

Alderman Mark Borkowski...I am writing re the property at 1716 E. Iron St..

This site will be a topic at an upcoming committee meeting, that you chair.

I am adamantly opposed to the return of the property to the current owner, a Jean Demint (spelling ?).

I reside at and am the owner at 1712 E. Iron St.. Since 1984.

My home on the east side is literally 6 to 8 ft. away from the west wall of the home at 1716.

A couple years ago I complained to DNS about garbage in the back yard, visible from my back upper porch.

This last summer I removed some encroaching heavy and tall vegetation from her driveway and back near her door, at her request after I contacted her about it and offered to remove it.

1716 was recently the subject of a massive project by DNS to clear the home and property of debris, garbage, junk, weeds, etc..

The workers wore haz mat suits.

The back yard was impassable due to tall weeds and litter. The weeds bordered the house.

DNS I am confident has pictures of the effort and work done, to share with your committee.

1716 was in my estimation a fire hazard and a direct threat to the welfare of my property. A fire hazard due to a house crammed with assorted massive debris, and thick and tall weeds, etc., that could easily burn.

I sleep about 10 ft. from the west wall of the house as do my children when over. My house is made of wood.

The resident of record there has had past problems with similar issues.

On at least two occasions in the past, at the behest of her relatives I believe, the house has been cleared with the use of an industrial sized dumpster.

Most recently, about two years ago, a dumpster was placed there, I am told by a relative, but was removed completely empty about two weeks later.

I and other neighbors have been told that the house was taken control of by the City due to unpaid taxes.

My understanding is the owner is a recently retired MPD asst. principal, after many years with MPS.

The block the house is in is a block generally otherwise full of homeowners who take great care of their properties, and pay their taxes. Updating and rehabbing is common on the block, and beyond.

I am not at all confident that if returned to the owner of record, that this will not happen again.

The record there speaks for itself.

I ask you and other committee members to deny return of the property to the owner of record.

I believe she will benefit from being free from the burden of maintaining a property, to proper and even to minimal standards, and so will I and the other neighbors.

The owner of record there is otherwise a good neighbor. She is quiet and does not bother neighbors.

Except for the overwhelming problem of the terrible condition of her property in the very recent and also more distant past.

Thank you.

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