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Code Enforcement

From: Amy Ihlan [amy@briollaw.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 11:19 AM

To: Bill Malinen

Cc: Margaret Driscoll; *RVCouncil

Subject: Item Request for Future Agenda -- Twin Lakes Property Maintenance Code Enforcement

Dear Bill and Council,

In light of the e-mail we just received from Ed and Kelly Jaros (see below), I would like to add an agenda item as soon as possible for a future a council meeting, to have council discussion and direction to staff on two issues:

- 1. Enforcement of city property maintenance codes on derelict buildings in Twin Lakes area
- 2. Considering strategies to require property owners to demolish vacant and unusable buildings that are creating a nuisance and/or public health and safety issues.

Thanks,

Amy

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----Original Message----

From: support@civicplus.com [mailto:support@civicplus.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 10:32 AM

To: city.council@ci.roseville.mn.us;

margaret.driscoll@ci.roseville.mn.us; bill.malinen@ci.roseville.mn.us

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Contact City Council

The following form was submitted via your website: Contact City Council

Subject: Graffiti, Storm Water runoff containment structures rotting etc on vacant bldg site of former trucking facility near Langton Lake Park

Name:: Ed Jaros

Address:: 1858 County Road C2 W

City:: Roseville

State: : MN

Zip:: 55113

How would you prefer to be contacted? Remember to fill in the corresponding contact information.: Email

Home Phone Number::

Daytime Phone Number::

Email Address::

Please Share Your Comment, Question or Concern: Dear Roseville City Council Members,

We are writing to you concerning the vacant buildings that remain at the site of the former trucking facility that backs up to Langton Lake Park. Since these buildings have been vacated there has been much graffiti showing up on the buildings. This can only indicate that persons who we don't want in our neighborhoods are in fact spending time here defacing our city.

Vacant buildings such as these are hazardous. Small children may wander into these properties, they are an attraction to kids as well as vandals, possibly drug deals or gangs or vagrants. Stray animals and rodents may find it inviting as well. At the very least they are an eyesore to people who live in the community. Some of the doors are open and the fence along the park is broken down at least in one area.

Are there any ordinances that require building owners to keep their properties in reasonable repair and prevent them from becoming an eyesore and detracting from our community? Who wants to live down the street from a rundown old building covered by graffiti? Not me, but I do.

There are other issues as well. The storm water run off containment structures are rotting away, the runoff - most likely containing oil, grease and diesel fuel from past maintenance and storage activities goes directly into Langton Lake. Last spring there was such a torrent of water (and who knows what else) running off the property that it eroded a hole through the asphalt of the parking lot. There have also been issues with weeds growing tall and not being mowed. I am sure if I did not mow my lawn someone from the city would tell me I need to.

We would like to email some pictures illustrating some views of these properties taken from one of our great parks that we are so proud of. Please let us know who to email pictures to. There doesn't appear to be a place to attach pictures on your site here.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

Ed and Kelly Jaros 1858 County Road C2 West Roseville, MN 55113

Additional Information:

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