive strategies to preserve these units of affordable housing. We look forward to working in partnership with the city on this critical issue.

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