

Elmer, Linda

From: Askin, Tim
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Ann Pieper Eisenbrown; Bauman, Robert; Clendenen-Acosta, Marion; Matthew Jarosz; Patricia Keating Kahn; Sally Peltz
Cc: Elmer, Linda; Hatala, Carlen
Subject: FW: 2710 E Belleview, staff report

From: Jerry Holbus [<mailto:jholbus@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 1:53 PM
To: Askin, Tim
Subject: Re: 2710 E Belleview, staff report

Hello Tim,

This is Jerome Holbus, I am the east neighbor of (and I share the driveway with) Bob Travis. I am sorry to mention that I will not be able to attend today's Historic Preservation committee session as per 2710 E. Belleview Place.

I thought it would be useful for you to be aware of my reply to Bob (in the form of a text message I sent at 8:45 this morning) so we're all on the same page as per comments in the report made about the driveway (italicized below)

Bob, I just read your message. I received a notice from the city and I think everyone on the block did too. I will not be able to attend the meeting today I am booked with end of year business. I did not file any written complaints with the HPC but I did complain about the driveway and the water crossing the property line. Whether the brick edging is sub par would be up to the inspector. The height should be inspected. At this point and something which I noticed over the weekend, water continues to drift from the driveway and laps against the house at the backside up to the corner of the house (this is beyond the last casing towards the garage). So that will need to be resolved.

There is a misstatement in the paragraph above because I did send an email with pictures so I suppose that could be regarded as a "written complaint". I forgot about that at the time I sent the text. Apologies for any confusion.

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(text continued)

Just looking over your original note, the part about the "did not have full knowledge of the driveway construction". I would say that's mostly true. We did have a brief talk and Hana and I gave verbal agreement but to be clear, no written plans or drawings were shared with details of the driveway. Naturally, I would have never been happy with a blueprint detailing the angles of the driveway cross slope. Along the same lines, no plans of the inspection report detailing the resolutions were communicated to me.

(text end)

My concern about the driveway is how the cross slope (slope of the driveway width near the backyards) pitches water towards my house. The rise in the casing helps but there are two problems:

(1) the one listed in the text, i.e., water lapping where there is no barrier to prevent it from hitting the house (near the back). I can provide some photos if needed.

(2) the cross pitch of at least one of the rear driveway sections moves the stream of the water from the center of the driveway (as it used to be) to a short distance to my house so that only the raised casing prevents water from flowing into the window well. Naturally, this all assumes there is no large rainfall; in that case, it could be that the casing height is not sufficient.

thank you.

Regards,

-Jerry Holbus

On Sun, Dec 13, 2020 at 3:51 PM Askin, Tim <Tim.Askin@milwaukee.gov> wrote: