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To: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
Subject: Fw: 606 Lafond Ave

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606 Lafond Ave. Email sent to, received from Mr. Humphrey. Please review for hearing

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From: Inho Chang <inho_chang@yahoo.com>
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From: Inho Chang <inho_chang@yahoo.com>
To: Robert Humphrey <robert.humphrey@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 at 04:00:59 PM CDT
Subject: Re: 606 Lafond Ave

Good Afternoon, Mr. Humphrey,

Thank you for your work to oversee the vacant building program. I have additional information that I would like to include in this email communication.

I was thinking about two options, repairing the property or selling it after the fire occurred 10/08/2023, but I decided to keep the property and repair it around March 2024. I had a fire at 733 Thomas earlier and this fire at Lafond occurred while I was finishing up the repair at Thomas property. It took some time to decide. This was one of the reason it was not fast enough to show repair progress earlier.

My contractor was slower than he promised because he had other projects going. Also it was hard to do any exterior work because it was winter.

My record shows that I received 4-5 summary abatement orders in the period after the fire occurred and before the property changed to category 2. I have managed to comply to the all the orders in timely manner. Most of the summary abatement were to remove trash at the back yard that random people had thrown. In order to prevent it happening again, the first thing I did was to put up a privacy fence around the back yard.

In terms of my effort to inquiring about the status of vacant building when I received the vacant building registration form in September 2024, I called Daniel Hesse according to the instruction of the letter, and he asked me to contact you.

I called you on 10/1/24, 10/4/24 and left voice mails. But I did not get any response from you. I called you and spoke with you on 11/20/24, and I recall that when I asked why Lafond property was changed to Category 2 while Thomas property has been Category 1 since both properties suffered fire damage, you said Lafond should not be different from Thomas. You added that you would get back to me after you took a look at the situation further. I sent you an email on 11/20/24 as

a follow up of the phone conversation. However, I did not get any answer from you. I sent you another email on Feb. 27, 2025, and you replied to me.

I wanted to share with you some of my side of points. I hope this helps you see my side better.

Thank you for your time.

Inho Chang

On Monday, March 17, 2025 at 03:22:02 AM CDT, Inho Chang <incho_chang@yahoo.com> wrote:

Good Morning Mr. Robert Humphrey,

Thank you for replying to me.

I believe that the 606 Lafond Ave. property vacant building status should be stay as category 1.

I have tried to contacted you many times through phone calls and e-mails about the vacant building status of the property since I received a letter from the DSI around September 2024. However, I have not heard from you until the my recent request of your reply dated February 2025 .

I have not had no knowledge of this change from Category 1 to Category 2 due to no communication from you.

Please reconsider putting the property as Category 1.

On Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 02:34:40 PM CST, Robert Humphrey <robert.humphrey@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Good Afternoon Inho,

My apologies if I missed an E-Mail from you.

For starters 606 Lafond has had numerous work orders on it for non-compliance and the rehabilitation is going very slowly. I count 14 summary abatements in the system. The last building permit was pulled almost a year ago.

733 Thomas showed consistent progress towards rehabilitation but also demonstrated many summary abatements. Perhaps we should have made it a Category II in hindsight.

At this point I would not consider making Lafond a Category I. Of course, you are entitled to bring the matter before the Legislative Hearing Officer.

I have attached the code compliance inspection application necessary for this property to this E-Mail.

--Robert



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From: Inho Chang <inho_chang@yahoo.com>
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Mr. Humphrey,

This is Inho Chang, the owner of the property located at 606 Lafond Ave, St. Paul. I have asked you about the status of the vacant building CATEGORY of the property via phone calls, and e-mails, but I have not gotten an answer from you.

Is the property classified as category II now? If so, why is it category II? It had suffered property damages due to a fire and it was classified as category I originally.

I had another fire incident at 733 Thomas Ave. St. Paul before the 606 Lafond property fire, and the Thomas property has been category I during the whole repair period since the fire occurred. Why would the Lafond property be classified differently from the Thomas property?

Could you please review your record on this matter, and let me know? Can you please consider changing the status of the property back to vacant building CATEGORY I? It will be greatly appreciated, and help me tremendously, if you can do that.

I have an upcoming legislative hearing scheduled on March 4, 2025.

Thank you,

Inho Chang

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On Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 03:44:20 PM CST, Inho Chang <inho_chang@yahoo.com> wrote:

Inspector Humphrey,

This is Inho Chang, the owner of 606 Lafond Ave. This is a follow up email after the phone conversation with you.

My request is if you can change the property status back to the vacant building Cat1. I asked "Can I sell the property?" in the Vacant Building Registration Form sent to DSI on 2/22/2024, but I decided to keep and repair it.

I would greatly appreciate if you can grant my request.

My phone number is 315 706 3738.

Thank you,

Inho Chang