



Council Agenda Correspondence

DATE: July 2, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: ITEM 7B – DETERMINE EXISTENCE OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 205 CASA STREET AND 1067 MURRAY AVENUE

This Staff Agenda Correspondence provides an update on the actions taken by the property owner and status of the property at 205 Casa and 1067 Murray since the writing of the staff report.

The property owner, Mr. Diller Ryan, reached out to the Chief Building Official, Michael Loew, to inquire about the state of his property on June 26, 2024. Mr. Ryan scheduled a time for the following day to access the unit and discuss the public hearing process. Mr. Ryan met with Mr. Loew on site on the morning of June 27, 2024, to discuss the immediate needs; however, Mr. Ryan was not able to provide identification at the time and did not have keys to the structure. As a result, Mr. Loew scheduled another meeting the following day to remove the locks on the building. Access to the structure was granted to Mr. Ryan on June 28, 2024, when he verified his identity with his driver's license. Mr. Ryan arrived at the property that day with a crew of tree trimmers, who began clearing the overgrown vegetation. He also began removing the accumulated junk and debris, and only a few items remain today.

June 28, 2024, was the first time Mr. Ryan accessed the unit since it was boarded up in December of 2023. City staff was not permitted to access the structure to perform an inspection. During the onsite meeting on June 28, 2024, Mr. Ryan communicated his concerns regarding the security of the structure and asked to have the city locks reinstalled at the end of the day. Mr. Loew returned to the property at the end of the day to reinstall the strong-back locks to assist Mr. Ryan in assuring the building remained secured from unauthorized entrants.

Additional junk and debris began to accumulate over the weekend and Mr. Ryan has begun clearing those items. He met with Mr. Loew again on July 1, 2024, to discuss the costs of what is being recommended to the City Council during the public hearing. He communicated his interest in resolving the immediate code violations himself and providing the necessary security for the site. Mr. Loew provided Mr. Ryan with a paper copy of the Council Agenda Report that included all the attachments for the item.

While Mr. Ryan's recent efforts are important to note, staff recommends that the City Council proceed with the adoption of the Resolution presented in item 7b in order to continue to ensure the property is fully abated. City staff will continue to work with Mr. Ryan as he continues to abate the property and will only take action if the Council finds a nuisance does exist, and progress towards abatement isn't made by the deadline set during the public hearing.

The following pictures were taken on July 1, 2024, after Mr. Ryan's initial efforts to address the violations on the property:



