

## Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

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**From:** Bobby Gotch <bgotch19@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 11:08 AM  
**To:** Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** Re: 931-933 Sherburne Ave.Gotch RR Ltr.12-28-18

Good morning Mrs. Vang, I hope you're doing well. I'm reaching out because I have had zero success getting a bid (or even an estimate) for the repairs for my parents property.

I have tried a few different avenues unsuccessfully. Through Google and Craigslist I was able to speak with General Contractors (based on their websites, should be VERY capable of completing the work). It seems there is some interest when I tell them that it is a larger project with many different fixes. When they ask for specifics and I tell them that it's a code compliance/city inspection list that details all of the fixes, the interest seems to fade.

I have even tried Home Advisor, my project matched up with 5 highly reviewed GC's and not one has responded.

For the first time, I left a voicemail for a GC that I had a large project but purposely left out that I have an inspection report that lists out all of the fixes. He called me back within minutes, VERY excited and enthusiastic to learn more about the project. As I started to tell him the details he interrupted and said we're booked solid until August so we're probably not the best company for you.

Just to see how he would respond, I said "We have no problem waiting for you, even if it's August. Maybe we can set up an appointment to look at the property and get a bid, or even an estimate." He responded with "Well, um, um we don't work on rental properties because we're more expensive than most people want to pay." Again, to see how he would respond I said "Price isn't a problem." Completely flustered he said "Um, um, um, thank you for calling but we're booked solid so..."

This GC is one of the best reviewed on Google.

So, unfortunately I can't even get someone over there to give an estimate.

I refuse to give up trying, because I know there are good people out there, but it is very frustrating.

I think sitting outside a Menards / Home Depot and attempting to talk with every GC looking person walking in or out might be my only option.

Because of this we will not be prepared for Tuesday's hearing. I'm assuming the City cannot recommend a specific GC, but do they possibly have a list that I can call off of?

Thank so much and look forward to hearing from you/Ms Moermond.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 24, 2019, at 1:39 PM, Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Hi Bobby Gotch,

Marcia Moermond is ok with continuance of the matter. It will now be February 12 @ 10 a.m. in Room 330 City Hall. Please let your mom, Susan Gotch, know as well.

<image001.jpg> **Mai X. Vang**  
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**From:** Bobby Gotch [<mailto:bgotch19@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2019 1:09 PM  
**To:** Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: 931-933 Sherburne Ave.Gotch RR Ltr.12-28-18

I really appreciate it. I could not find an email address for Marcia so that's why I sent it to you.

Thanks so much, I look forward to her reply.

Take care and have a great day!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 23, 2019, at 10:49 AM, Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

I did received it but have forwarded to Marcia Moermond and Steve Magner. I can't give you extension so Ms. Moermond will have to make that call.

Mai Vang

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**From:** Bobby Gotch [<mailto:bgotch19@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2019 7:27 AM  
**To:** Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: 931-933 Sherburne Ave.Gotch RR Ltr.12-28-18

Hi Mai Vang! I sent the below email on Monday and I just want to make sure that it went through....

At your earliest convenience can you let me know if we can have a 2 week extension in order to get sufficient bids and complete the other bullet points for the committee to review?

Take care and talk soon.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 21, 2019, at 9:01 AM, Bobby Gotch <[bgotch19@hotmail.com](mailto:bgotch19@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Hello Mrs. Vang!

I hope you had a nice weekend. I am having some difficulty getting contractors to the property to give bids on the code compliance repairs.

Is it possible to receive a 2 week extension on our next meeting? I believe with an additional 2 week extension I will be able to secure sufficient bids, have a work plan, and the other items squared away for Mrs. Moermond and the rest of the committee to review.

Thank you for your time!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 2, 2019, at 11:57 AM, Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Hello Mr. Hatch and Bobby Gotch,

Attached please find a letter in the above matter, as well a copy of the code compliance report and performance bond made by Robert Gotch.

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