



Meeting Minutes - Action Only

Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, March 12, 2019

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

9:00 a.m. Hearings

Remove/Repair Orders

- 1 [RLH RR 19-3](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 899 GERMAIN STREET within fifteen (15) days after the February 13, 2019, City Council Public Hearing. (To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on March 12)

Sponsors: Busuri

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 3/26/2019

- 2 [RLH RR 19-5](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 718 ORANGE AVENUE EAST within fifteen (15) days after the March 13, 2019 City Council public hearing. (Refer to Legislative Hearing March 26, 2019)

Sponsors: Busuri

To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on March 26 @ 10:30.

Kris Kujala appeared from Ramsey County Tax Forfeited Land

Ms. Moermond:

We left a conversation

mm-left conversation off what that there is going to be a follow up to see if anybody from the City was interested and you haven't heard from them at that time.

Mr. Magner reading letter to record from the Feb 28 hearing (attached to file)

Ms. Moermond:

-Has there any changes?

Ms. Kujala:

-Yes, so I know today is that Jay Nord who has a company called Singular Development and he partners with ESNDC on projects on the East Side

-- in 2016, he has filed an application to acquire this property with ESNDC. Later on, he released the property which caused us to put up for auction. He has come back

around and is interested in the project

-he is going to be visiting tomorrow to look at what his scope of work would look like but right now the intent is he would be acquiring it through the City of St Paul, HRA and rehabbing it

Ms. Moermond:

-who in the HRA?

Ms. Kujala:

-Donna Corbo

Ms. Moermond:

-We need her and him here for that matter. So he is out there looking at it today?

Ms. Kujala:

-tomorrow. He is looking at it right now and he is the developer.

-they have a joint venture agreement

-He does plan to acquire it through that joint venture. He can also acquire it as a for profit developer.

Ms. Moermond:

-with the County

Ms. Kujala:

-He can acquire it. Non-profit, for profit but we are not selling directly to him because he is not a government agency but we can sell it to a government agency so therefore, we can sell to the HRA.

-this is all hinging on the HRA, basically then partnering with Singular or ESND or both as a joint venture.

Ms. Moermond:

-Do you have contact information for Mr. Nord?

Ms. Kujala:

-I don't have it with me.

Ms. Moermond:

-in a weeks time so we can bring in Donna Corbo and Mr. Nord so we can have a conversation with them about how logistic this could work and try to set up a plan

Ms. Kujala:

- he is familiar with the process because he acquired several properties through the HRA, through the County Tax Forfeiture. Basically, we need an application

Ms. Moermond:

-what I need is how to figure how to get the order to abate a nuisance addressed through this rehab process.

-we need to talk to them about what that would like at our end

-we like to arrange it similarly to how we have the St Albans property where the contract you have with Mr. Nord would reflect the Order to Abate and the timelines associated with that

Ms. Kujala:

- we won't have a contract with Mr. Nord but will be with the HRA and then the HRA

would need to have a contract with Mr. Nord or they would have to have an agreement with Mr. Nord

-I don't know their process

Mr. Magner:

-Kris, when the HRA acquires these properties, don't you separate interest at that point in time?

Ms. Kujala

- yes, we do.

Mr. Magner:

- we need to get HRA and Mr. Nord in the room in a couple weeks so that they understand the responsibility to be able to address the concerns. If this moves forward and if HRA can move forward, it would be much simpler.

Ms. Kujala:

-the biggest issue you are going to have is timeline so that is going to be the biggest conversation we all going to be having so I understand why you want everyone in the room.

-would be best to schedule a separate meeting maybe outside of this meeting so we can have a conversation on how the process works with the County if the HRA would to submit an application, what that timeline would look like because there is the up front where the HRA would have to go to their board and get approval to acquire this property so a lot of this will be hinging on the HRA

Ms. Moermond:

-I understand so how about 10:30 on the 26th?

-we will contact them and if we can get Jay Nord's contact

- will send something to Jay and Donna Corbo

-LO to March 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/13/2019

- 3 [RLH RR 19-11](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 489 SHERBURNE AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the March 27, 2019, City Council Public Hearing.

Sponsors: Thao

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 4/9/2019

- 4 [RLH RR 19-12](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1143 WOODBRIDGE STREET within fifteen (15) days after the April 10, 2019, City Council Public Hearing.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 3/26/2019

11:00 a.m. Hearings

Orders To Vacate, Condemnations and Revocations (Code Enf)

- 5 **RLH VO 19-4** Appeal of Katerina Steiger to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation & Order to Vacate at 1156 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST.
- Sponsors: Busuri
- Grant to March 15, 2019 to vacate the property. (No one appeared)*
- Minutes pending*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 3/20/2019**

11:30 a.m. Hearings**Orders To Vacate, Condemnations and Revocations (Fire Inspections)**

- 6 [RLH VO 19-8](#) Appeal of Pounnaphone Phamtalikhith, Attorney for Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, on behalf of Nimo Hassan, on a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint (which includes condemnation) at 1272 EDGERTON STREET.
- Sponsors: Busuri
- Inspector Heitman said that heat has been restored and the condemnation order has been lifted.*
- He has abated the orders and closed the complaint.*
- Appeal withdrawn.*
- Withdrawn**

1:30 p.m. Hearings**Fire Certificates of Occupancy**

- 7 **RLH FCO** Appeal of Augustine Mai to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint at
 19-27 1330 BLAIR AVENUE.
- Sponsors: Jalali Nelson
- Deny the appeal on the security gate; and grant to April 10 for the other items.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 4/10/2019**
- 8 **RLH FCO** Appeal of Bob and Leah Usselman to a Reinspection Fire Certificate of
 19-24 Occupancy With Deficiencies at 1210 THOMAS AVENUE.
- Sponsors: Jalali Nelson
- Grant to April 12, 2019 to get permits finalized; deny the appeal on the attic space to be*

used as a bedroom.

Referred to the City Council due back on 4/10/2019

2:30 p.m. Hearings

Vacant Building Registrations

- 9 RLH VBR 19-25** Appeal of Taylor Johnson to a Vacant Building Registration Notice plus Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1047 FOURTH STREET EAST.
- Sponsors:** Prince
- Grant to April 1, 2019 to get Fire C of O reinstated to address all items on the list and waive the VB fee for 90 days. If not completed, this will be reassessed on whether it should be a Category 1 of 2. If Category 2, owner will need to apply for a building only inspection.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 4/10/2019**
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- 10 RLH VBR 19-24** Appeal of Mark Kaehler, Property Restoration Management, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice and Fire Certificate of Occupancy Revocation at 1241 SIXTH STREET EAST.
- Sponsors:** Prince
- Waive VB fee for 90 days; grant to April 1 to get Fire C of O reinstated.*
- Referred to the City Council due back on 4/10/2019**