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May 14, 2021

Ernest Trower
2075 Scudder St
St Paul MN 55108

Byron Anfinson
Coldwell Banker

VIA MAIL

VIA EMAIL: byron@cbburnet.com

Re: Remove or Repair of the Structure(s) at 2062 Como Avenue, 1253 Cleveland Avenue, & 2075 Scudder Street

Dear Mr. Trower and Mr. Anfinson:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on May 11, 2021 Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, recommended continuing the above-referenced matter to Legislative Hearing on **Tuesday, May 25, 2021 between 9:00 and 11:00 am via phone**. By noon on Monday, May 24, 2021 the following conditions must be met:

1. post \$5,000 performance deposits with the Department of Safety & Inspections for each property;
2. apply for Code Compliance inspections with the Department of Safety & Inspections for each property. Note: you have previously completed Code Compliance Inspections for these properties but they have since expired. Your code compliance application(s) must include lock box code(s) and box must be attached to doors for use; and
3. the properties must be maintained.

As you have indicated you may wish to sell the property, please note because this is a Category 3 vacant building, **title of the property cannot transfer until the rehabilitation is complete and a Certificate of Code Compliance has been received**. Pending transfer of title, the contract used for this transaction will need to be approved by the Legislative Hearing Officer.

I have included samples of how title transfer has been done in the past. The Code Compliance and performance deposit forms can be found online here, I have also attached them: <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/safety-inspections/vacant-buildings>. Please contact the Department of Safety and Inspections directly at 651-266-8989 for questions regarding the application or payment process. **Please include the lock box code in your Code Compliance Application.**



During the hearing it was mentioned you should contact Matthew Graybar about potential zoning concerns; however he is on a leave of absence. Instead, please contact Ashley Skarda at 651-266-9013 or ashley.skarda@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

For your reference, in addition to the above items, the following conditions will need to be met in order to receive a grant of time to rehabilitate the properties:

1. submit evidence of financing sufficient to complete the rehabilitation. Staff estimates cost \$50,000. If total for bids are more than 20% less than staff estimate, a high level of detail will be required. Financing could be business or personal accounts, a line of credit, or construction loan. Other types of financing will be reviewed on a case by case basis;
2. submit an affidavit indicating the finances will be dedicated to completing the project and not diverted until a code compliance certificate is issued; and
3. submit work plan, sworn construction statement, or scope of work. This should include **signed** subcontractor bids and a schedule for completion of the project.

This matter will go before City Council on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. If you will wish to contest to the recommendation Ms. Moermond will give at the May 25, 2021 Legislative Hearing, and give live testimony remotely at the City Council Public Hearing on **June 9, 2021 between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.**, please contact me at 651-266-8515 or legislativehearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us to let our staff know before noon. If you are not contesting then no further action is needed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-266-8515.

Sincerely,

/s/

Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

Encl: Sample Purchase/Loan agreement documents
VB Performance deposit form
Single Family code compliance inspection form

c: Rehabilitation & Removal staff
Steve Magner – Department of Safety & Inspections, Housing and Code Enforcement
Manager