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Not worried as long as it improves the look and safety of our neighborhood. Will look for the inspection especially and other 4 questions.. I am assuming the city has no plans to this lot if they do a tear down- no money, no plans, no investors,....
Jerry

On Oct 3, 2025, at 12:51 PM, *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
<LegislativeHearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Mr. Ratliff,

I would encourage you to read the minutes from Tuesday's hearing once they are online (should be by end of day): <https://stpaul.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?m=l&id=/matter.aspx?key=50402> The Legislative Hearing officer addresses many of your points below in the hearing.

Much of what you are requesting cannot and will not be facilitated by the City as this is ultimately a privately owned building/lot. I will make sure your email below is added to the (extensive) record for this file.

Joanna

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Dear CI St Paul:

I did not see a few things on this report:

1. Cost and details of repair to building.
2. Plan to immediately replace the building so there is not another empty lot in our neighborhood (or encampment). I saw no plans and no bids.
3. Cost to remove boards and replace with window coverings like we see on Nicollet Mall, in Har Mar & Rosedale, etc... Nice photos to make building look better instead of boards covering windows.
4. Original cost to fence and board property and who paid for that. For example: With Lloyd's the neighbors boarded it up after computers & drugs were stolen and before people firebombed it.
5. Cost to return a police substation in building or immediately on the property asap- could include security & police for city and light rail, Allianz Field game day security, etc....

Neighbors do NOT want to add to the over 20 vacant businesses in our Hamline Midway area- not a good look (see #3 & #5 above).

Believe the Goal is: To improve the look and improve safety ASAP of this intersection by reducing criminal activity.

FYI: Neighbors are getting impatient for businesses to return and the violence to stop as neighborhood meetings have clearly shown. In case you don't live here, I would add due to these delays there is a lack of trust including the inspection of the Hamline Library not being very transparent. Past week we had a first with Meth heads (complete with the shoulder slump) on our block for a week trying to charge a battery in a pick up truck-scary. THIS IS NOT NORMAL.

Looking forward to your answers.

Jerry Ratliff
Resident since 1979
(that's 46 years)

On Oct 3, 2025, at 10:53 AM, *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
<LegislativeHearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Good morning,

Please see attached.

Note: I've blind copied a distribution list I created which includes anyone who attend the Legislative Hearing or has emailed/called our office re: the matter. If you wish to be **removed** from this list, please simply let me know and I will do so.

Thank you,

Joanna

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