

# CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

# Monday, December 04, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center - Council Chambers/Municipal Court, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 (313) 343-2440

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Administrative Memo: November 30, 2023
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4. RECOGNITION OF COMMISSION MEMBERS
- 5. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
- 6. CONSENT AGENDA

# A. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Council 11/20/23
- 2. Zoning Board of Appeals 11/20/23
- 3. Planning Commission 10/24/23

#### **B.** Financial Report

- 1. FY 2023 Audit Report Plante Moran
  - a. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023\*
  - b. Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 Municipal Court\*

#### C. Claims and Accounts

- 1. McKenna Building/Planning Services
  - a. Invoice No. 21849-84 Building Services October 2023 11/21/23 \$38,042.40.
  - b. Invoice No. 22-064-19 Planning Services October 2023 11/21/23 \$1,340.00.
- 2. Plante Moran Professional Services Invoice No. 10121930 11/17/23 \$3,900.00.

#### 7. PRESENTATION

A. Oath of Office: Sergeant Kyle Seidel

#### 8. COMMUNICATIONS

A. <u>Legal Proceedings: Christal Lint, Daniel Spies, and Edgar Rinke, Jr. v City of Grosse Pointe Woods</u>

1. Summons

cc: Council - 7 City Administrator City Attorney Treasurer/Comptroller City Clerk Email Group/Media Assistant City Administrator Post - 4

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the 12/04/23 Committee-of-the-Whole agenda item 4A.

# 9. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

#### 10. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consideration of a Closed Session, Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation regarding DRSN Real Estate GP, LLC vs. City of Grosse Pointe Woods - Docket # 18-000573.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

# IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 267 (OPEN MEETINGS ACT) POSTED AND COPIES GIVEN TO NEWSPAPERS

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, or audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities. All such requests must be made at least five days prior to a meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Grosse Pointe Woods by writing or call the City Clerk's office, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 (313) 343-2440 or Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) 313 343-9249

\*\*\* NOTE TO PETITIONERS: YOU, OR A REPRESENTATIVE, ARE REQUESTED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING SHOULD THE COUNCIL HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR REQUEST. \*\*\*

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

# **Subject:** Recommendations for the Regular Council Meeting of December 4, 2023

#### Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Prerogative of the Mayor to call this meeting to order.

# Item 2 ROLL CALL

Prerogative of the Mayor to request a Roll Call from the City Clerk.

# Item 3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prerogative of the Mayor to lead the City Council, Administration, and members of the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Item 4 RECOGNITION OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Prerogative of the Mayor to request Commission Members in attendance at tonight's meeting to approach the podium and introduce themselves and the Commission on which they serve.

# Item 5 <u>ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA</u>

Prerogative of the City Council that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

#### Item 6 CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine by the Council and will be enacted by one motion and a second. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion of an item is required, it will be removed from the consent agenda and considered. One member may request that an item be removed and no second is required.

Prerogative of the City Council to approve all items (6A-6C) listed under the consent agenda as presented.

#### A. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Council 11/20/23
- 2. Zoning Board of Appeals 11/20/23
- 3. Planning Commission 10/24/23

# **B.** Financial Report

- 1. FY 2023 Audit Report Plante Moran
  - a. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023\*
  - b. Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 Municipal Court\*

\*Please refer to the 12/04/23 Committee-of-the-Whole agenda item 4A.

# C. Claims and Accounts

- 1. McKenna Building/Planning Services
  - a. Invoice No. 21849-84 Building Services October 2023 11/21/23 \$38.042.40.
  - b. Invoice No. 22-064-19 Planning Services October 2023 11/21/23 \$1,340.00.
- 2. <u>Plante Moran Professional Services</u> Invoice No. 10121930 11/17/23 \$3,900.00.

# Item 7 PRESENTATION

### Item 7A OATH OF OFFICE: SERGEANT KYLE SEIDEL

Prerogative of the City Council to direct the City Clerk to administer the Oath of Office to Sergeant Kyle Seidel.

# Item 8 <u>COMMUNICATION</u>

# Item 8A LEGAL PROCEEDINGS: CHRISTAL LINT, DANIEL SPIES, AND EDGAR

RINKE, JR. V CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Prerogative of the City Council to receive these legal proceedings and forward to the City Attorney for further processing.

# Item 9 NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Prerogative of the Mayor to ask if there is any New Business to come before the City Council from the City Council or Administration; and then, to ask members of the audience if there is any Public Comment to come before the City Council.

# Item 10 CLOSED SESSION (Requires motion with roll call vote)

Consideration of a Closed Session, Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation DRSN Real Estate GP, LLC vs. City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Docket # 18-000573.

#### Item 11 ADJOURNMENT

Upon the conclusion of the Closed Session with no further business to be conducted by the City Council, prerogative of the City Council to motion for adjournment of tonight's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Shulter

Frank Schulte
City Administrator

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023, IN THE COUNCIL-COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DR., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant

Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

ABSENT: Koester (Arrived at 8:20 p.m.)

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte

Assistant City Administrator Como

City Attorney Tomlinson Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy

City Clerk Antolin
City Planner Wolf

McKenna Representative Jackson

City Engineer Pangori

Director of Public Services Kowalski

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by McConaghy, that Councilmember Koester be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None Absent: Koester

Council, Administration, and the audience Pledged Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

The following Commission member was in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- Grant Gilezan, Planning Commission

Motion by Granger, seconded by Vaughn, that all items on tonight's **agenda be received**, **placed** on file, and taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None Absent: Koester

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Gafa, that all items (6A-6D) on the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

The following two items were removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda:

- Item 6A3 Citizens' Recreation Commission minutes requested by Mayor Bryant
- Item 6D2 Giffels Webster Invoice # 130275 requested by Councilmember McConaghy

# A. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Council 11/13/23
- 2. Committee-of-the-Whole 11/13/23
- 3. Citizens' Recreation Commission 10/10/23 with recommendations (\*Removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda)
- 4. Historical Commission 06/08/23

# **B.** Monthly Financial Report

1. October 2023 - \*Referred to the Finance Committee

# C. Resolution

1. <u>Public Act 152 - To Adopt the Annual Exemption Option</u> \*Resolution adopted

# D. Claims and Accounts

- 1. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. (AEW) City Engineers
  - a. <u>Vernier Rd. Water Main Replacement</u> Invoice# 146788 Proj.# 0160-0446 11/01/23 \$10.152.45.
  - b. <u>Hampton Rd. Water Main & Resurface (Mack/Marter)</u> Invoice# 146790 Proj.# 0160-0456 11/01/23 \$2,564.36.

<sup>\*</sup>Approved all minutes listed on the consent agenda

- Roslyn Rd. Water Main & Resurface (Mack/Marter) Invoice# 146791 Proj.# 0160-0464 11/01/23 \$10,582.79.
- d. <u>2023 Sewer Rehab Program</u> Invoice# 146792 Proj.# 0160-0468 11/01/23 \$3,235.88.
- e. <u>2023 Sidewalk Repair Program</u> Invoice# 146793 Proj.# 0160-0470 11/01/23 \$1,373.98.
- f. <u>2023-2024 General Engineering</u> Invoice# 146794 Proj.#0160-0472 11/01/23 \$1,704.90.
- g. <u>Torrey Rd. Pump Station Generator</u> Invoice# 146795 Proj.#0160-0473 11/01/23 \$46,400.00.
- h. <u>Vernier & Mack Ave. Intersection Improvement</u> Invoice# 146838 Proj.# 0160-0455 11/01/23 \$30,000.00.
- i. <u>2023 Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Investigation Program</u> Proj.# 0160-0467 Pay Estimate No. 1 Corby Energy Services, Inc. 11/09/23 \$54,090.70.
- j. <u>2023 Sewer Rehabilitation by Full Length CIPP Lining</u> Proj.# 0160-0468 Pay Estimate No. 1 Insituform Technologies USA, LLC 11/10/23 \$67,327.62.
- k. Roslyn Rd. Water Main & Resurfacing Project Proj.# 0160-0464 Pay Estimate No. 2 Pamar Enterprises, Inc. 11/10/23 \$519,930.90.
- 1. <u>Hampton Rd. Water Main & Resurfacing Project</u> Proj.# 0160-0456 Pay Estimate No. 6 Pamar Enterprises, Inc. 11/10/23 \$24,655.65.
- 2. <u>Giffels Webster Professional Services</u> GPW Master Plan Update Invoice# 130275 Proj.# 2034600 11/07/23 \$4,625.00. (\*Removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda)
- 3. <u>WCA Assessing Assessing Services</u> Invoice# 111523 December 2023 11/15/23 \$7,175.58.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None Absent: Koester

The following two items were removed from the consent agenda for discussion:

1) Item 6A3 - Citizens' Recreation Commission 10/10/23 with recommendations

<sup>\*</sup>Approved all invoices on the consent agenda

**Motion** by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, that the October 10, 2023 minutes of the Citizens' Recreation Commission be approved, but the recommendation for the \$850.00 Commission Member clothing allowance will be discussed at a future Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None Absent: Koester

# 2) <u>Item 6D2 – Giffels Webster Invoice# 130275</u>

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Vaughn, that the City Council approve item 6D2 regarding the Giffels Webster Invoice# 130275 in the amount of \$4,625.00.

City Administration provided clarification regarding the invoice.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None Absent: Koester

The City Council recessed the Regular City Council Meeting and convened as a Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:11 p.m. Upon conclusion of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, the City Council reconvened at 8:29 p.m.

Under New Business, no one wished to be heard.

Under Public Comment, the following individuals were heard:

• Stevan Skorupski, 19970 Norton Ct. – Addressed the abundance of one-way signs on Mack Ave. and the trees of the city regarding its maintenance and upkeep.

**Motion** by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, to **adjourn tonight's meeting** at 8:32 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,		
Paul P. Antolin	Arthur W. Bryant	
City Clerk	Mayor	

MINUTES OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023, IN THE COUNCIL/COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DR., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Mayor Bryant.

Roll Call: Mayor Bryant

Council members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

Absent: Koester

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte

Assistant City Administrator Como Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy City Attorney Tomlinson

City Clerk Antolin

Director of Public Services Kowalski

City Engineer Pangori Assistant Planner Wolf

McKenna Representative Jackson

**Motion** by McConaghy, seconded by Gafa, that Councilmember Koester, be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None Absent: Koester

**Motion** by Brown, seconded by Gafa, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, including the comments and letters received tonight and taken in the order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None Absent: Koester

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:13 P.M. FOR A ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF MICHIGAN ZONING ENABLING ACT PA 110 OF 2006, MCL 125.3101 ET SEQ, TO HEAR THE APPEAL OF RUSSELL SANDS, 551 ROSLYN ROAD, WHO IS APPEALING THE SIDE YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS, DUE TO NONCOMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 50-3.1.A.4 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE. A VARIANCE IS THEREFORE REQUIRED.

Secretary's Note: for purposes of the Zoning Board of Appeal hearing, the following items were presented to, and received by, the Zoning Board of Appeals for consideration:

- 1) ZBA Review 11/10/23 Senior Planner/Assistant Planner
- 2) Building Permit Application
- 3) Email 10/06/23 Assistant Planner
- 4) Letter 10/19/23 Accessible environments, LLC
- 5) Application to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- 6) Proposed Accessible Addition/Renovations Plan
- 7) Memo 11/15/23 Department of Public Safety
- 8) Memo 11/15/23 Director of Public Works
- 9) Receipt of Payment
- 10) Affidavit of Property Owners Notified
- 11) Parcel/Aerial Maps (2)
- 12) Affidavit of Legal Publication

Assistant Planner Wolf provided an overview of the Petitioner's request in accordance with her Zoning Board of Appeals review dated November 10, 2023.

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in favor of the proposed request. The following individual was heard:

• Donald Szczepanski, Accessible Environments, LLC

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in opposition to the proposed request. Nobody wished to be heard.

**Motion** by McConaghy, seconded by Granger, that the public hearing be closed at 7:22 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Motion** by Brown, seconded by McConaghy, regarding Zoning Board of Appeals: Russell Sands, 551 Roslyn Rd., that the Zoning Board of Appeals grant a variance from the side yard setback requirements of Sec. 50-3.1.A.4, as a case can be made to justify the findings of practical difficulty as described in the variance standards.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None Absent: Koester

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:27 P.M. FOR A ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF MICHIGAN ZONING ENABLING ACT PA 110 OF 2006, MCL 125.3101 ET SEQ, TO HEAR THE APPEAL OF JAMES KALICH JR., 1398 ANITA AVENUE, WHO IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE FOR A BUILDING ADDITION TO LEGAL

NONCONFORMING HOME. PER SECTION 50-7.16 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, A VARIANCE IS THEREFORE REQUIRED.

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Gafa, to receive and place on file the following communications pertaining to this variance request:

- 1) ZBA Review 11/09/23 Senior Planner/Assistant Planner
- 2) Building Permit Application
- 3) Builder Registration Form/Certificate of Liability
- Email 10/03/23 Assistant Planner
- 5) Letter of Intent 10/30/23
- 6) Application to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- 7) Site Plan
- 8) Memo 11/15/23 Department of Public Safety
- 9) Memo 11/15/23 Director of Public Services
- 10) Receipt of Payment
- 11) Affidavit of Property Owners Notified
- 12) Parcel/Aerial Maps (2)
- 13) Affidavit of Legal Publication

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None Absent: Koester

Assistant Planner Wolf provided an overview of the Petitioner's request in accordance with her Zoning Board of Appeals review dated November 9, 2023.

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in favor of the proposed request. The following individual was heard:

• James Kalich, 1398 Anita Avenue

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in opposition to the proposed request. Nobody wished to be heard.

**Motion** by Vaughn, seconded by Granger, that the public hearing be closed at 7:32 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Motion** by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, regarding Zoning Board of Appeals: James Kalich Jr., 1398 Anita Avenue, that the Zoning Board of Appeals grant a variance from section 50-7.16 to enlarge a legal nonconforming residential structure, based upon the application and site plans submitted by the applicant a case can be made to justify the findings of a practical difficulty as described in the review letter.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None Absent: Koester

THE MEETING WAS THEREUPON OPENED AT 7:35 P.M. FOR A ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL HEARING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF MICHIGAN ZONING ENABLING ACT PA 110 OF 2006, MCL 125.3101 ET SEQ, TO HEAR THE APPEAL OF NICHOLAS & ALANNA AVOURIS, 707 NORTH RENAUD ROAD, WHO IS APPEALING LOT COVERAGE, FIRST FLOOR ELEVATION AND SIDE YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS, DUE TO NONCOMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 50-3.1.A.4 AND 50-5.20, OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE. VARIANCES ARE THEREFORE REQUIRED.

Assistant Planner Wolf provided an overview of the Petitioner's request in accordance with her Zoning Board of Appeals review dated November 15, 2023.

However, in the last review it was discovered the zoning ordinance allows the reduction of side yard space based on the average of the properties on the block. There were enough sketch plans on file from adjacent properties to conclude that the side yard setback is in compliance with zoning ordinance. Therefore, only two variances are required for the lot coverage and first floor elevation.

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Vaughn, to receive and place on file the following communications pertaining to this variance request including the additional documents received tonight:

- 1) ZBA Review 11/15/23 City Planner
- 2) Building Permit Application
- 3) Revised Building Permit Application
- 4) Letter of Intent 10/27/23 Nicholas & Alanna Avouris
- 5) Application to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- 6) Site Plan
- 7) Site Plans with notes (2)
- 8) Memo 11/15/23 City Engineer
- 9) Memo 11/15/23 Department of Public Safety
- 10) Memo 11/15/23 Director of Public Services
- 11) Receipt of Payment
- 12) Affidavit of Property Owners Notified
- 13) Parcel/Aerial Maps (2)
- 14) Affidavit of Legal Publication
- 15) Email 11/17/23 Elizabeth and John Dallas
- 16) Email 11/17/23 Laura Peeples

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None Absent: Koester The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in favor of the proposed request. The following individual was heard:

• Eric Shepherd, 24055 Jefferson Ave. Suite 2000, St. Clair Shores

The Chair asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak in opposition to the proposed request. The following individuals were heard:

- Rob Musial, 806 N. Renaud Rd.
- Richard Linnell, 2804 Orchard Lake Rd., Keego Harbor
- Mark Wilamowski, 742 N. Renaud Rd.
- Andrea Wilamowski, 742 N. Renaud Rd.
- Dan Spies, 727 N. Renaud Rd.
- Christal Lint, 727 N. Renaud Rd.
- Patricia Fayad, 762 N. Renaud Rd.
- Ed Rinke, 633 N. Renaud Rd.

**Motion** by McConaghy, seconded by Gafa, that the public hearing be closed at 8:08 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Motion** by Vaughn, seconded by McConaghy, regarding Zoning Board of Appeals: Nicholas and Alanna Avouris, 707 North Renaud Road, that the Zoning Board of Appeals grant the variances for Section 50-3.1.A (Lot Coverage) and Section 50-5.20 (First Floor Elevation) with the stipulations that no further accessory building be permitted on the property or no further action is taken to increase the lot coverage; and based on the following:

- 1. The applicant has provided evidence as to why they satisfy each of the required variance standards.
- 2. Strict compliance with the ordinance prevents improvement of the property in a manner which is reasonable, customary and consistent with other properties in the area.
- Strict compliance with the ordinance causes practical difficulty due to significant or unjustified expense in light of the scope of the project and its current stage of completion.
- 4. The practical difficulty with compliance was not created as a result of any action taken by the applicant which was unlawful, or which could have been reasonably foreseen to create difficulty in complying with the ordinance. The owner hired an architect to prepare and submit the plans for approval.

5. Strict compliance with the ordinance causes practical difficulty due to significant or unjustified expense in light of the approval of the plans more than a year ago and substantial expenditures by the owner to build in accordance with the plans.

City Engineer Pangori briefly discussed the proposed grading plan. Assistant Planner Wolf answered questions from Council.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: Gafa, Granger

Absent: Koester

Nobody wished to be heard under **New Business/Public Comment**.

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Vaughn, that tonight's meeting minutes be immediately certified.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, McConaghy, Vaughn

No: None Absent: Koester

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by McConaghy, that tonight's meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin City Clerk

# Commission Approved November 28, 2023

PLANNING COMMISSION 10/24/23 - 23

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2023, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Gerhart.

Roll Call:

Chair Gerhart

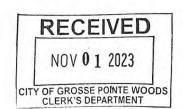
Commission Members: Fuller, McNelis, O'Keefe, Vitale Absent:

Bailey, Fenton, Gilezan, Hamborsky

Also Present:

City Planner, Brigitte Smith

Recording Secretary Miotto Council Member Vaughn



**MOTION** by McNelis, seconded by Vitale, to excuse Commission Members Bailey, Fenton, Gilezan and Hamborsky from attendance at tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES:

Fuller, Gerhart, McNelis, O'Keefe, Vitale

NO:

None

ABSENT:

Bailey, Fenton, Gilezan, Hamborsky

The Planning Commission, staff, and the public, Pledged Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

MOTION by Fuller, seconded by McNelis, that tonight's agenda be received and placed on file.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES:

Fuller, Gerhart, McNelis, O'Keefe, Vitale

NO:

None

ABSENT:

Bailey, Fenton, Gilezan, Hamborsky

Chair Gerhart recognized Commission member and Council Representative in attendance:

- Catherine Dumke, Senior Citizens' Commission
- Council Member Vaughn

Commission member Hamborsky arrived at 7:05 pm.

**MOTION** by Vitale, seconded by Fuller, that the September 26, 2023, Planning Commission meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Fuller, Gerhart, Hamborsky, McNelis, O'Keefe, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Bailey, Fenton, Gilezan

The first item on the agenda was the **Sign Ordinance Review Discussion.** Continued discussion from previous meetings. City Planner Smith provided a summary of what is being recommended related to temporary signs, both commercial and residential, and lighting for any type of sign. Time, quantity, and size of commercial and residential signs were discussed. Concensus was reached that the ordinance should include parameters around time, quantity and size of signs. Chair Gerhart requested that City Attorney Tomlinson attend the next meeting. Illuminated signs were discussed including a halo effect that projects light on the surface of the building itself. The Commission requested City Planner Smith provide a graphic representation of these signs and a method of measuring the light for code enforcement. Measurement methods for sign illumination should be reviewed. The color scheme of lights and quantity of lights on commercial buildings was also discussed. City Planner Smith will provide recommended language at the next meeting.

**MOTION** by Vitale, seconded by Fuller, that the Planning Commission postpose this until the November 2023 meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Fuller, Gerhart, Hamborsky, McNelis, O'Keefe, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Bailey, Fenton, Gilezan

The next item on the agenda was **Off-Street Parking Requirements (50-5.3).** City Planner Smith provided an overview of the updated recommended amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow for reasonable flexibility in the off-street parking requirements in two ways: 1) Parking Waivers. The Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission would have the ability to grant waivers in off-street parking requirements, provided that there is no reduction in the number of spaces reserved for persons with disabilities. The Building/Planning Department may waive up to 10% of the total site parking. If parking space reduction is more than 10% of the total site parking, then a public hearing is required. The Planning Commission has final authority over granting parking waivers.

2) Shared Parking Agreements. In all non-residential and mixed-use zones, private parking facilities may be shared by multiple users whose activities are not normally conducted during the same hours, or when hours of peak use vary. Discussion was had around across the street parking. City Planner Smith will provide additional recommendations related to circular drive

restrictions, and Sec. 50-5.5 restriction for 90-degree parking to less than the stated 25'-0", and accommodations for compact parking.

**MOTION** by Fuller, seconded by McNelis, that the Planning Commission schedule a Public Hearing on the off-street parking zoning ordinance amendment for November.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Fuller, Gerhart, Hamborsky, McNelis, O'Keefe, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Bailey, Fenton, Gilezan

The next item on the agenda were the **Building Official's Monthly Report for October 2023.** 

**MOTION** by Vitale, seconded by Fuller, to receive and place on file.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Fuller, Gerhart, Hamborsky, McNelis, O'Keefe, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Bailey, Fenton, Gilezan

The next item on the agenda were the Council Reports for October 2 and October 16.

Chair Gerhart reported that Commissioner Fenton was granted a leave of absence while he is interim Superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. There were no other issues of interest to the Planning Commission. Commission member Gilezan will attend November Council meetings.

There was no **New Business**.

Under **Old Business**, it was requested that the Giffels-Webster Master Plan Survey be emailed to the business owners.

Under **Public Comment**, the following were heard:

- Margaret Potter 1834 Allard, on off street parking.
- Wilson Moin 1956 Allard, in opposition of raised garden boxes.
- Nadia Anusbigian 1953 Allard, in opposition of front yard planter boxes, and code enforcement.

• Kimberly Moin – 1956 Allard, provided photos and spoke about lack of code enforcement on yard maintenance and in opposition of front yard raised planter boxes.

MOTION by Fuller, seconded by O-Keefe, to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES:

Fuller, Gerhart, Hamborsky, McNelis, O'Keefe, Vitale

NO:

None

ABSENT:

Bailey, Fenton, Gilezan

Respectfully Submitted, Gretchen Miotto Clerk's Confidential Administrative Assistant & Recording Secretary



HEADQUARTERS 235 East Main Street Suite 105 Northville, Michigan 48167

0 248.596.0920 F 248.596.0930 мска.сом

November 21, 2023

Invoice No:

21849 - 84

Frank Schulte

City Administrator

City of Grosse Pointe Woods

20025 Mack Plaza

Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Project

21849

**Grosse Pointe Woods Building Services** 



#### Professional Services from October 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023

Building Department Services - 85% of Revenue

**Contract Amount** 

Number of Permit Revenue

45,344.00

Fee Each

.85

**Total Fee** 

38,542.40

**Total Fee** 

\$38,542.40

Vehicle Credit

(500.00)

Total

(\$500.00)

General Zoning/Administration

General Zoning/Administration professional services.

Hours

Amount

Assistant Planner

19.00

0.00

**Invoice Total** 

\$38,042.40

**Outstanding Invoices** 

Number

Total

Date

Balance

82

10/18/2023

40,186.27

Total

Pd 11/16/23.

\$40,186.27

101371818,000

THANK YOU. Please remit to above address and indicate project number on voucher.

8m 11/29/23 FS 11-29-23



HEADQUARTERS 235 East Main Street Suite 105 Northville, Michigan 48167

0 248.596.0920 F 248.596.0930 MCKA.COM

November 21, 2023

Invoice No:

22-064 - 19

RECEIVED CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

City Administrator City of Grosse Pointe Woods 20025 Mack Plaza Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Project

Frank Schulte

22-064

Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Services

Professional Services from October 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023

#### **Professional Hourly Services**

, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					
		Hours	Rate	Amount	
President					
		1.00	150.00	150.00	
Prepare for and atte	end October 16, 2023 City	Council Meetin	ıg.		
Assistant Planner					
		3.00	85.00	255.00	
19733 Mack. Reviev Discuss zoning revie	rom applicants. Address on the proposed site plan few of 1488 Hampton with	or 19980 Wedge	ewood.		
manager.					
	(4000 4 %	1.00	85.00	85.00	
Conduct zoning revi	ew of 1992 Anita.	2 -0	05.00	207.50	
<b>D</b> ( ) ( )	1.1 0 . 1 0.4 0.00	3.50	85.00 	297.50	
Prepare for and atte Meeting.	end the October 24, 2023	Planning Comm	ission		
		1.00	85.00	85.00	
Prepare, distribute, Planning Commissio	and revise the agenda for in Meeting.	the October 24	, 2023		
		2.50	85.00	212.50	
•	or the sign ordinance revie anning Commission Meet	· ·			
		1.50	85.00	127.50	
Prepare public notice the November 20, 20	es for 707 N Renaud, 551 023 ZBA Meeting.	Roslyn, and 138	9 Anita for		
		1.50	85.00	127.50	
Prepare the zoning o	ordinance amendments or	n parking require	ements.		
Total					\$1,340.00
			Invoice	Total	\$1,340.00
standing Invoices					

Out

Number Date **Balance** 10/17/2023 18 2,629.50 Total \$2,629.50 11/16/23

THANK YOU. Please remit to above address and indicate project number on voucher.

101371818000

8m 11/29/23 FS 11-29-03



Plante & Moran, PLLC 1098 Woodward Avenue Detroit, MI 48226 Tel:+1 (248) 3522500

#### INVOICE

City of Grosse Pointe Woods 20025 Mack Plaza Drive Grosse Pte. Woods, MI 48236 United States of America

Date:

11/17/2023

Client No: Invoice No:

64954 10121930

Page:

#### For Professional Services Rendered

Final bill for services rendered in connection with the June 30, 2023 City of Grosse Pointe Woods financial statement audit engagement. (Invoice allocation - City \$3,000 - Court \$900)

3,900.00

**Balance Due** 

\$3,900.00 USD

Plante Moran **Audit Fee Distribution** 23-24

3rd pmt

RECEIVED

NOV 27 2023

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Inv. 64954

101-193-818.000	3,000

101-286-818.000	900
TOTAL	3,900

5m 11127123 FS 11-27-27

#### Remittance Information:

Check:

Plante & Moran PLLC 16060 Collections Center Drive

Chicago, IL 60693

Bank

Routing/ABA# Bank Address

Wire Transfer: Bank of America 026009593

100 West 33rd Street New York, NY 10001

Account Number

9890996003

Account Name

Plante & Moran, PLLC

ACH:

Bank of America 071000039

1401 Elm Street 2nd Floor Dallas, TX 75202

9890996003

Plante & Moran, PLLC

Client Payment Portal:

https://www.plantemoran.com/client-payment-portal

索) PRAXITY

Original - Court 1st Copy- Defendant 2nd Copy - Plaintiff 3rd Copy -Return

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT **WAYNE COUNTY**

#### **SUMMONS**

#### CASE NO. 23-015008-CH Hon.Leslie Kim Smith

		Court telephone no.: 313	3-224-2427
Plaintiff's name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s) Lint, Christal et. Al	v	Defendant's name(s), address(es), and telephone not The City of Grosse Pointe Woods	s).
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no Richard Daniel Linnell 59339 2804 Orchard Lake Rd Ste 203 Keego Harbor, MI 48320-1449			
Instructions: Check the items below that apply to you and your complaint and, if necessary, a case inventory addend	l provide any require um (form MC 21). Th	d information. Submit this form to the court clerk alor ne summons section will be completed by the court of	ng with lerk.
Domestic Relations Case  ☐ There are no pending or resolved cases within the jur members of the person(s) who are the subject of the ☐ There is one or more pending or resolved cases within	complaint.		
family members of the person(s) who are the subject of (form MC 21) listing those cases.  It is unknown if there are pending or resolved cases we or family members of the person(s) who are the subject of the person(s).	of the complaint. I ha	ve separately filed a completed confidential case inv	entory
Civil Case ☐ This is a business case in which all or part of the actio	n includes a busines	s or commercial dispute under MCL 600.8035	
MDHHS and a contracted health plan may have a rigil complaint will be provided to MDHHS and (if applicable	e) the contracted hea	alth plan in accordance with MCL 400.106(4).	
☐ There is no other pending or resolved civil action arisin☐ A civil action between these parties or other parties ari	=		
previously filed in   this court,   and assigned to Judge	-	Court, where it was give	
The action ☐ remains ☐ is no longer pending.			
Summons section completed by court clerk.	SUMMONS		
NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the peol.  You are being sued.  YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons and copy on the other party or take other lawful action with thate).	d a copy of the comp ne court (28 days if y	laint to file a written answer with the court and se	this

- s
- complaint.
- 4. If you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.

Issue date 11/17/2023	Expiration date* 2/16/2024	Court clerk Laverne Chapman	
--------------------------	----------------------------	--------------------------------	--

Cathy M. Garrett- Wayne County Clerk.

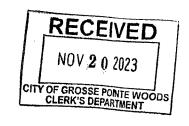
\*This summons is invalid unless served on or before its expiration date. This document must be sealed by the seal of the court.

MC 01 (3/23)



MCR 1.109(D), MCR 2.102(B), MCR 2.103, MCR 2.104, MCR 2.105





SUMMONS Case No. : 23-015008-CH

# **PROOF OF SERVICE**

TO PROCESS SERVER: You must serve the summons and complaint and file proof of service with the court clerk before the expiration date on the summons. If you are unable to complete service you must return this original and all copies to the court clerk.

	L	CE	RTIFICATE OF	SERVICE / NONSERVICE	
				urn receipt requested, and delivery restricted to the addressee(copy aint, together with the attachments listed below, on:	
I have attempte to complete ser		y of the sui	mmons and compla	int, together with the attachments listed below, and have been unable	
Name G	retchen	Mi	otto	Date and time of service 11/20/23 10:45,	
Place or address of	service OO25	MAC	LK PLAZ	Date and time of service  11/20/23 10:45,  14 DR, GPW, MI 4-8234	
Attachments (if any)	)			•	
☐ I am a sheriff,de	eputy sheriff, baili	ff, appoint	ed court officer or a	ttorney for a party.	
				of a corporate party. I declare under the penalties of perjury that this are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.	
Service fee \$	Miles traveled \$	Fee \$		Signature, With	
Incorrect address fee \$	Miles traveled	Fee \$	Total fee \$	Name (type or print)	
			ACKNOWLE	DGMENT OF SERVICE	
I acknowledge that I	have received so	ervice of th	ne summons and co	complaint, together with on $11/20/23$ $10:45A$	tin
Attachments (if any)		**************************************		Date and time	,
			on	behalf of	
Signature					



#### STATE OF MICHIGAN

# IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

CHRISTAL LINT, DANIEL SPIES, and EDGAR RINKE, JR.,

Plaintiffs,

CASE NO.: 23 -

- CH

HON.

ν

NICHOLAS AVOURIS and ALANNA AVOURIS;
THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS;
ARTHUR W. BRYANT, Mayor of the City of Grosse
Pointe Woods; THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
BUILDING DEPARTMENT; and MCKENNA AND ASSOCIATES,
a Michigan domestic profit corporation,
Jointly and severally,

Defendants.

LINNELL & ASSOCIATES, PLLC BY: RICHARD D. LINNELL (P59339) DAVID H. APPLEBAUM (P78794)

Attorneys for Plaintiffs 2804 Orchard Lake Rd., Ste. 203 Keego Harbor, Michigan 48320 Telephone: (248) 977-4182 Email: jbooth@linnellfirm.com

THERE IS NO OTHER CIVIL ACTION BETWEEN THESE PARTIES ARISING OUT OF THE SAME TRANSACTION OR OCCURRENCE AS ALLEGED IN THIS COMPLAINT PENDING IN THIS COURT, NOR HAS ANY SUCH ACTION BEEN PREVIOUSLY FILED AND DISMISSED OR TRANSFERRED AFTER HAVING BEEN ASSIGNED TO A JUDGE.

### COMPLAINT REQUESTING EQUITABLE AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

NOW COME Plaintiffs CHRISTAL LINT, DANIEL SPIES, and EDGAR RINKE JR. ("Plaintiffs"), by and through their attorneys LINNELL & ASSOCIATES, PLLC, and for their Complaint against Defendants NICHOLAS AVOURIS and ALANNA AVOURIS; THE CITY

OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS; ARTHUR BRYANT; THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS BUILDING DEPARTMENT; and MCKENNA AND ASSOCIATES, and state as follows:

#### PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

- 1. Plaintiff CHRISTAL LINT ("Lint") is an owner of residentially-zoned real property located in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, and more commonly known as 727 N. Renaud Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan ("Lint Property").
- 2. Plaintiff DANIEL SPIES ("Spies") is also an owner of residentially-zoned real property located in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, and more commonly known as 727 N. Renaud Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan ("the Lint Property.
- 3. Plaintiff EDGAR RINKE, JR. ("Rinke") is the owner of residentially owned real property located in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, more commonly known as 633 S. Renaud Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.
- 4. Defendants NICHOLAS AVOURIS and ALANNA AVOURIS ("Avouris") are the owners of residentially zoned real property located in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, more commonly known as 707 N. Renaud Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, which is the genesis of this litigation ("Subject Property").
- 5. Defendant THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS ("GPW") is a Michigan municipal corporation operating in Wayne County, Michigan.
- 6. Defendant ARTHUR W. BRYANT, in his capacity as Mayor of GPW ("Bryant") is, upon information and belief, an individual who resides in Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan.

- 7. Defendant THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS BUILDING DEPARTMENT ("GPW BD") is an instrumentality and department of GPW delegated the responsibility of ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of citizenry at large in GPW are protected by enforcing building and construction standards within the boundaries of the municipality.
- 8. THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, ("GPW Zoning Board") as authorized under the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act ("MZEA") and Sec. 50-7.15 of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Zoning Ordinance ("GPW Zoning Ordinance").
- 9. GPW, Bryant, the GPW BD and shall be collectively referred to as the ("Municipal Defendants")
- 10. Defendant MCKENNA AND ASSOCIATES ("McKenna") is a Michigan corporation frequently in the business of contracting urban planning, landscape architectural, and other planning services to both municipal and private clients.
- 11. Venue is proper with this Court, as the subject properties are located in Wayne County, Michigan.
- 12. Subject matter jurisdiction is proper in this Court as Plaintiffs seek equitable and injunctive relief.
- 13. This Complaint concerns the illegal construction of the Subject Property, a single-family residence in violation of both the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Code of Ordinances ("GPW Code") and GPW Zoning Ordinance, together with the intentional obscuring of public records by various departments of GPW to facilitate said construction.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

14. Plaintiffs incorporate the previous allegations as though fully restated herein.

# I. Summary Of Argument.

- 15. Prior to Avouris purchasing the Subject Property, a single family ranch home was situated upon the Subject Property (**Exhibit A**, Neighborhood flyer).
- 16. Avouris, without the necessary permits, demolished the ranch home, to the point where no part of the original structure remained.
- 17. Avouris then constructed a new dwelling on the Subject Property, again, without all necessary permits, and without application for variances from the GPW Zoning Board.
- 18. Now, with an unpermitted structure on the Subject Property, Avouris and the Municipal Defendants are attempting to evade the application of the GPW Code and GPW Zoning Ordinance the Subject Property.
- 19. The intentional acts of Avouris resulted in the demolition and abandonment of a non-conforming structure, followed by the erection of a new structure that violates several clear legal requirements, including the termination of any pre-existing non-conforming use status that may have been applicable to the former structure on the Subject Property.
- 20. Defendants individually or collectively -- cannot now manufacture a set of circumstances wherein the Subject Property is legally conforming.
- 21. Plaintiff Lint has requested supporting documentation from Municipal Defendants via the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") process of permits and plans related to the Subject Property.
- 22. Plaintiff's Lint's requests have not been met with transparency, and instead lack the production of responsive documents in existence at the time the requests were made.
- 23. Avouris abandoned the previously existing non-conforming structure, and the Municipal Defendants must declare that Avouris's actions constitutes conclusive proof of an intention to legally abandon use of the non-conforming structure.

24. The dwelling on the Subject Property is new construction, and the Municipal Defendants must require the nuisance structure abated.

# II. Abbreviated Construction History of the Subject Property.

- 25. Avouris acquired the Subject Property, consisting of Lots 104-112 in the plat of the Renmoor Manor Subdivision, or around, June of 2021, as evidenced by the warranty deed duly recorded in Liber 56822, Page 958, Wayne County Records.
- 26. Prior to their purchase of the Subject Property, Avouris began discussions with GPW regarding necessary permits for a "kitchen renovation", as indicated in information obtained by Lint via FOIA request from Municipal Defendants (the ensuing chronology was obtained from the public record, Exhibit B, McKenna Report and Avouris Permits.).
  - 27. In or about June 2021, Avouris purchased the Subject Property.
- 28. On or about July 9, 2021, Avouris received a simple permit for the presence of a "clean out" dumpster at the Subject Property (**Exhibit B**).
- 29. On or about April 14, 2022, officers or agents of the Municipal Defendants were on-site at the Subject Property, and noted Avouris was "renovating the inside of the home" and "no permits".
- 30. Without the cessation of interior alterations, on or about July 27, 2022, Avouris obtained a "remodel only" permit (**Exhibit B**).
- 31. It is further noteworthy that Avouris demolished the dwelling on the Subject Property in its entirety over a year after the time of purchase, while the "remodel" only permit reflected an estimated value of work at One Hundred and Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$150,000.00), a fictitiously low figure.
  - 32. Again, Avouris continued a trend of unpermitted destruction, construction and

expansion, by demolishing the original garage of the Subject Property without the requisite permitting or any authorization to do so, as required by both the GPW Code and the GPW Zoning Ordinance (see November 10, 2022, code violation of GPW record) (**Exhibit C**, Subject Property BSA).

- 33. As will be described in the ensuing paragraphs, Avouris commenced substantial and material construction, altering the overall height, setbacks, and overall footprint and lot coverage ratio of the Subject Property Without any stamped and approved permits from Municipal Defendants, without site plan approval, and without any consideration of the GPW Planning Commission or GPW Zoning Board of Appeals, (Exhibit A, Comparison Photo).
- 34. From Avouris' purchase, in or around June 2021, until the initiation of this action, Avouris has been constructing an illegal structure with the implicit support of Municipal Defendants, having (i) issued retroactive permits, (ii) identified construction completed without permits as "complying" with the GPW Code and GPW Zoning Ordinance despite objective violations of same, and (iii) creating intentional blockades and delays in the document production process

# II. Deficiencies of the Subject Property, As Constructed.

- 35. In or around April of 2023, Plaintiff Lint, whose land abuts the Subject Property, noted substantial alterations to the existing grade of the Subject Property. In short, the dwelling on the Subject Property was now elevated on a hill, where no slope previously existed.
- 36. In a telephonic conversation in or around May of 2023, Municipal Defendants indicated to Plaintiff Lint that plans for the Subject Property in Municipal Defendants' possession did not include additional drainage provisions to mitigate the inevitable increase in surface water runoff onto surrounding properties, as a result of the grade change and dramatic increase in lot

coverage by the new dwelling.

- 37. The Lint Property and dwelling suffered immediate harm from the increased surface water runoff and increase in grade of the Subject Property without proper remediation.
- 38. The Lint Property incurred water infiltration through the foundation in Plaintiff Lint's basement (a condition that was not previously occurring) on no less than three (3) occasions after the change in grade (**Exhibit D**, Affidavit of Lint).
- 39. Plaintiff Lint was forced to demolish portions of Plaintiff Lint's basement and remediate mold where none had existed previously.
- 40. The aforementioned harm to the Lint Property corroborates and confirms the unpermitted construction of the Subject Property (Avouris constructing without approved plans) and Municipal Defendants' complicit role in the process (not issuing a stop work order or publicly available GPW Code citation, or otherwise enforcing the GPW Code).
- 41. In the interest of clarity, as it was objectively apparent as of August of 2023 that Avouris had constructed a new dwelling on the Subject Property without the municipal approval to do so, Plaintiffs requested an in person meeting with GPW City Administrator, Frank Schulte ("Schulte") ("Administrator Meeting") (Exhibit E, Scheduling correspondence and responses)
- 42. On September 29, 2023, the date and time scheduled for the Administrator Meeting, Schulte refused to make himself present for his constituents, instead sending an agent from McKenna, a private landscape architectural and urban design firm that frequently contracts services to municipal corporations.
- 43. Sam Woodrick of McKenna ("Woodrick"), acting as a contractor of Avouris appeared at the Administrator Meeting in Schulte's stead.
  - 44. At the Administrator Meeting, Woodrick affirmed to Plaintiffs Lint, and other

residents who live on North Renaud that were in attendance, that the Subject Property is in compliance with the GPW Code and GPW Zoning Ordinance requirements for both overall structure height and structure setback in the designated R1-A zoning district, however, Woodrick did not offer any documentation or support of this position.

- 45. After the Administrator Meeting he declined to attend, Schulte, in email, confirms Municipal Defendants' position that the Subject Property complies with all necessary construction requirements (**Exhibit E**, confirming email from Schulte).
- 46. However, Municipal Defendants commissioned a report from McKenna on compliance of the Subject Property ("McKenna Report") (**Exhibit B,** McKenna Report) that *directly contradicts* Schulte's assertions.
- 47. The McKenna Report indicates no less than six (6) violations of the GPW Code and GPW Zoning Ordinance, to wit;
  - a. The newly-constructed garage and front porch of the Subject Property extends into the forty foot (40') front setback, as required by the GPW Code and GPW Zoning Ordinance;
  - b. The minimum side yard setback does not total the required twenty-five feet (25');
  - c. The maximum building ridge height of 31.4' exceeds the thirty foot (30') ordinance maximum;
  - d. The first floor grade elevation is ten inches (10") above the ordinance maximum;
  - e. The lot coverage ratio exceeds the ordinance maximum;
  - f. The original structure on the Subject Property was a nonconforming

structure that was not in compliance with current front yard and side yard setback requirements; and

- g. The Subject Property had ultimately become a full demolition and new construction.
- 48. Citations and permits associated with the Subject Property indicate in photographs at one point, all that remained of the original dwelling site was a literal "hole in the ground" (Exhibit C, pertinent citations from the municipal record).
- 49. Aerial photographs of the Subject Property pre- and post-Avouris acquisition restate what is obvious to Municipal Defendants and all residents of the neighborhood: that Avouris constructed a new, substantially larger dwelling that materially expanded the size and scope of non-conformance, without the permits or approvals to do so.
- 50. Avouris was required but has never produced a boundary survey of the Subject Property.
- 51. Avouris was required but has never produced a plot plan depicting the building envelope and the footprint of the new dwelling entirely within the building envelope.
- 52. The McKenna Report was only revealed to Plaintiff Lint on or about October 15, 2023, in one of many FOIA requests (multiple because of deficiencies by the Municipal Defendants in the response with each).
- 53. Upon information and belief, this information was known to Municipal Defendants at the time of the Administrator Meeting.
- 54. Upon information and belief, Municipal Defendants withheld this information to intentionally create an opportunity for Avouris to attempt to "correct" the numerous intentional GPW Code violations by creating a delay in the transfer of public information to the public, and

encouraging Avouris to seek variances from the GPW Zoning Board for Avouris' violations.

- 55. On September 26, 2023, Plaintiffs Lint and approximately 12 other residents from North Renaud attended a GPW Planning Commission meeting; and on October 2, 2023, all Plaintiffs attended a GPW City Council meeting after the McKenna Report was known to Municipal Defendants and not disclosed to the Plaintiffs and other concerned citizens attending.
- 56. On or about October 30, 2023, immediately after Plaintiff Lint received and reviewed the McKenna Report and other documents provided in response to her FOIA request, Schulte emailed Plaintiff Lint indicating that Avouris had amended building plans, submitted new plans, and was seeking GPW Zoning Board variances for three (3) items.
- 57. As explicitly stated in the McKenna Report, the Subject Property has no less than six (6) self-created zoning violations associated with the unpermitted structure, as well as the loss of any non-conforming use status due to the demolition of the prior dwelling on the Subject Property.
- 58. The Subject Property evolved from a legally abandoned, non-conforming use, and otherwise is not entitled to variances for the intentional GPW Code violations.
- 59. Municipal Defendants intentionally withheld public information despite repeated FOIA requests from Plaintiff Lint.
- 60. The GPW Zoning Board cannot resolve the outstanding nuisances per se and other legal infractions with variances.
- The prior non-conforming must be deemed legally abandoned and the new existing nuisances per se must be abated through their destruction, and resubmittal of building plans that conform to the GPW Code and GPW Zoning Ordinance through the appropriate and traditional municipal process.

#### COUNT I - NUISANCE PER SE AS TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY

- 62. Plaintiffs incorporate the previous allegations as though fully restated herein.
- 63. The use of land in violation of local ordinances constitutes a nuisance per se, MCL 125.3407; MSA 5.2963(24).
- 64. Any violation of a local township zoning ordinance constitutes a nuisance per se and is to be ordered abated by the court upon an action being brought by the officials designated to administer and enforce the ordinance. *See Lamkin v Hamburg Twp. Bd. of Trustees*, 318 Mich App 546, 555–557; 899 NW2d 408, 414–415 (2017).
- enforcement of zoning ordinances: "[the] Supreme Court has long recognized the propriety of private citizens bringing actions to abate public nuisances, arising from the violation of zoning ordinances or otherwise, when the individuals can show damages of a special character distinct and different from the injury suffered by the public generally. *Morse v Liquor Control Comm.*, 319 Mich 52; 29 NW2d 316 (1947); *Plassey vs. Loewenstein & Son*, 330 Mich 525; 48 NW2d 126 (1951). *See also Towne v Harr*, 185 Mich App 230, 232; 460 NW2d 596 (1990); "a party must demonstrate more than a mere increase in traffic" *Unger v Forest Home Twp*, 65 Mich App 614, 617; 237 NW2d 582 (1975).
- 66. The existence of the nuisance may be established merely by showing a violation of the ordinance. Thus, individuals need not prove a nuisance in fact, as the zoning violation renders the building a nuisance per se. *See Bruggeman v Minster*, 42 Mich App 177; 201 NW2d 344 (1972).
- 67. The McKenna Report objectively and conclusively indicates that Avouris constructed a non-conforming structure in violation of the GPW Code and GPW Zoning Ordinance

for the expansions of non-conforming use, and code violations previously discussed herein.

- 68. Plaintiffs Lint and Spies have suffered special harm and damages distinct from the citizenry at large, including but not limited to water runoff and intrusions onto the Lint Property, water damage to their property necessitating mold remediation and demolition of interior elements of the Lint Property.
- 69. Plaintiffs Lint and Spies are distinct from the citizenry at large as the immediately abutting landowners making contact with a non-conforming property that has numerous health and safety violations present on site.
- 70. Plaintiff Rinke is distinct from the citizenry at large as he is immediately affected by the violating Subject Property, as being within the three hundred foot (300') notice radius for the Subject Property.
- 71. Plaintiff Rinke is distinct from the citizenry at large as Plaintiff Rinke has created a public record at Municipal Defendants City Council meetings speaking in opposition to the Subject Property.
- 72. In the event that the GPW Zoning Board erroneously rules to grant any variances for the Subject Property, Plaintiffs are "aggrieved parties" for purposes of standing to file and intervene in appeals from the GPW Zoning Board to this Circuit Court: a party seeking relief from a decision of a ZBA is not required to demonstrate "standing" but instead must demonstrate to the circuit court acting in an appellate context that he or she is an "aggrieved" party.' " *Sauganuck Dunes Coastal Alliance*, unpub. op. at 4, quoting *Olsen*, 325 Mich App at 180-181, 924 N.W.2d 889. *Sauganuck Dunes Coastal All. v. Sauganuck Twp.*, 509 Mich. 561, 574–75, 983 N.W.2d 798, 804–05 (2022)
  - 73. Pursuant to MCL 125.3407 this Court shall order the nuisance abated, and the

owner or agent in charge of the dwelling, building, structure, tent, recreational vehicle, or land is liable for maintaining a nuisance per se.

74. Municipal Defendants cannot grant a variance or otherwise relieve these self-created nuisances.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request this Court enter an Order:

- A. The subject property is a nuisance;
- B. Order that the nuisances be abated by Defendant Avouris;
- C. Order that the Municipal Defendants abate the nuisances present on the Subject Property;
- D. Order that Defendant Avouris is enjoined from continuing construction on the Subject Property until nuisances are abated;
- E. Order any other relief necessary to abate the nuisances; and
- F. Award legal fees to Plaintiffs.

#### COUNT II-DECLARATORY RELIEF-

# ABANDONMENT OF NON-CONFORMING USE AND ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

- 75. Plaintiffs incorporate the previous allegations as if fully restated herein.
- 76. The right to build according to a preferred design is not a substantial property right. *Risko v Grand Haven Charter Twp. Zoning Bd. of Appeals*, 284 Mich App 453, 465; 773 NW2d 730 (2009).
- 77. Local governmental units possess broad authority to establish requirements regarding matters such as the height of structures and setback regulations. *Id.* at 463, citing MCL 125.3201.
  - 78. The GPW Code states:

Nonconforming uses-

A. Any lawful nonconforming use consisting of a building, existing at the time of the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, may be continued, except as prohibited

or restricted in this chapter, provided that the building or use thereof shall not be structurally changed, altered or enlarged unless such altered or enlarged building or use shall conform to the provisions of this chapter for the district in which it is located. No nonconforming use, if changed to a use permitted in the district in which it is located, shall be resumed or changed back to a nonconforming use. Failure to continue to use any land, building or structure, or part thereof, which use is a nonconforming use under this chapter, for a period of one year or more, shall be held to be conclusive proof of an intention to legally abandon any such nonconforming use." (Code Sec. 50-7.16)(Emphasis Added).

- 79. As previously discussed herein, more than one (1) year has elapsed, and the Subject Property has lost any non-conforming use status.
- 80. Although a non-conforming use is permitted to continue, the Zoning Board need not permit a property owner to alter the quality, intensity, or location of a non-conforming use. *City of Troy v Aslanian*, 170 Mich App 523, 526–529; 428 NW2d 703 (1988).
- 81. The rules governing the construction of statutes apply with equal force to the interpretation of municipal ordinances. *Gora v Ferndale*, 456 Mich 704, 711; 576 NW2d 141 (1998).
- 82. The primary goal of statutory interpretation is to ascertain and give effect to the intent of the Legislature. *Draprop Corp. v Ann Arbor*, 247 Mich App 410, 415; 636 NW2d 787 (2001).
- 83. Statutory language should be construed reasonably, keeping in mind the purpose of the act. *Id.*
- 84. The first consideration in determining legislative intent is the specific language of the statute. *Id.*
- 85. If the statutory language is clear and unambiguous, judicial construction is neither required nor permitted and courts must apply the statute as written. *Id*.
  - Regarding abatement of non-conforming uses, the GPW Code is unambiguous:

    Responsibility for administration and enforcement The provisions of this chapter shall be administered and enforced by a building inspector or administrative official (Code Sec. 50-7.16).
  - 87. Avouris has expanded a non-conforming use.

- 88. Nonconforming uses shall be abated.
- 89. Defendant GPW *must* eliminate the nuisance.
- 90. "Shall" is not discretionary: rather it is an unambiguous requirement the action is taken.
- 91. The Subject Property harm was completely avoidable by Avouris; they chose to build a structure with this violation.
- 92. The law charges Avouris with knowing the requirements of the GPW Code and GPW Zoning Ordinance.
  - 93. This Court must order Avouris to abate the nuisance.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request this Court enter an Order:

- A. That the Subject Property is a nuisance;
- B. That the current structure on the Subject Property does not enjoy any prior non-conforming use status or protections due to demolition of the original structure and passage of time of more than one (1) year;
  - C. That Defendant GPW must abate the nuisance;
  - D. Order that the nuisances be abated by demolition of the home;
  - E. Order any other relief necessary to abate the nuisances; and
  - F. Award legal fees to Plaintiffs.

### **COUNT III-**

### PETITION FOR SUPERINTENDING CONTROL/WRIT OF MANDAMUS

- 94. Plaintiffs incorporate the previous allegations as though fully restated herein.
- 95. Superintending control is directed to a lower court or tribunal, and mandamus is directed to a public official. See *Jones v. Dept. of Corrections*, 468 Mich. 646, 658, 664 N.W.2d 717 (2003), and *In re Payne*, 444 Mich. 679, 687–689, 514 N.W.2d 121 (1994).

- 96. Howwever, they are so closely related that they are sometimes treated as effectively synonymous.
- 97. For superintending control to lie, the petitioners must establish that the respondents have failed to perform a clear legal duty *and* the absence of an adequate legal remedy." *Recorder's Court Bar Ass'n v. Wayne Circuit Court*, 443 Mich. 110, 134, 503 N.W.2d 885 (1993).
  - 98. Both serve as vehicles for compelling the performance of a clear legal duty. *Genesee Prosecutor v. Genesee Circuit Judge*, 386 Mich. 672, 680, 194 N.W.2d 693 (1972).
- 99. To prevail in an action for mandamus (or superintending control), any legal right held by the plaintiff must be distinct from the legal rights held by citizens generally.
- 100. As previously discussed herein, Plaintiffs are specially harmed by the Subject Property and violations arising therefrom.
- 101. The GPW Code unambiguously and conclusively states that the GPW Code must be enforced as written.
  - 102. The GPW Code and its application by Defendant GPW is not discretionary.
  - 103. As previously stated, the GPW zoning administrator *shall* enforce the GPW Code.
- 104. The Subject Property is not a non-conforming use as over one (1) year has elapsed between Avouris closing on the Subject Property and beginning construction; Avouris building permits have been outstanding for over one (1) year, and Avouris demolished the original structure on the Subject Property, all of which are conclusive proof of abandonment of non-conformity.
- 105. This Court must direct GPW to enforce its codes and ordinances as written, as GPW has demonstrated it will not enforce its ordinance provisions without judicial intervention.
- 106. This Court must direct GPW to abate the nuisances present on the Subject Property, as GPW has had ample time and opportunity to do so without judicial intervention, and refuses to

take action to abate the nuisance.

WHEREFORE Plaintiffs respectfully request this Court order:

- A. That GPW must enforce its ordinances as written, and that said ordinances are not discretionary;
- B. That enforcement of the GPW ordinances must result in GPW ordering the Subject Property a nuisance;
- C. That GPW must abate and eliminate any nuisances within its jurisdiction;
- D That GPW must take action to abate the Subject Property.

### **COUNT IV-FOIA VIOLATION**

- 107. Plaintiffs incorporate the previous allegations as though fully restated herein.
- 108. The FOIA is a mechanism through which the public may examine and review the workings of government and its executive officials. *Messenger v Ingham Co. Prosecutor*, 232 Mich App 633, 641; 591 NW2d 393 (1998).
- 109. By its express terms, the FOIA is a prodisclosure statute; a public body *must* disclose all public records not specifically exempt under the act. Herald Co. v Bay City, 463 Mich 111, 119; 614 NW2d 873 (2000); Scharret, supra at 411.
- 110. FOIA was enacted to carry out this state's strong public policy favoring access to government information, recognizing the need for citizens to be informed so that they may fully participate in the democratic process and thereby hold public officials accountable for the manner in which they discharge their duties.
- 111. Plaintiff Lint has placed numerous FOIA requests with Municipal Defendants (Exhibit F, FOIA requests and responses).
  - 112. Each and every response by Municipal Defendants was deficient, and the result of

withheld information as Municipal Defendants attempted to allow retroactive approvals of the

Subject Property.

113. In response to Plaintiff Lint's FOIA 23-31, Municipal Defendants produced

numerous documents that should have been produced in response to requests months earlier

(related to responsive surveys of the Subject Property and building department violations of the

Subject Property not contained in other public records).

114. Municipal Defendants produced emails referencing inspections of the Subject

Property and did not produce said inspections.

115. Plaintiff Lint had made police reports, which were not produced by Municipal

Defendants.

116. This Court must order the full production of the record pertaining to the Subject

Property, as Defendants intentionally obscure the public's ability to hold its officials responsible

for their public duties.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request this Court enter an Order:

A. The subject property is a nuisance;

B. Order that the nuisances be abated by demolition of the home;

C. Order any other relief necessary to abate the nuisances; and

D. Award legal fees to Plaintiffs.

LINNELL & ASSOCIATES, PLLC

Dated: November 17, 2023

s/ Richard D. Linnell

By: RICHARD D. LINNELL (P59339) DAVID H. APPLEBAUM (P78794)

Attorneys for Plaintiffs

2804 Orchard Lake Rd., Ste. 203

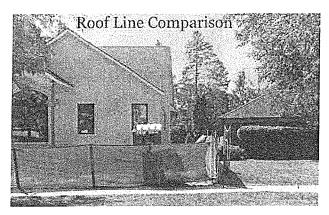
Keego Harbor, Michigan 48320

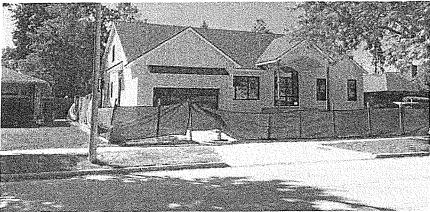
Telephone: (248) 977-4182

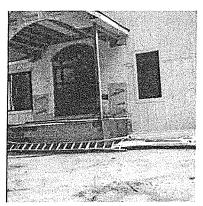
18

# **EXHIBIT A**





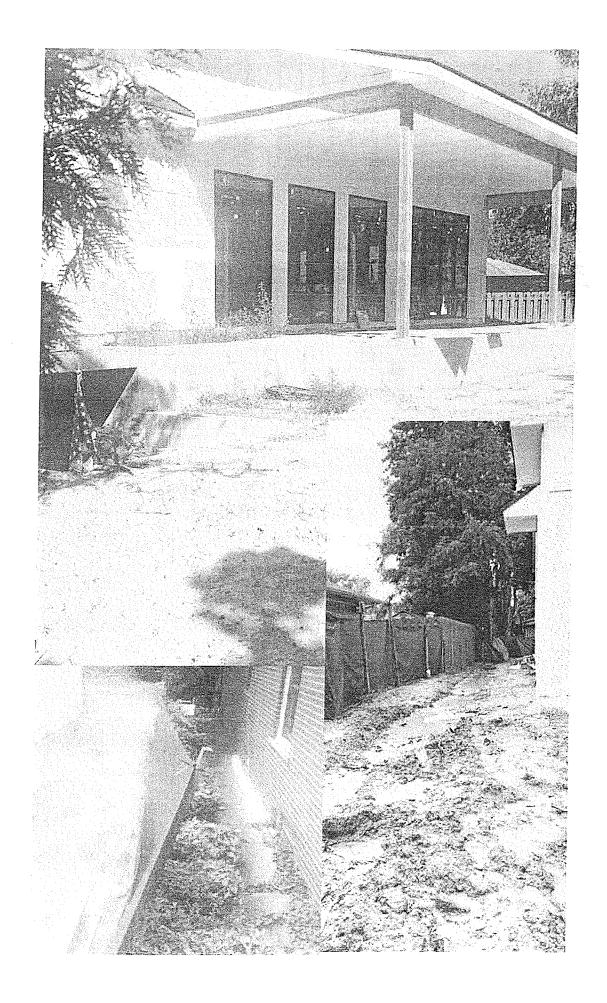


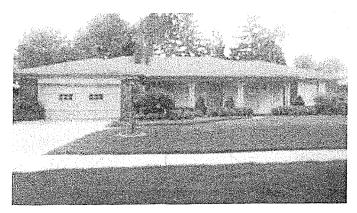


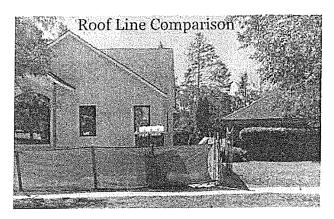
Join Your Neighbors in Expressing Concerns and Requesting ACTION at the GPW City Council Meeting Tuesday, September 26, 2023 - 7:00pm

# 707 N. RENAUD DOES NOT MEET STANDARDS

- Barn-like surface structure completely replaced single story 1950's ranch
- Home is not consistent with other homes in the neighborhood
- Structure size significantly exceeds the permitted size for the neighborhood (Current code is 35% of lot size)
- Existing permit is for a remodel valued at \$150k and does not represent the NEW construction of the structure
- First floor of structure is raised several feet above ground exceeding permitted level
- Altered existing grade of yard which has been sloped towards adjacent properties resulting in standing water and runoff <u>INTO</u> the adjacent properties
- Construction permit, which expired once, will be up for reconsideration in October 2023
- Will NOT receive tax value based on new construction







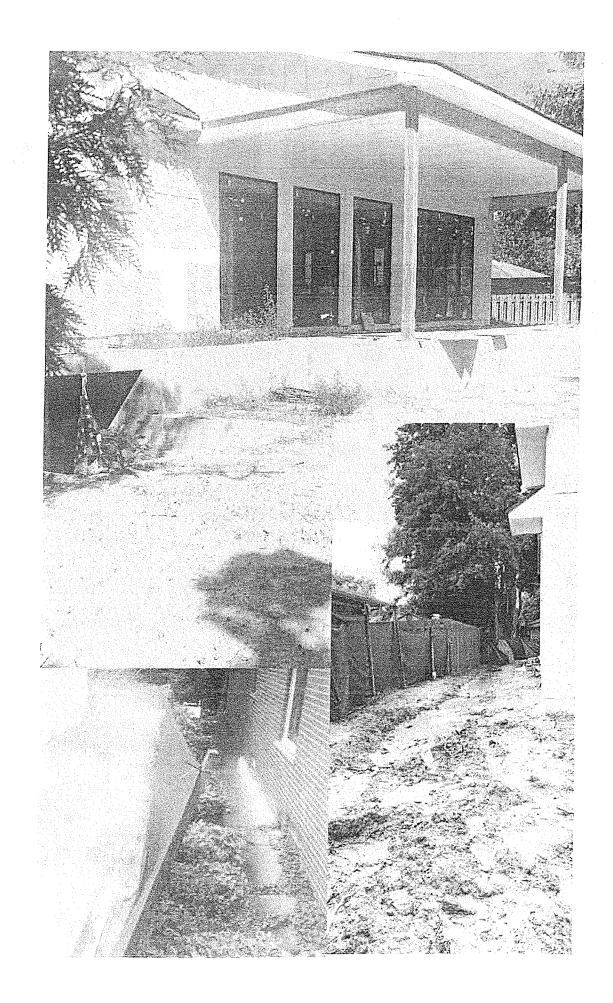




Join Your Neighbors in Expressing Concerns and Requesting ACTION at the GPW City Council Meeting Tuesday, September 26, 2023 - 7:00pm

# 707 N. RENAUD DOES NOT MEET STANDARDS

- Barn-like surface structure completely replaced single story 1950's ranch
- Home is not consistent with other homes in the neighborhood
- Structure size significantly exceeds the permitted size for the neighborhood (Current code is 35% of lot size)
- Existing permit is for a remodel valued at \$150k and does not represent the NEW construction of the structure
- First floor of structure is raised several feet above ground exceeding permitted level
- Altered existing grade of yard which has been sloped towards adjacent properties resulting in standing water and runoff <u>INTO</u> the adjacent properties
- Construction permit, which expired once, will be up for reconsideration in October 2023
- Will NOT receive tax value based on new construction



# **EXHIBIT B**

# Questions?. Lintel Dyahoo com



# MCKENNA

September 26, 2023

City of Grosse Pointe Woods 20025 Mack Plaza Dr Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

SUBJECT:

707 N RENAUD ZONING REVIEW AND VARIANCE OVERVIEW

ZONING:

R-1A ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

APPLICANT:

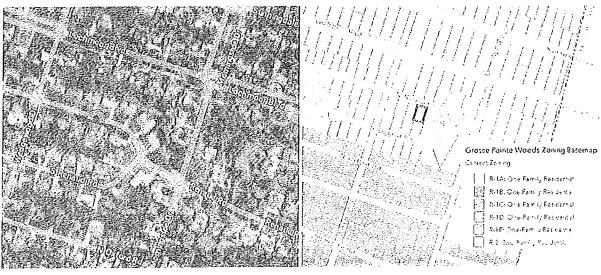
NICOLAS & ALANNA AVOURIS, PROPERTY OWNERS

#### Dear City Administration:

We have reviewed an updated site plan prepared by Fenn & Associates for Nicholas D. Avouris Designs for the renovation of a single-family home at 707 N Renaud in the R-1A Residential District. The Building Department received the updated Site Plan on September 26, 2023. This site plan and building footprint received has changed from the original site plan that was submitted to the GPW Building Department on July 14, 2022. Nevertheless, the house in its form before the renovations, was a nonconforming structure due to its noncompliance with the 40-foot front yard setback and 25-foot total side yard setbacks. Any additions or expansions of nonconforming structures, including nonconforming residential structures, must be reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals. This review letter highlights the additional components that do not comply with the R-1A District standards of the Zoning Ordinance that went into effect on May 15, 2022. The applicant needs multiple variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

#### Aerial Image of 707 N Renaud

# Zoning Map



### PLAN DETAILS

DETROIT 1938 Franklin Street Suite 203 Detroit, Michigan 48207

O 313.888.9882 F 248596.0930 HCKA.COM

Communities for real life.



This review is based on the revised demo plans and elevation drawings dated June 29, 2022, revised on September 15, 2022 and the floor plan dated December 10, 2021. The floor plan indicates that the existing building footprint, which was a noncompliant structure due to noncompliance with the front and side yard setbacks, was expanded and a screened in porch (lanai) was added in the rear of the building without approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Additional components of the proposed renovations that ultimately become a full demolition and new construction, that is now near completion, do not comply with standards of the Zoning Ordinance. The table below details the components out of compliance with Ordinance requirements.

#### DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

	Standard	Requirement	Prior Conditions	New Conditions	Compliance
	Minimum Front Setback*	40'	<40', the Garage extends past the 40' setback. Nonconforming.	<40', the Garage and the open front porch extends past the 40' setback	No
	Minimum Side Selback	10' for at least one side; 25 ft minimum for each side	10', <15'	10', <15'	
			Does not total to the min. 25'. Nonconforming.	Does not total to the min. 25'	No
	Minimum Rear Setback	28'	>28'	>28'	Yes
	Maximum Building Height	2.5 stories or 30'	Unknown at this time.	31'4" Ridge Height	s <b>No</b> ∺? a
	Finish Grade Line / Building Grade Line	<12' >18' from the front sidewalk	Unknown at this time.	To be provided.	<sub>e</sub> T <mark>B</mark> D <sub>e</sub> e ve
	First Floor Elevation**	<6">26" above the finish grade line	Unknown at this time.	3'	No
	Lot Size	8,500 sq.ft.	Unknown at this time.	90' by $145' = 13,050$ ft <sup>2</sup>	Yes
	Lol Coverage***	35%	<32%	Home w/o Lanai = 4,211.476 ft <sup>2</sup> or 32%	No, not with the lanai
				Home w/ Lanai = 4,869.066 ft² or 37%	house

<sup>\*</sup>Section 50-5.14, "porches, platforms, balconies, a attached garages and other projections shall be considered as part of the building and not as a part of the yards or courts or unoccupied spaces." "The building inspector may permit encroachments or extensions into the front or rear yard provided such structures do not extend more than 30 inches from the main wall of the building, do not in the aggregate occupy more than 20 percent of the length of such wall, and do not interfere with the light or ventilation of any room used as a dwelling. This section shall not apply to unenclosed outside porches not exceeding one story in height which do not extend into the required front yard farther than eight leet or into the rear yard farther than 12 feet."

<sup>\*\*</sup>First floor elevation is the height that the first floor extends above the building grade line/finish grade line, which is elevation of the ground adjoining the building on all four sides.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Lot Coverage means the part or percent of the lot occupied by buildings or structures, including accessory buildings or structures and above ground and permanent swimming pools.

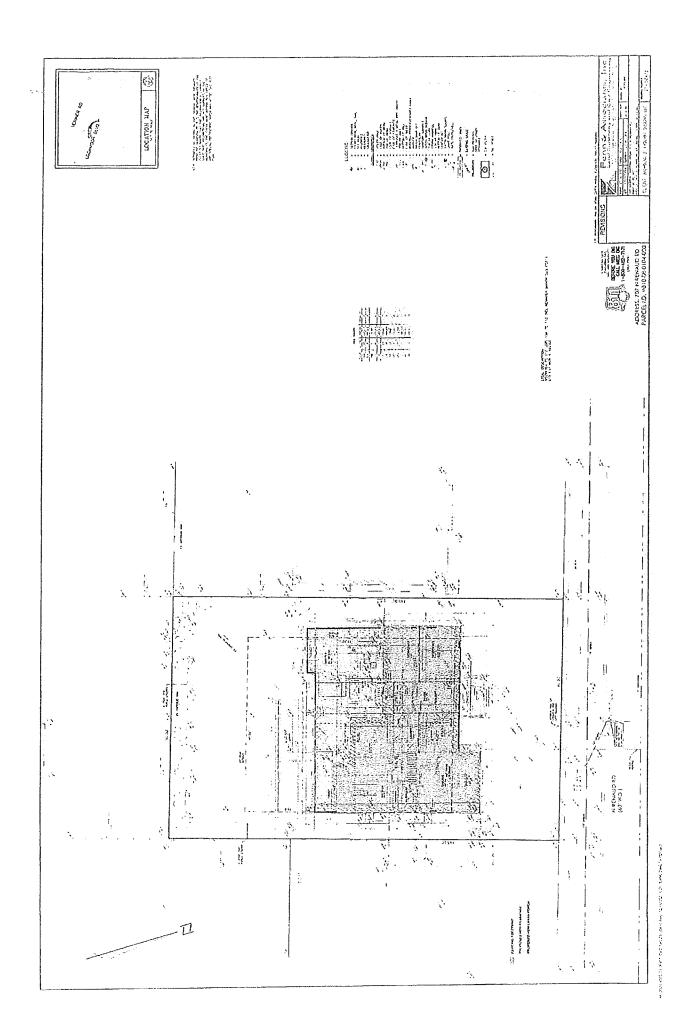


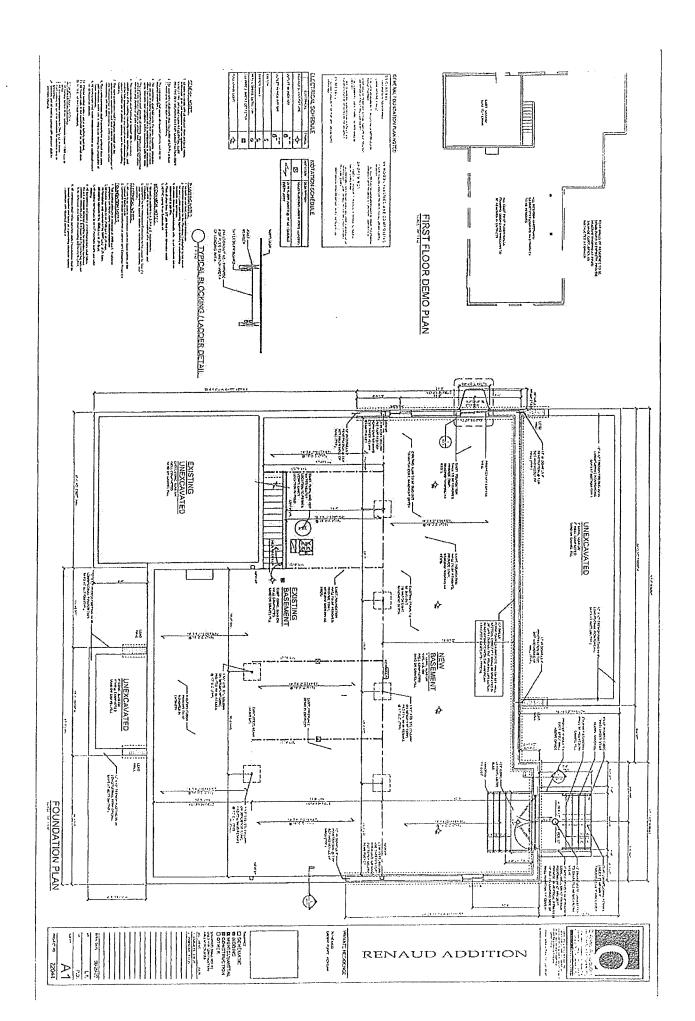
Findings: The addition expanding the residential home and the lanai (screened in porch) do not comply with various components of the Zoning Ordinance: It exceeds the front and side yard setbacks, allowed lot coverage, first floor elevation, and building height allowed by-right in the R-1A District. The Building Official may permit the extension of the garage into the front yard setback as it does not exceed 8-feet past the required front yard setback; however, they may not permit the extension of the open porch into the front yard as is because it extends 8-feet past the required setback. The front open porch must also be considered by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA must review and consider these design elements that do not comply with the Ordinance. This renovation is of a nonconforming structure that does not comply with the Ordinance, variances are needed.

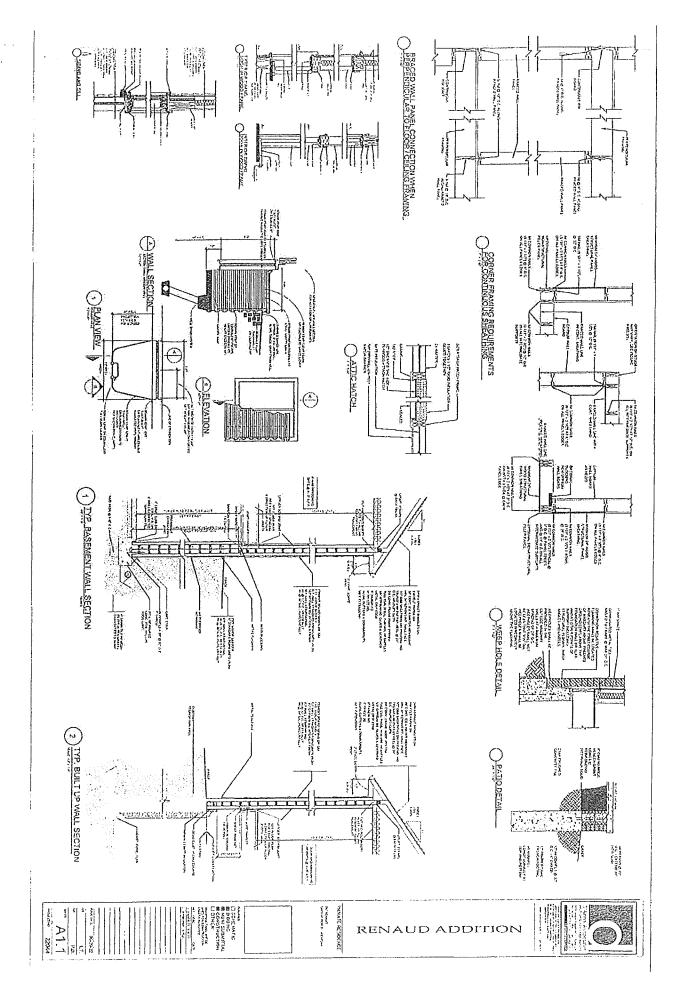
Respectfully submitted,

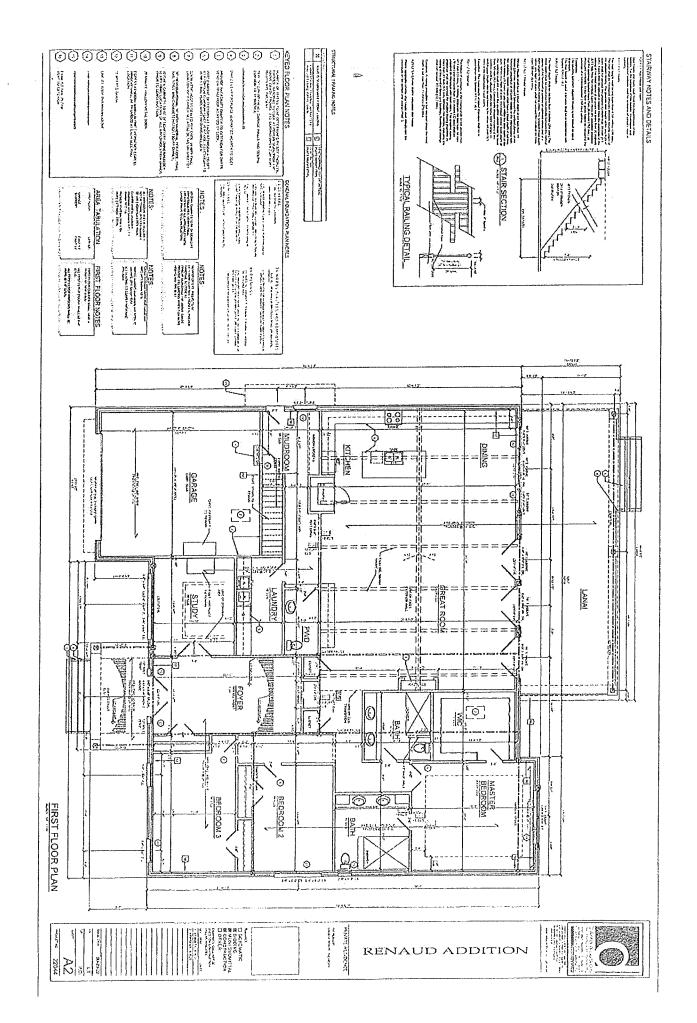
**MCKENNA** 

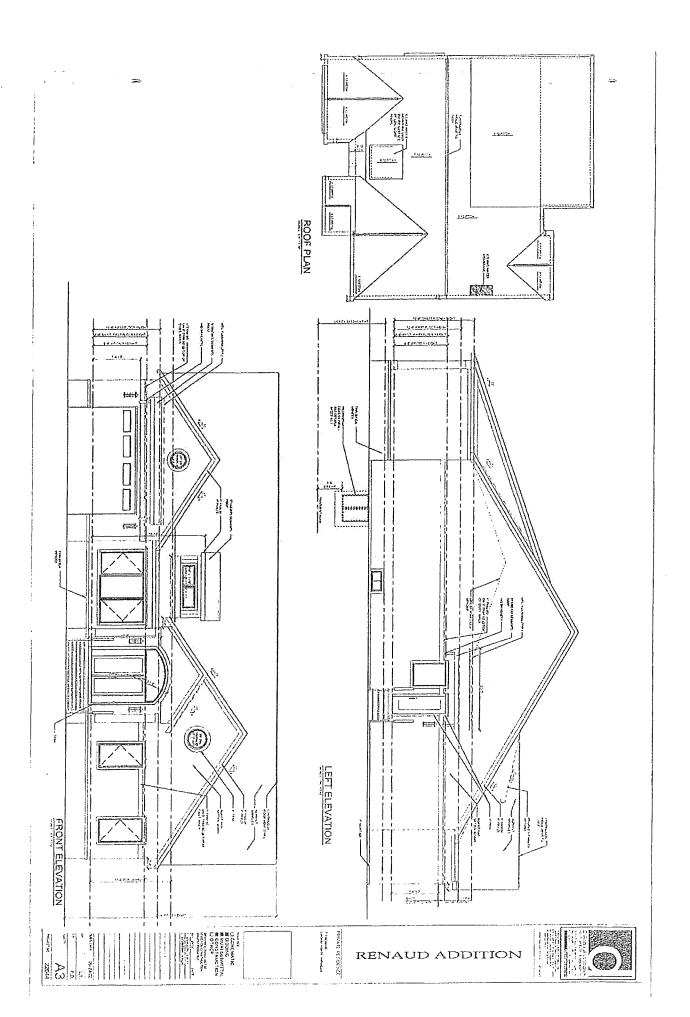
Brigitte Wolf, AICP

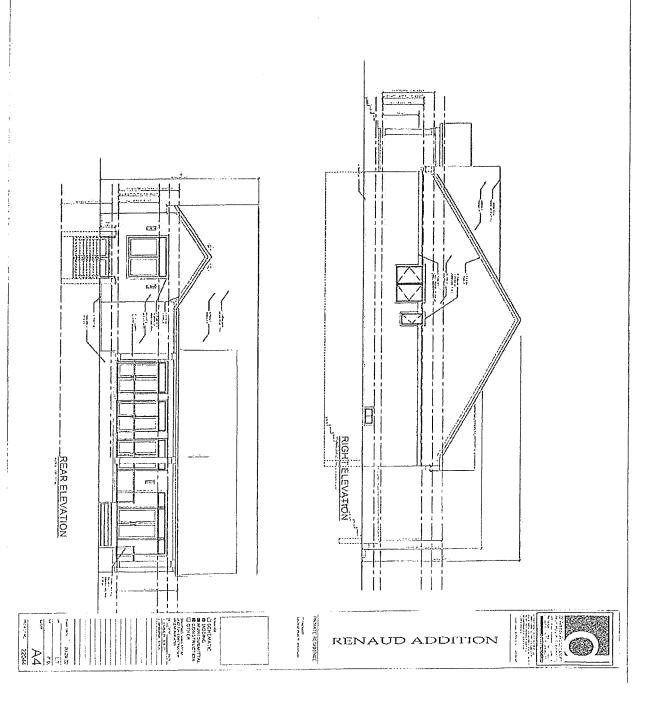


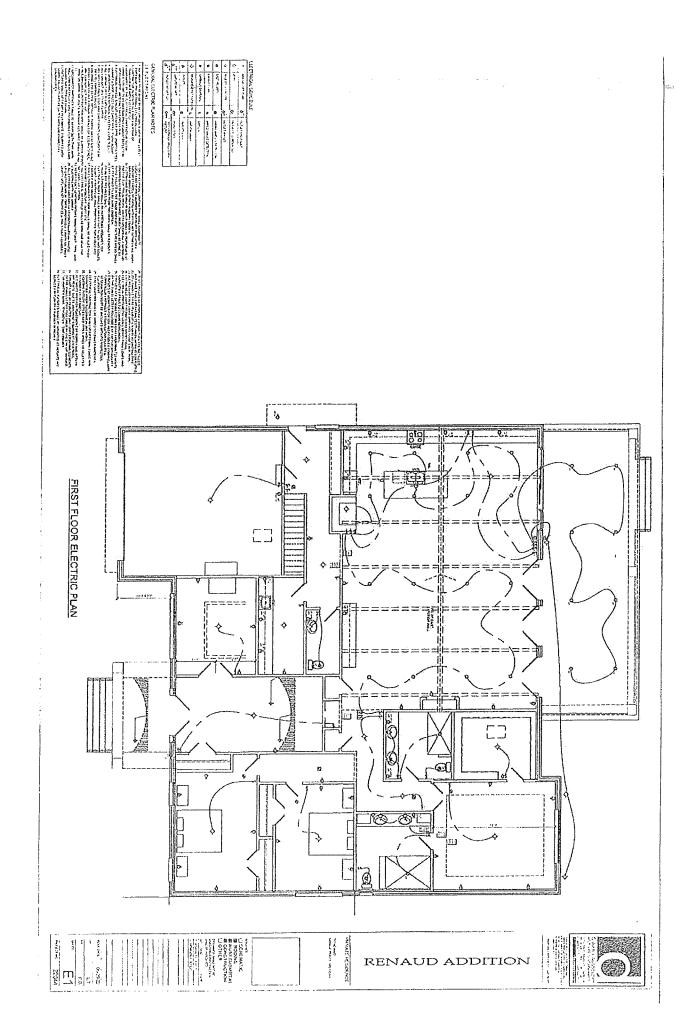














Expired Building Permit PB220396 to expire at 707 N RENAUD RD on 08/22/2023 for Demo only for remodel of entire home by homeowner Alanna Avouris..

Please be advised that the above subject permits will be expiring within 30 days and a final inspection is required. Failure to schedule final inspections may result in tickets or fines.

Permits may be extended once for a timeframe of 90 days, if you would like to request an extension or to speak to a Building Department staff member please contact our office at 313-343-2426.

Sincerely,

Grosse Pointe Woods Building Department building@gpwmi.us
313,343,2426



Expired Building Permit PB220396 to expire at 707 N RENAUD RD on 08/22/2023 for Demo only for remodel of entire home by homeowner Alanna Ayouris..

Please be advised that the above subject permits will be expiring within 30 days and a final inspection is required. Failure to schedule final inspections may result in tickets or fines.

Permits may be extended once for a timeframe of 90 days, if you would like to request an extension or to speak to a Building Department staff member please contact our office at 313-343-2426.

Sincerely,

Grosse Pointe Woods Building Department building@gpwmi.us
313.343.2426



Expired Building Permit PB220396 to expire at 707 N RENAUD RD on 10/24/2023 for Demo only for remodel of entire home by homeowner Alanna Ayouris.

## EXTENDED 90 DAYS ON 7/24/23. MRM.

Please be advised that the above subject permits will be expiring within 30 days and a final inspection is required. Failure to schedule final inspections may result in tickets or fines.

Permits may be extended once for a timeframe of 90 days, if you would like to request an extension or to speak to a Building Department staff member please contact our office at 313-343-2426.

Sincerely,

Grosse Pointe Woods Building Department building@gpwmi.us 313.343.2426



Expired Building Permit PB220396 to expire at 707 N RENAUD RD on 10/24/2023 for Demo only for remodel of entire home by homeowner Alanna Ayouris.

## EXTENDED 90 DAYS ON 7/24/23. MRM.

Please be advised that the above subject permits will be expiring within 30 days and a final inspection is required. Failure to schedule final inspections may result in tickets or fines.

Permits may be extended once for a timeframe of 90 days, if you would like to request an extension or to speak to a Building Department staff member please contact our office at 313-343-2426.

Sincerely,

Grosse Pointe Woods Building Department building@gpwni.us
313.343.2426

From: Christal Lint lintcl@yahoo.com

Subject: For your investigation Re 707 N Renaud

Date: Oct 3, 2023 at 9:38:30 AM

To: Debra Walling dwalling@rsjalaw.com, Tim Tomlinson

TTomlinson@yorkdolanlaw.com

# Good morning,

Earlier this morning, I followed up with Mr Tomlinson regarding a downspout violation I reported last week at 707. As I stated at last nights council meeting, last week 707 slapped downspouts onto the structure facing my property and the property on the other side. It occurred to me that not only with respect to this violation but some of the other more serious violations you're investigating, that the owner knows what's required of the code because he's renovated other homes in the neighborhood.

One such home is 871 N Renaud. In connection with a permit to replace a roof on that house a few years ago, he was explicitly instructed that downspouts face the front and back of the property, and not the sides. As I looked more into 871 N Renaud, there are a number of other issues you should be aware of. Most importantly, although the permit granted was for the roof, 871 was a massive renovation project for which no permits were applied for and granted. See the listing description from the sale just last year here <a href="https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/871-N-Renaud-Rd-Grosse-Pointe-Woods-MI-48236/88388278\_zpid/">https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/871-N-Renaud-Rd-Grosse-Pointe-Woods-MI-48236/88388278\_zpid/</a>.

In talking with the neighbor next door to 871, I understand that the interior work was not the only work done. I was informed that house was significantly expanded upon in the back. The sale listing above seems to corroborate this as the home is listed for sale at at over 5000 sq feet; obviously a home in this neighborhood built in the 1950s was not built to be of that size. I'm sure you have access to records to confirm all of this.

I don't think I need to detail for you the parallels between 871 and 707. I do have to point out that the owner clearly has a history of successfully evading the the zoning ordinance and oversight of the building department. I also think it's worth nothing that permit information is, as per state guidelines, the primary manner in which property taxes are assessed. So in addition to zoning violations, the owner is permitted to evade full tax responsibility while the rest of the community who follows the law pays their full freight.

The adverse consequences to the neighborhood if the City does not take firm and immediate action on 707 cannot be understated. I do plan to continue my investigation with the limited tool available to me and will continue to share what I find with you.

Best regards, Christal

Sent from my iPhone

# **EXHIBIT C**

Number E220441  Category Building Permits  Date Filed 04/14/2022  Last Action Date Complaint Renovating inside of the home. No permits. See pics. 2 commercial dumpsters at the property.  □ Inspection Information  □ Inspection Type  Ordinance  Ordinance  Attations	Case Closed  04/20/2022  No Data to Display t the property.
(**************************************	04/20/2022 No Data to Display the property.
	04/20/2022 No Data to Display t the property.
	No Data to Display the property.
(	t the property.
Inspector Status	(Back To Top
Not likewishing	Completed Date Result
	4/14/2022 Violation(s) <u>View</u>
Compliance 4/20/2022	
<ul> <li>Fees &amp; Payments</li> </ul>	Back To Top

Enforcement Information | Inspection Information | Fees & Payments | Enforcement Filer Information | Owner Information

Jump To:

THE PERSON NAMED IN THE PE	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
<ul> <li>Enforcement Information</li> </ul>	no		Sack To Top	Amount Due	
Number	E221138	Status	Case Closed	Enforcement - Building Permits Total	\$0.00
Category	Building Permits				
Date Filed	10/10/2022	Date Closed	10/17/2022		
Last Action Date	No Data (a Display	Next Action Date	No Data to Display		
Complaint	No permit to demo the garage				
Inspection Information				Back	Васк То Тор
Inspection Type	Inspector	Scheduled Date	Completed Date	Result	
Ordinance	Completed Completed Completed	10/10/2022 10/17/2022	10/10/2022	Violation(s) <u>View</u> No Violation	
<ul> <li>Fees &amp; Payments</li> </ul>				Васк	Back To Top
Date	Action Qty Description	00		rico Common	AND DESCRIPTIONS AND ADDRESS.



# **EXHIBIT D**

### STATE OF MICHIGAN

# IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

CHRISTAL LINT, DANIEL SPIES, and EDGAR RINKE, Jr.,

Plaintiffs,

CASE NO.: 23 -

- CH

HON.

ν

NICHOLAS AVOURIS and ALANNA AVOURIS;
THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS;
ARTHUR W. BRYANT, Mayor of the City of Grosse
Pointe Woods; THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
BUILDING DEPARTMENT; and McKENNA AND ASSOCIATES,
a Michigan domestic profit corporation,
Jointly and severally,

Defendants.

LINNELL & ASSOCIATES, PLLC

BY: RICHARD D. LINNELL (P59339)

DAVID H. APPLEBAUM (P78794)

Attorneys for Plaintiffs

2804 Orchard Lake Rd., Ste. 203

Keego Harbor, Michigan 48320

Telephone: (248) 977-4182 Email: jbooth@linnellfirm.com

### **AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTAL LINT**

State of Michigan	)
	) s:
County of Oakland	)

- I, Christal Lint, first being duly sworn, deposes and says that she has personal knowledge of, and if called as a witness can testify competently to, the following facts:
- I am an owner of record of residentially-zoned real property located in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, and more commonly known as 727 N. Renaud Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan ("Lint Property").

- 2. The Lint Property immediately abuts and makes contact with 707 N. Renaud Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, which is the genesis of this litigation ("Subject Property").
- 3. When I purchased the Lint Property, the dwelling on the Subject Property was a single family ranch home.
- 4. When NICHOLAS AVOURIS and ALANNA AVOURIS ("Avouris") purchased the Subject Property, they began unpermitted and unauthorized construction on the Subject Property.
- 5. Avouris demolished the existing ranch home, and built a new, much larger home in its place.
- 6. As an adjacent homeowner, I never received any kind of notice of planning commission meetings or site plan approval that would reflect new construction of this magnitude.
- 7. During the construction process, the grade of the Subject Property was changed such that water runoff pools on the Lint Property and caused flooding in my basement, causing damage to my home and possessions.
- 8. This happened on numerous occasions, which I alerted Defendant THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS ("GPW") and Defendant THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS BUILDING DEPARTMENT ("GPW BD") agents and representatives to in repeated electronic correspondence, with pictures.
- 9. I followed the FOIA process with Defendant City Clerk, and requested plans and correspondence from Defendant GPW and Defendant GPW BD related to the Subject Property. In particular, I requested surveys and drainage plans: items that are required for new constructions.
  - 10. I never received those items.
  - 11. I requested the Defendant GPW City Administrator have a meeting with a group of

concerned citizens.

12. The Defendant GPW City Administrator did not appear at the meeting, but instead

sent a planning department representative.

13. Shortly after the meeting, the Defendant GPW City Administrator sent

correspondence saying the Subject Property fully complied with Defendant GPW's codes and

ordinances.

14. Later, in a response to a repeated FOIA request, I received the McKenna Report

dated September 26, 2023.

15. The McKenna Report identified many relevant on-site measurements from the

Subject Property and identified many zoning violations.

16. As a result of the McKenna Report, I requested multiple updates and new FOIAs

from Defendant GPW, and Defendant GPW BD.

17. Information such as police reports that I filed, and inspection reports and surveys

mentioned in other FOIA correspondence, as well as communications with Defendant Avouris,

were never produced to me.

18. Defendant GPW and GPW BD lack transparency and intentionally withholds

documents that substantiate the Subject Property numerous zoning violations.

19. The facts as stated in this Complaint are accurate and true to the best of my

knowledge.

**VERIFICATION** 

I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Dated: November \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

CHRISTAL LINT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

3

day of No	ovember, 2023.
	Notor: Public
	, Notary Public County, Michigan
Acting in	County County
My Commission	

# **EXHIBIT E**

From:

Sam Woodrick

To:

Frank Schulte; Tim Tomlinson

Cc:

Susan Como

Subject:

Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud-NEW ACTIVITY - RESPONSE REQUIRED.

**Date:** Friday, September 22, 2023 6:32:18 PM

I don't remember exactly, but no I don't think I gave consent.

Just to be clear, I may have admitted that I didn't know if it complied with the lot coverage requirements but it's not my responsibility to know that 100% for certain. It's the plan reviewer's responsibility at the time of review.

We ran another calculation on the submitted plans yesterday for lot coverage and, per the submitted plans, they are well within the lot coverage maximum spelled out in the zoning ordinance.

But, we will be having a building inspector go out and measure the footprint next week just to verify that the HO is complying with the submitted plans.

### Get Outlook for iOS

From: Sam Woodrick <swoodrick@mcka.com> Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 6:22:03 PM

To: Frank Schulte <fschulte@gpwmi.us>; Tim Tomlinson <ttomlinson@yorkdolanlaw.com>

Cc: Susan Como <SComo@gpwmi.us>

Subject: Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud — NEW ACTIVITY - RESPONSE REQUIRED.

Yep. I suspected she did indeed start recording in the middle of the meeting. I hope my exasperation isn't too apparent in the recording, but she started talking about how a BB gun shot her daughter's window and I had trouble understanding the relevance.

### Get Outlook for iOS

From: Frank Schulte <fschulte@gpwmi.us>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 6:16:23 PM

To: Tim Tomlinson <ttomlinson@yorkdolanlaw.com>

Cc: Sam Woodrick <swoodrick@mcka.com>; Susan Como <SComo@gpwmi.us>

Subject: Fwd: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud - NEW ACTIVITY - RESPONSE REQUIRED.

### FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christal Lint lintcl@yahoo.com>
Date: September 22, 2023 at 6:06:27 PM EDT
To: Frank Schulte <fschulte@gpwmi.us>

Cc: Bruce Eck <beck@mcka.com>, Mollie Mackinnon <mmackinnon@gpwmi.us>, City Clerk <CityClerk@gpwmi.us>, Susan Como <SComo@gpwmi.us>, swoodrick@mcka.com

Subject: Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud—NEW ACTIVITY - RESPONSE

REŎUIRED.

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Frank,

We recorded the meeting. You are welcome to listen. But it is not even remotely accurate that Sam provided us with any evidence of compliance. In fact, all he provided was a handful of illegible documents that he said were all you at the city were provided and approved. As an attorney, I can read the code and know that the documents that we were provided did not meet code requirements. I filed multiple FOIA requests and have not been provided with documents responsive to my requests — which confirms what Sam and Paul communication — all you've been provided does not meet requirement for a new construction that completely replaced a prior brick ranch that was about 1/2 the size.

To be clear, the existing structure is of a materially different footprint than the prior structure. The documents are labeled "addition" and was valued at 150k. The new structure, as evidence by google earth, exceed the 35 percent lot coverage requirement and is materially different than the prior structure. Further, Sam admitted that he did not know whether the structure at 707 complied with the 35 percent requirement. I have retained an engineer who confirmed — with the use of google earth — that the structure exceeds by approximate 15 percent the 35 percent requirement.

Moreover, 707 does not have a boundary survey on file. (I however did pay for a boundary survey.) Oddly, Sam did represent that he measured the setbacks — but didn't measure the lot coverage percentage — and said that 707 abides by setback requirement. I am not sure how setback requirement were determined without a boundary survey.

I have mold in my basement; my arborvitae are destroyed; my daughter's bedroom window was shot out by a pellet gun from 707; there is standing water at all corner when it rains; there are rats through the neighborhood; there is a porta John that the public uses regularly on the lot along my property line; the house is raised on a hill like the homes on lakeshore, and the land is completely pitched away from 707 towards the surrounding lot; it is obvious that there is non compliance with code grading requirements. This is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of what we wanted to discuss with you as the person responsible for the City. I and my neighbors have called the city at every juncture about these issue and strangely there in nothing in the city's files related to these complaints or how the were considered and decided upon by the city— I requested those materials via FOIA.

Finally, the aesthetics of the structure do not comply with the character or quality of materials requirement in the code. The structure is a literal joke across the Woods and the entire Grosse Pointe communities. This is a fact.

The Renaud residents look forward to speaking with you and the city attorney. Have nice weekend.

Christal

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 22, 2023, at 4:39 PM, Frank Schulte <fschulte@gpwmi.us> wrote:

Dear Mrs. Lint

Unfortunately, I had a prior commitment and could not make the meeting. Sam Woodrick from McKenna the city planner provided you and the other residents information that 707 North Renaud reconstruction meets all city codes and ordinances.

City attorney Tim Tomlinson will provide you a follow-up correspondence regarding your additional concerns.

Thanks.

Frank Schulte
City Administrator
City of Grosse Pointe Woods
20025 Mack Plaza Drive

Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Direct: #313.343.2450 Fax: #313.343.2658

"It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see." ~Henry David Thoreau

From: Christal Lint < lintcl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 1:00 PM
To: Paul Antolin < pantolin@gpwmi.us>

**Cc:** Bruce Eck <beck@mcka.com>; Mollie Mackinnon <mmackinnon@gpwmi.us>; City Clerk <CityClerk@gpwmi.us>; Frank Schulte <fschulte@gpwmi.us>; Susan Como <SComo@gpwmi.us> **Subject:** Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud— NEW ACTIVITY - RESPONSE REQUIRED.

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

As a follow up to our meeting yesterday with Sam, I am writing to express our collective disappointment that with the fact that Sam was the only attendee from the city. We expressly requested the City Manager attend. We had 5 owners yesterday, and several more have issues but couldn't get off work. We all took time off work to meet and we were basically told the same thing I was told on the phone with Sam. And again, we were essentially told that the city could do nothing, despite the fact that the FOIA response I received indicated that the only "plans" submitted and approved by the city are illegible and are labeled "addition"; additionally documents related to filed complaints about the property and the work being done are undoubtedly incomplete based on calls from the 5 owners who attended yesterday's meeting.

I am requesting again a meeting with the manager and owners after normal business hours in the next 2 weeks or we will attend the next city council meeting and raise our concerns there.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 13, 2023, at 4:47 PM, Christal Lint < <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a>> wrote:

Got it. So as I understand it, from your perspective I've been given everything the city has for 707 that was covered by my FOIA request.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 13, 2023, at 4:12 PM, Paul Antolin pantolin@gpwmi.us>
wrote:

Good afternoon Christal,

According to the Building Dept. you were given all documents available

in response to your FOIA request. I was informed that a representative from the Building Dept. will be contacting you shortly.

At this time, I have no further information for you, other than the Building representative that contacts you should be able to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you and have a nice day.

### Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397

Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667

From: Christal Lint < lintcl@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 12:14 PM

To: Paul Antolin pantolin@gpwmi.us>

Cc: Bruce Eck < beck@mcka.com >; Mollie Mackinnon

<<u>mmackinnon@gpwmi.us</u>>; City Clerk <<u>CityClerk@gpwmi.us</u>>; Frank Schulte <<u>fschulte@gpwmi.us</u>>; Susan Como <<u>SComo@gpwmi.us</u>> **Subject:** Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud— NEW ACTIVITY -

RESPONSE REQUIRED.

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Hi,

There are landscapers dropping off a bunch of stuff right now at 707 (including many Arborvitae) which, after over a week of no outside work, suggests to me that they're planning to plant them without addressing grading and other requirements pursuant to an approved plan.

Paul, do you have all the documents responsive to my FOIA request?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 13, 2023, at 10:53 AM, Christal Lint <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a>> wrote:

Following up on this as we've not heard anything in over a week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2023, at 4:32 PM, Christal Lint < <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a> wrote:

Hi Paul,

I just wanted to reiterate that the issues are not limited to those that I outlined in my correspondence related to my property, such as the mold in my basement from water runoff from 707. As I mentioned, several other homeowners on N. Renaud have issues with 707and would like to speak to the City Manager (I've been told by the engineer I retained that he/she is the appropriate city official to meet with), and many of these issues will not be able to be resolved in the absence of the materials requested by my FOIA requests being provided prior to a meeting. In other words, without those materials— particularly the plans that were submitted and approved it's unclear how anyone would be able to have a meaningful discussion.

Nevertheless, I understand that you are simply conveying a message. And I'm simply clarifying the record to the extent that it was unclear.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2023, at 4:07 PM, Paul Antolin <pantolin@gpwmi.us> wrote:

Good afternoon Christal,

I just spoke with the City Administrator, Frank Schulte. He will be meeting with Building Official Bruce Eck and McKenna (Building Services) tomorrow to discuss your issue with 707 N. Renaud.

After their meeting, they will reach out to you to further discuss the matter and answer any further questions you may have.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

### Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397 Phone: 313-343-2440

Fax: 313-343-5667

From: Christal Lint <<u>lintcl@yahoo.com</u>> Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:56 AM

**To:** Paul Antolin <pantolin@gpwmi.us>

Cc: Bruce Eck

<<u>beck@mcka.com</u>>; Mollie

Mackinnon

<mmackinnon@gpwmi.us>;

City Clerk

<<u>CityClerk@gpwmi.us</u>>; Frank

Schulte < fschulte@gpwmi.us>;

Susan Como

<<u>SComo@gpwmi.us</u>>

**Subject:** Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Thank you. I was planning to head up to request the meeting on behalf of my husband and I and the three owners who I've spoken to this far who would like to meet as well. In light of your email, I'll hold off with the expectation that the response I receive will address this request.

Thanks again.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2023, at 8:49 AM, Paul Antolin <pantolin@gpwmi.us> wrote:

Good morning Christal,

I apologized for the late response as I was out of town for family medical reasons.

I am including the City Administrator and Assistant City Administrator on this email so they are aware of your request. You should be receiving a response shortly.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397 Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-

5667

From: Christal

Lint

lintcl@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 8:25 AM To: Paul Antolin

<pantolin@gpwmi.us>

Cc: Bruce Eck

<beck@mcka.com>;

Mollie

Mackinnon

<mmackinnon@gpwmi.us>;

City Clerk

<<u>CityClerk@gpwmi.us</u>>

**Subject:** Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud

CAUTION:
This email
originated
from outside of
the
organization.
DO NOT click
links, open
attachments or
reply to this
message unless
you recognize
the sender and
know the
content is safe:

Good morning Paul,

I am sending this email for the benefit of your files on the issues we've been discussing.

I did not receive a response to my email below, therefore today I will be requesting a meeting with the City Manager. I also note for the record, that the meeting request From:

Sam Woodrick

To: Subject: John Jackson

Subject: Date: Fwd: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud Friday, September 22, 2023 5:37:43 PM

Attachments:

image003.jpg

### Get Outlook for iOS

From: Frank Schulte <fschulte@gpwmi.us>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 5:36:26 PM
To: Tim Tomlinson <ttomlinson@yorkdolanlaw.com>

Cc: Sam Woodrick <swoodrick@mcka.com>; Susan Como <SComo@gpwmi.us>

Subject: RE: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud

Hi Tim,

Please review prior emails from Chirstal Link she lives next door to 707 North Renaud which is being reconstructed. She is upset about the size of the new home and grading. During a rain event she had storm water runoff come from 707 North Renaud to her property at 727 North Renaud. Sam Woodrick from McKenna will provide you an email regarding the meeting that took place with her and other residents from the block.

### Additional items.

- Her FOIA request that was submitted, all available information was answered and provided. She wanted grading and topo
  information which was not a requirement for this project.
- The home being built at 707 North Renaud meets all city code and ordinance requirements. The FOIA request submitted all available information was answered and provided.
- After the meeting it was decided the owner of 707 North Renaud will pride grading plan and it will be reviewed by our city engineer for approval.

Tim for your information I found out Christal Lint home at 727 North Renaud is not Homestead and registered to address in Chicago. The winter 2020 taxes have not been paid in the amount of \$8,031.65. No park pass has been taken out. If Chirstal Link does not have a State of Michigan license is she consider a resident?

Once you review Sam Woodrick email, please provide Christal Lint a letter that the home at 707 North Renaud meets all city code and ordinance requirements. The FOIA request was answered and grading plan will be reviewed by our city engineer for approval.

Parcel Number: 010.08.0113.00	Property Owner: SPIES, Summary Information > Residential Building Su - Year Built: 1952 - Full Baths: 2	nmary - Bedrooms: 0 - Half Baths: 1 - Acres: 0.300	SHRISTAL.  > Assessed Value: \$329,800   Taxable Value: \$241,574  > Property Tax information found  > 8 Building Department records found			
hem 1 of 3						
Llmage/2.Sketches Principal Residence 2023		0.0000 %	***************************************	June 1st	Final 0.0000 %	
3922	nformation S, DANIEL-LINT, CHRISTAL N. MARSHFIELD AGO, IL 60613	Taxpayer	SEE O	WNER INFORMAT	FION Eack to Top	
Other Information User Number Index		-		0	Fack To Top	
Tax History	1					

Yea	r Seas	on	Total Amount		Total Paid I	ast Paid Total	Due
	2023	Summer	\$8,294.01	\$8,294.01	08/14/2023	\$0.00	
	2022	Winter	\$8,313.52	\$8,313.52	01/13/2023	\$0.00	
	2022	Summer	\$7,847.94	\$7,847.94	08/30/2022	\$0.00	
	2021	Winter	\$8,059.76	\$8,059.76	12/09/2021	\$0.00	
	2021	Summer	\$7,713.69	\$7,713.69	08/31/2021	\$0.00	
	2020	Winter	\$8,031.65	\$0.00		\$8,031.65	
	2020	Summer	\$7,996.88	\$8,034.78	10/15/2020	(S37.90)	
	2019	Winter	\$7,654.46	\$7,654.46	02/14/2020	\$0.00	
	2019	Summer	\$7,549.84	\$7,549.84	09/03/2019	\$0.00	

Thanks,

Frank Schulte City Administrator City of Grosse Pointe Woods 20025 Mack Plaza Drive Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Direct: #313.343.2450 Fax: #313.343.2658

"It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see." ~Henry David Thoreau

From: Christal Lint < lintcl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:56 AM
To: Paul Antolin <pantolin@gpwmi.us>

 $\textbf{\textit{Cc:}} \ \ \textbf{\textit{Bruce Eck <beck@mcka.com>;}} \ \ \textbf{\textit{Mollie Mackinnon < mmackinnon@gpwmi.us>;}} \ \ \textbf{\textit{City Clerk@gpwmi.us>;}} \ \ \textbf{\textit{Frank Schulte}} \ \ \textbf{\textit{City Clerk@gpwmi.us>;}} \$ 

<fschulte@gpwmi.us>; Susan Como <SComo@gpwmi.us>
Subject: Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Thank you. I was planning to head up to request the meeting on behalf of my husband and I and the three owners who I've spoken to this far who would like to meet as well. In light of your email, I'll hold off with the expectation that the response I receive will address this request.

Thanks again.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2023, at 8:49 AM, Paul Antolin pantolin@gpwmi.us wrote:

Good morning Christal,

I apologized for the late response as I was out of town for family medical reasons.

I am including the City Administrator and Assistant City Administrator on this email so they are aware of your request. You should be receiving a response shortly.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods - Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr.

Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397

Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667

From: Christal Lint < <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a> Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 8:25 AM To: Paul Antolin < <a href="mailto:lintcl@partolint@gpwmi.us">lintcl@partolint@gpwmi.us</a>

Cc: Bruce Eck <beck@mcka.ccm>; Mollie Mackinnon <mrackinnon@gpwmi.us>; City Clerk <<u>CityClerk@gpwmi.us</u>>

Subject: Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Good morning Paul,

I am sending this email for the benefit of your files on the issues we've been discussing.

I did not receive a response to my email below, therefore today I will be requesting a meeting with the City Manager. I also note for the record, that the meeting request will include several neighbors /homeowners on N Renaud as well. After speaking to a few neighbors yesterday, I learned that many home owners on N Renaud have concerns similar to mine and several have called the building department — and in some instances the PD — about those issues. As of now, there are three other homeowners in addition to myself who want to meet with the City Manager, and based on my conversation with those owners, I expect the number of participants from N Renaud to expand.

I noticed that you copied someone with a city manager email address in your email yesterday, and that address is included in this email. If the City Manager or someone from their office is in fact on this email, it would be much appreciated if a response with available times to meet with myself and the other homeowners on N Renaud could be provided via email, rather than having me come in person to the office this morning to request the same.

Thank you. Christal

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2023, at 11:02 AM, Christal Lint < lintcl@yahoo.com > wrote:

I do not have a copy of my request as I provided them to you, but the following is what I asked for, even if not word for word: (1) all plans for 707 N Renaud, including (but not limited to) all to plans relating to grading, soil erosion, sewage and water run off; (2) the boundary survey; (3) the topographic survey; (4) all approvals of those plans; (5) any enforcement activity for code violations and (6) all communications between the city and developer relating to code violation issues.

As you'll recall, the only things I was provided were (1) the topographic survey and (2) documents related to a violation for tearing down the garage without a permit, which I understand to have included the wall that was supposed to be left up to make the construction a rehab rather than new construction; there are obviously significant implications for this violation including what was required to be submitted and approved and property tax implications. This is why I asked for correspondence regarding violations. The second violation related to not having fencing up. The document indicates there was no violation, and the building rep said in an email there is no requirement for fencing. (I find that hard to believe because that allows and did allow until i insisted something be put up, a giant hole in the ground and construction materials and machinery that is accessible by the kids in the neighborhood and any passerby's, not to mention that we all had to look at it daily.)

If it's not obvious at this point, the issues with 707 go far beyond the water issue, although that is the most pressing

in terms of damage to my property and what is likely to be damage to other bordering properties. It is an issue now and without an approved plan that complies with code for grading and water run off, it will be an issue long term. Currently the building has dug drainage ditches along my property and the property to the east — I would say at least a foot below the grade of my lot— and coupled with the altered grading of the lot as a whole — meaning the house is on a hill in the center and pitched away towards my property — now the water stands and has flowed into my basement at the corner and I now have mold growing in my basement. Aside from the mold inside being a health issue, the standing water is a health issue, particularly given the increase in bugs and rodents. Notable it also runs along the porta-potty on the lot, which has been dumped probably once and it was recently. I've been outside when random passerby's have stopped and used the John bc there isn't adequate security. That's a safety issue for me and the neighborhood. If I haven't told you I have 2 children— 11 and 13. In fact, before the fencing was put up my daughter's window, which is only accessible from 707, was shot with a BB gun. The developer tried to blame the children who live to the east; there is a police report for this incident. I also had to call over the weekend because the construction machinery that was left on the lot without a protective barrier was left on for days.

As evidences by the above, this not a project done by a professional form with identification on the plot. In addition to there foregoing, there have been intermittent workers—some that have come at 10 in the evening and parked in front of my house—and the bulk off work has been done during holidays which I do not believe to be coincidence. (For example, after sitting on the house for more than a year, tear down began Easter weekend of 2022.) There are people who have come into my yard without permission—moving by trampoline, cutting down trees on my yard and hooking up to the electrical pole in my yard—I have dogs in addition to my kids. Not until I called the city more than once was it moved to the 707 lot; there was nothing in the materials related to that. Is this because there are no rules about trespassing and connecting dangerous electrical set ups without permission on neighboring properties.

The house was purchased in the spring of 2021, sat for a year, and tear down began in the spring of 2022. It has been over a year of dealing with the nuisance and safety and health issues and the house is nowhere near being done. There is nothing that the builder has done or that the city has overseen that gives me any confidence that the builder has complied with applicable laws and that I will not have water issues or other issues long term as a result of non-compliance. Therefore, I need the information I requested, as noted above, and there's been sufficient time to provide it. If there's no plan on file—please state that clearly. Then I can pursue through appropriate channels how the project got to the current state without a plan. Similarly, if there is not a boundary survey on file, please clearly state that.

Paul, I copied you on my responses to the building dept and made clear that those responses did not adequately respond to my FOIA request nor was it appropriate to expect me to rely on a verbal representation from the builder to the city as to ensuring appropriate grading and drainage. And saying that we will wait until the project is completed is unacceptable as it too late — the final plans need to comply with the approved which is why I asked for and need the approved plans.

I will stop by the office to request an in person meeting with the city manager about this, unless someone responds and lets me know that the materials I requested will be provided today.

Thank you and have a nice weekend.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2023, at 10:04 AM, Paul Antolin pantolin@gpwmi.us wrote:

Good morning Christal,

I was under the impression that we provided all the information that was available. Please clarify exactly what it is you're missing. From the correspondence with the building dept. some of the information requested wasn't available until the project was complete. Unless i misunderstood something.

Currently, I'm out of the office but should you come to City Hall, the building dept. should be able to help clarify your questions.

Thank you. Paul

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2023, at 8:11 AM, Christal Lint < lintcl@yahoo.com > wrote:

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Good morning Paul,

It's now been several weeks since filing my requests and I've not yet received a full set of responsive materials. I plan to come up to the office this afternoon to retrieve those documents so that I can meet with my engineer before the holiday weekend.

Thank you. Christal

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2023, at 1:37 PM, Christal Lint < lintcl@yahoo.com > wrote:

Thank you. I will follow up Thursday if I don't hear back before then as that will be two weeks from my original requests. Have a great week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2023, at 12:55 PM, Paul Antolin pantolin@gpwmi.us wrote:

Good afternoon Christal,

I've forwarded your email to the Building Official, Bruce Eck.

I did not respond to your questions as I am unsure of the definite answers and more importantly, did not want to misinform you.

If there are any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397

Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667

From: Christal Lint < lintci@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 8:04 AM
To: Paul Antolin < pantolin@gowmi.us>

Subject: Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or

## reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Hi Paul,

Thanks again for the documents. I've had a chance to review the attached and I've sent the plan drawing on to my engineers to review and come by check out the structure to see if there are any obvious conflicts between approved plan and what's been built. I do have a few questions/comments on the remaining items.

The items emailed do not seem to fully respond to my request. For example, I asked for the soil erosion plan and other plan items related to water flow (different than, but in addition to the topographic survey) but I do not see it in the materials provided. Could you please provide all plans, including soil erosion and plans dealing with water flow, drainage, sewage, grading of land—all of which were in my original request of Aug. 10, 2023. If the city does not have these items, could you please confirm via email that no such plans were submitted and approved by the developer?

Additionally, I see that there was an inspection for inadequate fencing but there was no violation found. I don't understand how that's possible— I called in about the lack of any fencing and following my call he put up a fence. I'd like to request via FOIA, copies all communications between the property owner and the city regarding the fence and the other enforcement item— demolishing the garage without a permit. Please let me know if this email request is sufficient or if I should stop by the office to fill out a FOIA form. I understand that these requested communications are under a different request and therefore have a different time frame for response.

Regards,
Christal

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2023, at 10:59 AM, Christal Lint
<a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a> wrote:
Thank you very much, Paul.

On Aug 14, 2023, at 10:57 AM, Paul Antolin <<u>pantolin@gpwmi.us</u>> wrote:

Good morning,

Sent from my iPhone

Please see the attached response

regarding your CC 23-32 FOIA request.

Per our discussion this morning, I will follow-up on your additional request for the Boundary, topographic surveys & Soil plan for 707 N. Renaud.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397 Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

<E221138\_Redacted.pdf>
<707 n renaud building pemrit\_Redacted.pdf>
<707 n renaud demo permit\_Redacted.pdf>
<707 s renaud site plan.pdf>
<E221122\_Redacted.pdf>

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately. Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

# **EXHIBIT F**

City: Keep original and provide copy of both sides, along with Public Summary, to requestor at no charge.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County

20025 Mack Plaza
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
Phone: 313 343-2440

Request Form
Request For

Michigan Freedom of Information Act, Pt	r Public Records ublic Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, et seq.	
/ / Date	eck if received via: Email Fax Other Electronic	: Method
(Please Print or Type) Date	e <u>discovered</u> in junk/spam folder:	
Name (Nrictal Lind) Firm/Organization	Phone 91756638	:70
•		
Street 727 N. Renaud		10. CF-1
City (-, PW	State Zip UX23	
Request for: Copy Certified copy Record ins Delivery Method: Will pick up Will make own copies on Deliver on digital media provided by the City:		
Note: The City is not required to provide records in a digital format of technological capability to do so.	r on digital media if the City does not already have the	
Describe the public record(s) as specifically as possible. You may	ay use this form or attach additional sheets:	
Including the ornadi	tom at 707 NREnavo	Jen Jen
	collection and	15
drain ise and sewope		
and out records of	approval enforceme	
regards to constructor	1 rn or at 707N. Rev	con d
V		
Consent to Non-Statutory Extens I have requested a copy of records or a subscription to records or the opportuniformation Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, et seq. I understand the after receiving it, and that response may include taking a 10-business day extresponse time for this request until	unity to inspect records, pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of at the City must respond to this request within five (5) business of tension. However, I hereby agree and stipulate to extend the Cit	
Requestor's Signature (more	nth, day, year). 3.10.25	
NOGUCOTOT O DIGITALUIC	Date	,

### Records Located on Website

If the City directly or indirectly administers or maintains an official internet presence, any public records available to the general public on that internet site at the time the request is made are exempt from any labor charges to redact (separate exempt information from non-exempt information).

If the FOIA coordinator knows or has reason to know that all or a portion of the requested information is available on its website, the City must notify the requestor in its written response that all or a portion of the requested information is available on its website. The written response, to the degree practicable in the specific instance, must include a specific webpage address where the requested information is available. On the detailed cost itemization form, the City must separate the requested public records that are available on its website from those that are not available on the website and must inform the requestor of the additional charge to receive copies of the public records that are available on its website.

If the City has included the website address for a record in its written response to the requestor and the requestor thereafter stipulates that the public record be provided to him or her in a paper format or other form, including digital media, the City must provide the public records in the specified format (if the City has the technological capability) but may use a fringe benefit multiplier greater than the 50%, not to exceed the actual costs of providing the information in the specified format.

Request for Copies/Duplication of Records on City Website  I hereby stipulate that, even if some or all of the records are located on a City website, I am requesting that the City make copies the website and deliver them to me in the format I have requested above. I understand that some FOIA fees may apply.	of those records on
Requestor's Signature CLOS J 26	Date 10 . 23
Overtime Labor Costs  Overtime wages shall not be included in the calculation of labor costs unless overtime is specifically stipulated by the requestor the detailed cost itemization form.  Consent to Overtime Labor Costs  I hereby agree and stipulate to the City using overtime wages in calculating the following labor costs as itemized in the following  1. Labor to copy/duplicate 2. Labor to locate 3a. Labor to redact 3b. Contract labor to 6b. Labor to copy/duplicate records already on City's website	categories:
Requestor's Signature Cur. Fcc 3	Date 8./0.23
request by an individual who is entitled to information under this act and who:  1) Submits an affidavit stating that the individual is indigent and receiving specific public assistance, OR  2) If not receiving public assistance, stating facts showing inability to pay the cost because of indigence.  If a requestor is ineligible for the discount, the public body shall inform the requestor specifically of the reason for ineligibility in the written response. An individual is ineligible for this fee reduction if ANY of the following apply:  (i) The individual has previously received discounted copies of public records from the same public body twice during the individual requests the information in conjunction with outside parties who are offering or providing payment or to the individual to make the request. A public body may require a statement by the requestor in the affidavit that the remande in conjunction with outside parties in exchange for payment or other remuneration.  Office Use:  Affidavit Received  Eligible for Discount  Ineligible for	nat calendar year, other remuneration quest is not being
I am submitting an affidavit and requesting that I receive the discount for indigence for this FOIA request:	Date:
Requestor's Signature:	
Request for Discount: Nonprofit Organization  A public record search must be made and a copy of a public record must be furnished without charge for the first \$20.00 of the request by a nonprofit organization formally designated by the state to carry out activities under subtitle C of the Developmental E Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 and the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act, if the request m following requirements:  (i) Is made directly on behalf of the organization or its clients.  (ii) Is made for a reason wholly consistent with the mission and provisions of those laws under section 931 of the Menta 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1931.  (iii) Is accompanied by documentation of its designation by the state, if requested by the City.	Disabilities eets ALL of the al Health Code,
Office Use: Documentation of State Designation Received Eligible for Discount Ineligible stipulate that I am a designated agent for the nonprofit organization making this FOIA request and that this request is made directly on behalf of the organization or its clients and is made for a reason wholly consistent with the mission and provisions of hose laws under section 931 of the Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1931:	Date:
Requestor's Signature:	

(Created by Michigan Townships Association, April 2015)

From:

Christal Lint

To: Cc: Paul Antolin

Subject:

Bruce Eck; Mollie Mackinnon

Date:

Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud Thursday, August 31, 2023 9:11:52 AM

Good morning Paul,

It's now been several weeks since filing my requests and I've not yet received a full set of responsive materials. I plan to come up to the office this afternoon to retrieve those documents so that I can meet with my engineer before the holiday weekend.

Thank you. Christal

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2023, at 1:37 PM, Christal Lint < lintcl@yahoo.com > wrote:

Thank you. I will follow up Thursday if I don't hear back before then as that will be two weeks from my original requests. Have a great week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2023, at 12:55 PM, Paul Antolin <pantolin@gpwmi.us> wrote:

Good afternoon Christal,

I've forwarded your email to the Building Official, Bruce Eck.

I did not respond to your questions as I am unsure of the definite answers and more importantly, did not want to misinform you.

If there are any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr.

Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397

Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667 From: Christal Lint < lintcl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 8:04 AM
Tax Paul Antalia, van talia

To: Paul Antolin <pantolin@gpwmi.us>

Subject: Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Hi Paul,

Thanks again for the documents. I've had a chance to review the attached and I've sent the plan drawing on to my engineers to review and come by check out the structure to see if there are any obvious conflicts between approved plan and what's been built. I do have a few questions/comments on the remaining items.

The items emailed do not seem to fully respond to my request. For example, I asked for the soil erosion plan and other plan items related to water flow (different than, but in addition to the topographic survey) but I do not see it in the materials provided. Could you please provide all plans, including soil erosion and plans dealing with water flow, drainage, sewage, grading of land— all of which were in my original request of Aug. 10, 2023. If the city does not have these items, could you please confirm via email that no such plans were submitted and approved by the developer?

Additionally, I see that there was an inspection for inadequate fencing but there was no violation found. I don't understand how that's possible— I called in about the lack of any fencing and following my call he put up a fence. I'd like to request via FOIA, copies all communications between the property owner and the city regarding the fence and the other enforcement item— demolishing the garage without a permit. Please let me know if this email request is sufficient or if I should stop by the office to fill out a FOIA form. I understand that these requested communications are under a different request and therefore have a different time frame for response.

Regards, Christal

### Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2023, at 10:59 AM, Christal Lint <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a> wrote:

Thank you very much, Paul.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2023, at 10:57 AM, Paul Antolin pantolin@gpwmi.uswrote:

Good morning,

Please see the attached response regarding your CC 23-32 FOIA request.

Per our discussion this morning, I will follow-up on your additional request for the Boundary, topographic surveys & Soil plan for 707 N. Renaud.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

### Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397

Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.
<E221138\_Redacted.pdf>
<707 n renaud building pemrit\_Redacted.pdf>
<707 n renaud demo permit\_Redacted.pdf>
<707 s renaud site plan.pdf>

### <E221122\_Redacted.pdf>

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

From: Christal Lint
To: Paul Antolin

 Cc:
 Bruce Eck; Mollie Mackinnon; City Clerk

 Subject:
 Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud

 Date:
 Thursday, August 31, 2023 11:03:06 AM

I do not have a copy of my request as I provided them to you, but the following is what I asked for, even if not word for word: (1) all plans for 707 N Renaud, including (but not limited to) all to plans relating to grading, soil erosion, sewage and water run off; (2) the boundary survey; (3) the topographic survey; (4) all approvals of those plans; (5) any enforcement activity for code violations and (6) all communications between the city and developer relating to code violation issues.

As you'll recall, the only things I was provided were (1) the topographic survey and (2) documents related to a violation for tearing down the garage without a permit, which I understand to have included the wall that was supposed to be left up to make the construction a rehab rather than new construction; there are obviously significant implications for this violation including what was required to be submitted and approved and property tax implications. This is why I asked for correspondence regarding violations. The second violation related to not having fencing up. The document indicates there was no violation, and the building rep said in an email there is no requirement for fencing. (I find that hard to believe because that allows and did allow until i insisted something be put up, a giant hole in the ground and construction materials and machinery that is accessible by the kids in the neighborhood and any passerby's, not to mention that we all had to look at it daily.)

If it's not obvious at this point, the issues with 707 go far beyond the water issue, although that is the most pressing in terms of damage to my property and what is likely to be damage to other bordering properties. It is an issue now and without an approved plan that complies with code for grading and water run off, it will be an issue long term. Currently the building has dug drainage ditches along my property and the property to the east — I would say at least a foot below the grade of my lot— and coupled with the altered grading of the lot as a whole meaning the house is on a hill in the center and pitched away towards my property — now the water stands and has flowed into my basement at the corner and I now have mold growing in my basement. Aside from the mold inside being a health issue, the standing water is a health issue, particularly given the increase in bugs and rodents. Notable it also runs along the portapotty on the lot, which has been dumped probably once and it was recently. I've been outside when random passerby's have stopped and used the John bc there isn't adequate security. That's a safety issue for me and the neighborhood. If I haven't told you I have 2 children—11 and 13. In fact, before the fencing was put up my daughter's window, which is only accessible from 707, was shot with a BB gun. The developer tried to blame the children who live to the east; there is a police report for this incident. I also had to call over the weekend because the construction machinery that was left on the lot without a protective barrier was left on for days.

As evidences by the above, this not a project done by a professional form with identification on the plot. In addition to there foregoing, there have been intermittent workers— some that have come at 10 in the evening and parked in front of my house — and the bulk off work has been done during holidays which I do not believe to be coincidence. (For example, after sitting on the house for more than a year, tear down began Easter weekend of 2022.) There are people who have come into my yard without permission— moving by trampoline, cutting down trees on my yard and hooking up to the electrical pole in my yard — I have dogs in addition to my

kids. Not until I called the city more than once was it moved to the 707 lot; there was nothing in the materials related to that. Is this because there are no rules about trespassing and connecting dangerous electrical set ups without permission on neighboring properties.

The house was purchased in the spring of 2021, sat for a year, and tear down began in the spring of 2022. It has been over a year of dealing with the nuisance and safety and health issues and the house is nowhere near being done. There is nothing that the builder has done or that the city has overseen that gives me any confidence that the builder has complied with applicable laws and that I will not have water issues or other issues long term as a result of non-compliance. Therefore, I need the information I requested, as noted above, and there's been sufficient time to provide it. If there's no plan on file—please state that clearly. Then I can pursue through appropriate channels how the project got to the current state without a plan. Similarly, if there is not a boundary survey on file, please clearly state that.

Paul, I copied you on my responses to the building dept and made clear that those responses did not adequately respond to my FOIA request nor was it appropriate to expect me to rely on a verbal representation from the builder to the city as to ensuring appropriate grading and drainage. And saying that we will wait until the project is completed is unacceptable as it too late — the final plans need to comply with the approved which is why I asked for and need the approved plans.

I will stop by the office to request an in person meeting with the city manager about this, unless someone responds and lets me know that the materials I requested will be provided today.

Thank you and have a nice weekend.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2023, at 10:04 AM, Paul Antolin pantolin@gpwmi.us wrote:

Good morning Christal,

I was under the impression that we provided all the information that was available. Please clarify exactly what it is you're missing. From the correspondence with the building dept. some of the information requested wasn't available until the project was complete. Unless i misunderstood something.

Currently, I'm out of the office but should you come to City Hall, the building dept. should be able to help clarify your questions.

Thank you. Paul

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2023, at 8:11 AM, Christal Lint < lintcl@yahoo.com> wrote:

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Good morning Paul,

It's now been several weeks since filing my requests and I've not yet received a full set of responsive materials. I plan to come up to the office this afternoon to retrieve those documents so that I can meet with my engineer before the holiday weekend.

Thank you. Christal

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2023, at 1:37 PM, Christal Lint <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a> wrote:

Thank you. I will follow up Thursday if I don't hear back before then as that will be two weeks from my original requests. Have a great week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2023, at 12:55 PM, Paul Antolin pantolin@gpwmi.us> wrote:

Good afternoon Christal,

I've forwarded your email to the Building Official, Bruce Eck.

I did not respond to your questions as I am unsure of the definite answers and more importantly, did not want to misinform you.

If there are any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

### Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr.

Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397

Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667

From: Christal Lint < lintcl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 8:04 AM
To: Paul Antolin < pantolin@gpwmi.us>
Subject: Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N.

Renaud

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Hi Paul,

Thanks again for the documents. I've had a chance to review the attached and I've sent the plan drawing on to my engineers to review and come by check out the structure to see if there are any obvious conflicts between approved plan and what's been built. I do have a few questions/comments on the remaining items.

The items emailed do not seem to fully respond to my request. For example, I asked for the soil erosion plan and other plan items related to water flow (different than, but in addition to the topographic survey) but I do not see it in the materials provided. Could you please provide all plans, including soil erosion and plans dealing with water flow, drainage, sewage, grading of land— all of which were in my original request of Aug. 10, 2023. If the city does not have these items, could you please confirm via email that no such plans were submitted and approved by the developer?

Additionally, I see that there was an inspection for inadequate fencing but there was no violation found. I don't understand how that's possible— I called in about the lack of any fencing and following my call he put up a fence. I'd like to request via FOIA, copies all communications between the property owner and the city regarding the fence and the other enforcement item— demolishing the garage without a permit. Please let me know if this email request is sufficient or if I should stop by the office to fill out a FOIA form. I understand that these requested communications are under a different request and therefore have a different time frame for response.

Regards, Christal

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2023, at 10:59 AM, Christal Lint < <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a>> wrote:

Thank you very much, Paul.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2023, at 10:57 AM, Paul Antolin <pantolin@gpwmi.us> wrote:

Good morning,

Please see the

attached response regarding your CC 23-32 FOIA request.

Per our discussion this morning, I will follow-up on your additional request for the Boundary, topographic surveys & Soil plan for 707 N. Renaud.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

### Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397 Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667

Property of the City
of Grosse Pointe
Woods. If you have
received this
transmission in
error, please delete
immediately.
<E221138\_Redacted.pdf>
<707 n renaud
building
pemrit\_Redacted.pdf>

<707 n renaud demo permit\_Redacted.pdf> <707 s renaud site plan.pdf> <E221122\_Redacted.pdf>

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

From: Mollie Mackinnon
To: Sam Woodrick

 Subject:
 FW: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud

 Date:
 Tuesday, September 5, 2023 4:30:32 PM

**From:** Christal Lint lintcl@yahoo.com> **Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2023 11:03 AM **To:** Paul Antolin <pantolin@gpwmi.us>

Cc: Bruce Eck <beck@mcka.com>; Mollie Mackinnon <mmackinnon@gpwmi.us>; City Clerk

<CityClerk@gpwmi.us>

Subject: Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

I do not have a copy of my request as I provided them to you, but the following is what I asked for, even if not word for word: (1) all plans for 707 N Renaud, including (but not limited to) all to plans relating to grading, soil erosion, sewage and water run off; (2) the boundary survey; (3) the topographic survey; (4) all approvals of those plans; (5) any enforcement activity for code violations and (6) all communications between the city and developer relating to code violation issues.

As you'll recall, the only things I was provided were (1) the topographic survey and (2) documents related to a violation for tearing down the garage without a permit, which I understand to have included the wall that was supposed to be left up to make the construction a rehab rather than new construction; there are obviously significant implications for this violation including what was required to be submitted and approved and property tax implications. This is why I asked for correspondence regarding violations. The second violation related to not having fencing up. The document indicates there was no violation, and the building rep said in an email there is no requirement for fencing. (I find that hard to believe because that allows and did allow until i insisted something be put up, a giant hole in the ground and construction materials and machinery that is accessible by the kids in the neighborhood and any passerby's, not to mention that we all had to look at it daily.)

If it's not obvious at this point, the issues with 707 go far beyond the water issue, although that is the most pressing in terms of damage to my property and what is likely to be damage to other bordering properties. It is an issue now and without an approved plan that complies with code for grading and water run off, it will be an issue long term. Currently the building has dug drainage ditches along my property and the property to the east — I would say at least a foot below the grade of my lot— and coupled with the altered grading of the lot as a whole— meaning the house is on a hill in the center and pitched away towards my property— now the water stands and has flowed into my basement at the corner and I now have mold growing in my basement. Aside from the mold inside being a health issue, the standing water is a health issue, particularly given the increase in

bugs and rodents. Notable it also runs along the porta-potty on the lot, which has been dumped probably once and it was recently. I've been outside when random passerby's have stopped and used the John bc there isn't adequate security. That's a safety issue for me and the neighborhood. If I haven't told you I have 2 children— 11 and 13. In fact, before the fencing was put up my daughter's window, which is only accessible from 707, was shot with a BB gun. The developer tried to blame the children who live to the east; there is a police report for this incident. I also had to call over the weekend because the construction machinery that was left on the lot without a protective barrier was left on for days.

As evidences by the above, this not a project done by a professional form with identification on the plot. In addition to there foregoing, there have been intermittent workers— some that have come at 10 in the evening and parked in front of my house — and the bulk off work has been done during holidays which I do not believe to be coincidence. (For example, after sitting on the house for more than a year, tear down began Easter weekend of 2022.) There are people who have come into my yard without permission— moving by trampoline, cutting down trees on my yard and hooking up to the electrical pole in my yard — I have dogs in addition to my kids. Not until I called the city more than once was it moved to the 707 lot; there was nothing in the materials related to that. Is this because there are no rules about trespassing and connecting dangerous electrical set ups without permission on neighboring properties.

The house was purchased in the spring of 2021, sat for a year, and tear down began in the spring of 2022. It has been over a year of dealing with the nuisance and safety and health issues and the house is nowhere near being done. There is nothing that the builder has done or that the city has overseen that gives me any confidence that the builder has complied with applicable laws and that I will not have water issues or other issues long term as a result of non-compliance. Therefore, I need the information I requested, as noted above, and there's been sufficient time to provide it. If there's no plan on file— please state that clearly. Then I can pursue through appropriate channels how the project got to the current state without a plan. Similarly, if there is not a boundary survey on file, please clearly state that.

Paul, I copied you on my responses to the building dept and made clear that those responses did not adequately respond to my FOIA request nor was it appropriate to expect me to rely on a verbal representation from the builder to the city as to ensuring appropriate grading and drainage. And saying that we will wait until the project is completed is unacceptable as it too late — the final plans need to comply with the approved which is why I asked for and need the approved plans.

I will stop by the office to request an in person meeting with the city manager about this, unless someone responds and lets me know that the materials I requested will be provided today.

Thank you and have a nice weekend.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2023, at 10:04 AM, Paul Antolin pantolin@gpwmi.us wrote:

Good morning Christal,

I was under the impression that we provided all the information that was available. Please clarify exactly what it is you're missing. From the correspondence with the building dept. some of the information requested wasn't available until the project was complete. Unless i misunderstood something.

Currently, I'm out of the office but should you come to City Hall, the building dept. should be able to help clarify your questions.

Thank you.

Paul

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2023, at 8:11 AM, Christal Lint < <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a>> wrote:

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Good morning Paul,

It's now been several weeks since filing my requests and I've not yet received a full set of responsive materials. I plan to come up to the office this afternoon to retrieve those documents so that I can meet with my engineer before the holiday weekend.

Thank you.

Christal

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2023, at 1:37 PM, Christal Lint <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a> wrote:

Thank you. I will follow up Thursday if I don't hear back before then as that will be two weeks from my original requests. Have a great week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2023, at 12:55 PM, Paul Antolin pantolin@gpwmi.uswrote:

Good afternoon Christal,

I've forwarded your email to the Building Official, Bruce Eck.

I did not respond to your questions as I am unsure of the definite answers and more importantly, did not want to misinform you.

If there are any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

### Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397

Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667

From: Christal Lint < <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a>>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 8:04 AM
To: Paul Antolin <a href="mailto:pantolin@gpwmi.us">pantolin@gpwmi.us</a>>
Subject: Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N.

Renaud

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Hi Paul,

Thanks again for the documents. I've had a chance to review the attached and I've sent the plan drawing on to my engineers to review and

come by check out the structure to see if there are any obvious conflicts between approved plan and what's been built. I do have a few questions/comments on the remaining items.

The items emailed do not seem to fully respond to my request. For example, I asked for the soil erosion plan and other plan items related to water flow (different than, but in addition to the topographic survey) but I do not see it in the materials provided. Could you please provide all plans, including soil erosion and plans dealing with water flow, drainage, sewage, grading of land— all of which were in my original request of Aug. 10, 2023. If the city does not have these items, could you please confirm via email that no such plans were submitted and approved by the developer?

Additionally, I see that there was an inspection for inadequate fencing but there was no violation found. I don't understand how that's possible— I called in about the lack of any fencing and following my call he put up a fence. I'd like to request via FOIA, copies all communications between the property owner and the city regarding the fence and the other enforcement item— demolishing the garage without a permit. Please let me know if this email request is sufficient or if I should stop by the office to fill out a FOIA form. I understand that these requested communications are under a different request and therefore have a different time frame for response.

Regards, Christal

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2023, at 10:59 AM, Christal Lint < <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a>> wrote:

Thank you very much, Paul.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2023, at 10:57 AM, Paul Antolin <pantolin@gpwmi.us> wrote:

Good morning,

Please see the attached response regarding your CC 23-32 FOIA request.

Per our discussion this morning, I will follow-up on your additional request for the Boundary, topographic surveys & Soil plan for 707 N. Renaud.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397 Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately. <E221138\_Redacted.pdf> <707 n renaud building pemrit\_Redacted.pdf> <707 n renaud demo permit\_Redacted.pdf> <707 s renaud site plan.pdf> <E221122\_Redacted.pdf>

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

From:

Mollie Mackinnon

To:

Sam Woodrick

Subject:

FW: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud— NEW ACTIVITY - RESPONSE REQUIRED.

Date:

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 4:13:45 PM

From: Paul Antolin <pantolin@gpwmi.us>

Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 4:13 PM

To: Christal Lint < lintcl@yahoo.com>

**Cc:** Bruce Eck <beck@mcka.com>; Mollie Mackinnon <mmackinnon@gpwmi.us>; City Clerk <CityClerk@gpwmi.us>; Frank Schulte <fschulte@gpwmi.us>; Susan Como <SComo@gpwmi.us> <br/> **Subject:** RE: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud— NEW ACTIVITY - RESPONSE REQUIRED.

Good afternoon Christal,

According to the Building Dept. you were given all documents available in response to your FOIA request. I was informed that a representative from the Building Dept. will be contacting you shortly.

At this time, I have no further information for you, other than the Building representative that contacts you should be able to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you and have a nice day.

#### Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr.

Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397

Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667

From: Christal Lint < <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a>>

Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 12:14 PM

To: Paul Antolin pantolin@gpwmi.us

**Cc:** Bruce Eck < beck@mcka.com>; Mollie Mackinnon < mmackinnon@gpwmi.us>; City Clerk < CityClerk@gpwmi.us>; Frank Schulte < fschulte@gpwmi.us>; Susan Como < SComo@gpwmi.us> Subject: Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud— NEW ACTIVITY - RESPONSE REQUIRED.

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Hi,

There are landscapers dropping off a bunch of stuff right now at 707 (including many Arborvitae)

which, after over a week of no outside work, suggests to me that they're planning to plant them without addressing grading and other requirements pursuant to an approved plan.

Paul, do you have all the documents responsive to my FOIA request?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 13, 2023, at 10:53 AM, Christal Lint < <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a>> wrote:

Following up on this as we've not heard anything in over a week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2023, at 4:32 PM, Christal Lint < <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a>> wrote:

Hi Paul,

I just wanted to reiterate that the issues are not limited to those that I outlined in my correspondence related to my property, such as the mold in my basement from water runoff from 707. As I mentioned, several other homeowners on N. Renaud have issues with 707and would like to speak to the City Manager (I've been told by the engineer I retained that he/she is the appropriate city official to meet with), and many of these issues will not be able to be resolved in the absence of the materials requested by my FOIA requests being provided prior to a meeting. In other words, without those materials— particularly the plans that were submitted and approved— it's unclear how anyone would be able to have a meaningful discussion.

Nevertheless, I understand that you are simply conveying a message. And I'm simply clarifying the record to the extent that it was unclear.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2023, at 4:07 PM, Paul Antolin pantolin@gpwmi.us> wrote:

Good afternoon Christal,

I just spoke with the City Administrator, Frank Schulte. He will be meeting with Building Official Bruce Eck and McKenna

(Building Services) tomorrow to discuss your issue with 707 N. Renaud.

After their meeting, they will reach out to you to further discuss the matter and answer any further questions you may have.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

### Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397

Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667

From: Christal Lint < <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:56 AM
To: Paul Antolin <a href="mailto:pantolin@gpwmi.us">pantolin@gpwmi.us</a>

**Cc:** Bruce Eck < beck@mcka.com >; Mollie Mackinnon

<<u>mmackinnon@gpwmi.us</u>>; City Clerk <<u>CityClerk@gpwmi.us</u>>; Frank Schulte

<<u>fschulte@gpwmi.us</u>>; Susan Como <<u>SComo@gpwmi.us</u>> **Subject:** Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Thank you. I was planning to head up to request the meeting on behalf of my husband and I and the three owners who I've spoken to this far who would like to meet as well. In light of your email, I'll hold off with the expectation that the response I receive will address this request.

Thanks again.

Sent from my iPhone

<pantolin@gpwmi.us> wrote:

Good morning Christal,

I apologized for the late response as I was out of town for family medical reasons.

I am including the City Administrator and Assistant City Administrator on this email so they are aware of your request. You should be receiving a response shortly.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

# Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397

Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-239

Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667

From: Christal Lint < lintcl@yahoo.com > Sent: Friday, September 1, 2023 8:25 AM

To: Paul Antolin < pantolin@gpwmi.us > Cc: Bruce Eck < beck@mcka.com >; Mollie Mackinnon < mmackinnon@gpwmi.us >; City

Clerk < <a href="mailto:CityClerk@gpwmi.us">Clerk < <a href="mailt

Subject: Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N.

Renaud

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Good morning Paul,

I am sending this email for the benefit of your files on the issues we've been discussing.

I did not receive a response to my email below, therefore today I will be requesting a meeting with the City Manager. I also note for the record, that the meeting request will include several neighbors /homeowners on N Renaud as well. After speaking to a few neighbors yesterday, I learned that many home owners on N Renaud have concerns similar to mine and several have called the building department and in some instances the PD — about those issues. As of now, there are three other homeowners in addition to myself who want to meet with the City Manager, and based on my conversation with those owners, I expect the number of participants from N Renaud to expand.

I noticed that you copied someone with a city manager email address in your email yesterday, and that address is included in this email. If the City Manager or someone from their office is in fact on this email, it would be much appreciated if a response with available times to meet with myself and the other homeowners on N Renaud could be provided via email, rather than having me come in person to the office this morning to request the same.

Thank you. Christal

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2023, at 11:02 AM, Christal Lint < <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a>> wrote:

I do not have a copy of my request as I provided them to you, but the following is what I asked for, even if not word for word: (1) all plans for 707 N Renaud, including (but not limited to) all to plans relating to grading, soil erosion, sewage and water run off; (2) the boundary survey; (3) the topographic survey; (4) all approvals of those plans; (5) any enforcement activity for code violations and (6) all communications between the city and developer relating to code violation issues.

As you'll recall, the only things I was provided were (1) the topographic survey and (2) documents related to a violation for tearing down the garage without a permit, which I understand to have included the wall that was supposed to be left up to make the construction a rehab rather than new construction; there are obviously significant implications for this violation including what was required to be submitted and approved and property tax implications. This is why I asked for correspondence regarding violations. The second violation related to not having fencing up. The document indicates there was no violation, and the building rep said in an email there is no requirement for fencing. (I find that hard to believe because that allows and did allow until i insisted something be put up, a giant hole in the ground and construction materials and machinery that is accessible by the kids in the neighborhood and any passerby's, not to mention that we all had to look at it daily.)

If it's not obvious at this point, the issues with 707 go far beyond the water issue, although that is the most pressing in terms of damage to my property and what is likely to be damage to other bordering properties. It is an issue now and without an approved plan that complies with code for grading and water run off, it will be an issue long term. Currently the building has dug drainage ditches along my property and the property to the east — I would say at least a foot below the grade of my lot— and coupled with the altered grading of the lot as a whole — meaning the house is on a hill in the center and pitched away towards my property now the water stands and has flowed into my basement at the corner and I now have mold growing in my basement. Aside from the mold inside being a health issue, the standing water is a health issue, particularly given the increase in bugs and rodents. Notable it also runs along the porta-potty on the lot, which has been dumped probably once and it was recently. I've been outside when random passerby's have stopped and used the John bc there isn't adequate security. That's a safety issue for me and the neighborhood. If I haven't told you I have 2 children— 11 and 13. In fact, before the fencing was put up my daughter's window, which is only accessible from 707, was shot with a BB gun. The developer tried to blame the children who live to the east;

there is a police report for this incident. I also had to call over the weekend because the construction machinery that was left on the lot without a protective barrier was left on for days.

As evidences by the above, this not a project done by a professional form with identification on the plot. In addition to there foregoing, there have been intermittent workerssome that have come at 10 in the evening and parked in front of my house — and the bulk off work has been done during holidays which I do not believe to be coincidence. (For example, after sitting on the house for more than a year, tear down began Easter weekend of 2022.) There are people who have come into my yard without permission— moving by trampoline, cutting down trees on my yard and hooking up to the electrical pole in my yard — I have dogs in addition to my kids. Not until I called the city more than once was it moved to the 707 lot; there was nothing in the materials related to that. Is this because there are no rules about trespassing and connecting dangerous electrical set ups without permission on neighboring properties.

The house was purchased in the spring of 2021, sat for a year, and tear down began in the spring of 2022. It has been over a year of dealing with the nuisance and safety and health issues and the

house is nowhere near being done. There is nothing that the builder has done or that the city has overseen that gives me any confidence that the builder has complied with applicable laws and that I will not have water issues or other issues long term as a result of non-compliance. Therefore, I need the information I requested, as noted above, and there's been sufficient time to provide it. If there's no plan on file—please state that clearly. Then I can pursue through appropriate channels how the project got to the current state without a plan. Similarly, if there is not a boundary survey on file, please clearly state that.

Paul, I copied you on my responses to the building dept and made clear that those responses did not adequately respond to my FOIA request nor was it appropriate to expect me to rely on a verbal representation from the builder to the city as to ensuring appropriate grading and drainage. And saying that we will wait until the project is completed is unacceptable as it too late the final plans need to comply with the approved which is why I asked for and need the approved plans.

I will stop by the office to request an in person meeting with the city manager about this, unless someone responds and lets me know that the materials I requested will be provided today. Thank you and have a nice weekend.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 31, 2023, at 10:04 AM, Paul Antolin <pantolin@gpwmi.us> wrote:

Good morning Christal,

I was under the impression that we provided all the information that was available. Please clarify exactly what it is you're missing. From the correspondence with the building dept. some of the information requested wasn't available until the project was complete. Unless i misunderstood something.

Currently, I'm out of the office but should you come to City Hall, the building dept. should be able to help clarify your questions.

Thank you. Paul

# Sent from my iPhone

On Aug
31,
2023,
at 8:11
AM,
Christal
Lint
lintcl@yahoo.com>
wrote:

CAUT Dhis email origina from outside of the organi DO L(0)Ueliek links, Obtem attach 017 reply to this messag unless you recogn the sender amul kmow the conten Ŋ safes

Good

morning Paul,

It's now

been

several

weeks

since

filing

my

requests

and I've

not yet

received

a full

set of

responsive

materials.

I plan

to

come

up to

the

office

this

. .

afternoon

to

retrieve

those

documents

so that

I can

meet

with

my

engineer

before

the

holiday

weekend.

Thank

you.

Christal

Sent from my iPhone On Aug 21, 2023, at 1:37 PM, Christal Lint <lintcl@yahoo.com> wrote: Thank you. 1 will follow up Thursday if 1 don't hear back before then as that will be two weeks from my original

> requests. Have a

```
Sent
from
my
iPhone
      On
      Aug
     21,
      2023,
      at
      12:55
     PM,
     Paul
     Antolin
     <pantolin@gpwmi.us>
     wrote:
     Good
     afternoon
     Christal,
     ľve
     forwarded
     your
     email
     to
     the
     Building
     Official,
     Bruce
     Eck.
     did
     not
     respond
     to
     your
     questions
```

great week.

unsure of the definite answers and more importantly, did not want to misinform you. lf there are any further questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you, Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk City of Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office

as I am

20025 Mack Plaza Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397 Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667 From: Christal Lint lintcl@yahoo.com> Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 8:04 ΑM To: Paul Antolin <pantolin@gpwmi.us> Subject: Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request 707 N. Renaud

Hi Paul, Thanks again for the documents. ľve had а chance to review the attached

ľve sent the plan drawing on to my engineers to review and come by check out the structure to see if there are any obvious conflicts between approved plan and what's been built. I do have а few questions/comments on the remaining

items.

and

```
The
 items
 emailed
 do
 not
 seem
 to
fully
respond
to
my
request.
For
example,
asked
for
the
soil
erosion
plan
and
other
plan
items
related
to
water
flow
(different
than,
but
in
addition
to
the
topographic
survey)
but
]
do
not
see
```

it

in the materials provided. Could you please provide all plans, including soil erosion and plans dealing with water flow, drainage, sewage, grading of land all of which were in my original request of Aug. 10, 2023. lf the city does not have

these items,

```
could
 you
 please
 confirm
via
email
that
no
such
plans
were
submitted
and
approved
by
the
developer?
Additionally,
see
that
there
was
an
inspection
for
inadequate
fencing
but
there
was
no
violation
found.
1
don't
understand
how
that's
possible
called
```

in

about the lack of any fencing and following my call he put up а fence. ľd like to request via FOIA, copies all communications between the property owner and the city regarding the fence and the other enforcement item demolishing the garage

without

а

```
permit.
 Please
 let
 me
 know
 if
 this
 email
 request
 is
 sufficient
 or
 if
 Ì
 should
 stop
 by
 the
 office
to
fill
out
а
FOIA
form.
1
understand
that
these
requested
communications
are
under
different
request
and
therefore
have
а
different
time
frame
for
response.
```

Regards, Christal

Sent from my iPhone

On

Aug

14,

2023,

at

10:59

AM,

Christal

Lint

<lintcl@yahoo.com>

wrote:

Thank

you

very

much,

Paul.

Sent

from

my

iPhone

On

Aug

14,

```
2023,
 at
 10:57
 AM,
 Paul
 Antolin
 <pantolin@gpwmi.us>
 wrote:
 Good
 morning,
 Please
 see
 the
 attached
 response
 regarding
 your
 CC
 23-
 32
FOIA
request.
Per
our
discussion
this
morning,
1
will
follow-
up
on
your
additional\\
request
for
the
Boundary,
topographic
surveys
&
```

Soil plan for 707 N. Renaud.

If
you
have
any
further
questions,
feel
free
to
contact
me.

Thank you,

Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods

Pointe
Woods

Clerk's
Office
20025
Mack
Plaza
Dr.
Grosse
Pointe
Woods,
MI

Woods, MI 48236-2397 Phone: 313-343-

```
Fax:
             313-
             343-
             5667
             Property
             of
             the
             City
             of
             Grosse
             Pointe
             Woods.
             lf
             you
             have
             received
             this
             transmission
             in
             error,
             please
             delete
             immediately.
            <E221138_Redacted.pdf>
             <707
            n
            renaud
            building
            pemrit_Redacted.pdf>
            <707
            n
            renaud
            demo
            permit_Redacted.pdf>
            <707
            S
            renaud
            site
            plan.pdf>
            <E221122_Redacted.pdf>
Property
of
the
```

2440

City
of
Grosse
Pointe
Woods.
If
you
have
received
this
transmission
in
error,
please
delete

immediately.

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

From:

Mollie Mackinnon Sam Woodrick

Subject: Date: FW: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud Tuesday, September 5, 2023 4:30:18 PM

From: Christal Lint < lintcl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2023 9:12 AM
To: Paul Antolin < pantolin@gpwmi.us>

Cc: Bruce Eck <beck@mcka.com>; Mollie Mackinnon <mmackinnon@gpwmi.us>

Subject: Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Good morning Paul,

It's now been several weeks since filing my requests and I've not yet received a full set of responsive materials. I plan to come up to the office this afternoon to retrieve those documents so that I can meet with my engineer before the holiday weekend.

Thank you.

Christal

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2023, at 1:37 PM, Christal Lint < lintcl@yahoo.com > wrote:

Thank you. I will follow up Thursday if I don't hear back before then as that will be two weeks from my original requests. Have a great week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2023, at 12:55 PM, Paul Antolin pantolin@gpwmi.us wrote:

Good afternoon Christal,

I've forwarded your email to the Building Official, Bruce Eck.

I did not respond to your questions as I am unsure of the definite answers and more importantly, did not want to misinform you.

If there are any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

## Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397

Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667

From: Christal Lint < <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 8:04 AM
To: Paul Antolin <a href="mailto:pantolin@gpwmi.us">pantolin@gpwmi.us</a>

Subject: Re: CC 23-31 FOIA request - 707 N. Renaud

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. DO NOT click links, open attachments or reply to this message unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe:

Hi Paul,

Thanks again for the documents. I've had a chance to review the attached and I've sent the plan drawing on to my engineers to review and come by check out the structure to see if there are any obvious conflicts between approved plan and what's been built. I do have a few questions/comments on the remaining items.

The items emailed do not seem to fully respond to my request. For example, I asked for the soil erosion plan and other plan items related to water flow (different than, but in addition to the topographic survey) but I do not see it in the materials provided. Could you please provide all plans, including soil erosion and plans dealing with water flow, drainage, sewage, grading of land— all of which were in my original request of Aug. 10, 2023. If the city does not have these items, could you please confirm via email that no such plans were submitted and approved by the developer?

Additionally, I see that there was an inspection for inadequate fencing but there was no violation found. I don't understand how that's possible— I

called in about the lack of any fencing and following my call he put up a fence. I'd like to request via FOIA, copies all communications between the property owner and the city regarding the fence and the other enforcement item— demolishing the garage without a permit. Please let me know if this email request is sufficient or if I should stop by the office to fill out a FOIA form. I understand that these requested communications are under a different request and therefore have a different time frame for response.

Regards, Christal

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2023, at 10:59 AM, Christal Lint <a href="mailto:lintcl@yahoo.com">lintcl@yahoo.com</a> wrote:

Thank you very much, Paul.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2023, at 10:57 AM, Paul Antolin pantolin@gpwmi.uswrote:

Good morning,

Please see the attached response regarding your CC 23-32 FOIA request.

Per our discussion this morning, I will follow-up on your additional request for the Boundary, topographic surveys & Soil plan for 707 N. Renaud.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

# Paul P. Antolin, MiPMC City Clerk

City of Grosse Pointe Woods – Clerk's Office 20025 Mack Plaza Dr. Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397

Phone: 313-343-2440 Fax: 313-343-5667

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.
<E221138\_Redacted.pdf>
<707 n renaud building pemrit\_Redacted.pdf>
<707 n renaud demo permit\_Redacted.pdf>
<707 s renaud site plan.pdf>
<E221122\_Redacted.pdf>

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.

Property of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. If you have received this transmission in error, please delete immediately.