

Mai Vang

From: Marcia Moermond
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 2:41 PM
To: Mai Vang
Cc: Joanna Zimny
Subject: FW: A few questions on 621 Bidwell St.

Please attach to record.

From: Kayla Thao <kayla.thao@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 2:45 PM
To: Marcia Moermond <marcia.moermond@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: FW: A few questions on 621 Bidwell St.

Hi Marcia,

Can you please help me with Patrick's question highlighted below?

Thanks,
Kayla

From: Patrick Quillan <patrick.quillan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 5:50 PM
To: Kayla Thao <kayla.thao@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: A few questions on 621 Bidwell St.

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Hi Kayla,

There was a meeting on 9/6 wherein Steve Magner was to make a recommendation to the full council (see attached). What was that recommendation? Where do we stand at this point?

Thanks,

On Fri, Aug 4, 2023 at 8:59 AM Kayla Thao <kayla.thao@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Hi Patrick

Thanks for reaching out to Ward 2.

We appreciate you writing about your questions regarding 621 Bidwell St. I'm sorry to hear of your frustrations with the activities happening at that property. CM Noecker is out of the country until Aug. 9 but I can reach out to DSI to see what I'm able to find out.

I'll let you know when I hear back from them.

Thanks again for bringing this to our attention.

Best,

Kayla Thao

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From: Patrick Quillan <patrick.quillan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2023 1:37 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: A few questions on 621 Bidwell St.

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Good afternoon!

I have a few questions on a burnt down property located near my house. The property is 621 Bidwell:

1. On 7/25/23 there was a public abatement preceding meeting. Was this a "Substantial abatement meeting" or an "Emergency abatement meeting?"
2. I have seen that the building has been labeled a Category III in the city's vacancy system. This indicates it is unable to be sold without a certificate of Code Compliance or Certificate of Occupancy. What is the deadline instituted by the city for Freedom Mortgage to obtain such a certificate so as to be able to resell the property? Per section 45.11 there should have been a time limit stated.
3. Per review of another statute (45.03) this building **additionally** meets the code's definition of an ongoing nuisance (it checks off several of the requirements. WH]hat is the city doing to rectify these nuisances? Is Freedom Mortgage continuing to be fined for the nuisances this property is causing?
3. Lastly per the attached police records there have been 25 calls to police since the fire on 10/4/22. These calls have been in regards to suspicious activity, breaking and entering, squatters, and other illegal activity. What are the ramifications of this to Freedom Mortgage?

As an aside, there are new families with young children moving in adjacent to this property. Several times it has been observed that there are people entering the property to use drugs. The residence was previously used as a "traphouse," a description given by police officers at a neighborhood meeting held

6/15/21 with police commanders and councilwoman Rebecca Noeker held at [622 Bidwell St., St. Paul, MN](#). I believe these issues should elevate the importance and pressure on Freedom Mortgage.

To their small credit Freedom Mortgage has installed motion sensor lights on the property since the meeting on 7/25/23...but how long will they be allowed to sit on a Category III? Neighbors present at the meeting indicated that a representative from Freedom Mortgage indicated they would have the property renovated in 2 months...we all find that hard to believe. I hope the council is ready to take strong action against the slow and inadequate response of a mortgage company that has had almost a year to rectify the situation of a dangerous, Category III vacancy.

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