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From: Marcia Moermond
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 9:43 PM
To: Joanna Zimny; Mai Vang
Subject: FW: 540 Charles Retaining Wall

To be attached to the record and sent on. We'll send on any comments from street design when they are submitted.

From: Glenn Pagel <glenn.pagel@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 5:15 PM
To: Marcia Moermond <marcia.moermond@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: RE: 540 Charles Retaining Wall

Hello Marcia,

I have reviewed the information concerning the DSI repair order appeal for the small back of sidewalk wall at 540 Charles Street. Several observations lead me to the conclusion that this wall is not a city responsibility.

- 1) The construction of the Wall is of mortared Cinder Block construction. This is not a construction method that the city has ever used.
- 2) The Type and age of retaining wall changes at each property line. If the City had constructed the walls along this roadway the entire wall traversing all parcels would be of the same construction type.
- 3) Several properties along this block have an out-slope with a stairway rather than a wall.

The appeal states that the owner believes the wall was installed to allow for construction of the sidewalk. I am forwarding your email to the Street Design and Construction Division asking that Division to determine the merits of that portion of the appeal. It is my opinion that the result of any such investigation would show that the wall was not built to allow for the construction of the sidewalk. The most likely reason for the construction of the wall was to level the property's front yard to make it both more usable and to decrease the difficulty of maintenance (i.e., mowing the sloped lawn).

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From: Marcia Moermond <marcia.moermond@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Subject: 540 Charles Retaining Wall

Hi Glenn,

Per our conversation early in the day, I have attached the appeal for the property I talked to you about. As you can see in the owner's written statement attached to the appeal (pages 2 and 3 of the document), he contends the retaining wall was built by and should be maintained by the city. I believe he also thinks it's in the ROW. Look forward to hearing your thoughts. Thank you! -Marica



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