

To: Randy Turtenwald, City Engineer, Mayor Tim Kabat and Council Member Audrey Kader

From: Jay Lokken

Date: February 29, 2016

RE: Cass and 7th Street Salvage

This is to follow-up regarding the salvage of materials from the properties on 7th and Cass. As the City Engineering is aware, salvage from these buildings was at the very least challenging, if not impossible. Unfortunately, every time we attempted to move forward with the salvage, there were either issues with homeless individuals living in the building, and/or drug items left in the houses. For this reason, we never even attempted to see a couple of the apartments.

Sadly, many of items in the unites were destroyed by vandals, windows were broken out and items that could have been saved, such as cupboards, sink, doors etc.... were in most cases destroyed. Another distributing issues was a residue on items on the one of the apartment that caused skin burning, I am not 100% certain what this residue was, but judging from the drug paraphernalia, needles and foil tossed around the apartment, I had to assume the worst and did not move forward with salvaging items from that unit. In addition, people were using the bathrooms even though there was not water supply.

Finally, during one final attempt to salvage items, I brought a friend with me for safety issues, during this attempt we were met with an individual who was sleeping upstairs in one of the units. He was clearly agitated with our presence and was noticeably high on drugs. If I had gone into the building by myself, it very likely would have gone a very different directly. Sadly, we were glad that we had crowbars in our hands during this experience. I made no additional attempt to salvage items after this event. Please note: the Engineering Department, in cooperation with the Police made every possible attempt to seal the building. However, no matter what there efforts, it was impossible to secure the units.

Attached you will find a list of items we were able to salvage. I have estimated the value at \$350.00, which I believe to be generous. I hope these funds could be earmarked for neighborhood improvements... if at all possible.

Please let me know if you have any question.

To: Randy Turtenwald, City Engineer
Scott Dunnum, Tim Kabat and Audrey Kader

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RE: Items for City of La Crosse for salvage at 7th and Cass

I went though the homes with Scott Dunnum, unfortunately most of the historical/architectural items in the home were in poor condition or destroyed by vandals. (see attached letter for details)

Below is a list of the item's I salvaged with approximate value:

- 1). Swinging Kitchen door - \$10.00
- 2). Two fireplace mantels in rather poor condition - \$100.00
- 3). Picture window - \$45.00
- 4). Two lead glass windows which need work, but in better condition than the three remaining windows - \$100.00
- 5). Three leaded windows in very bad condition and need to be rebuilt and Re-leaded. \$75.00
- 6). Miscellaneous pieces of woodwork - no real value - \$20.00

Total: \$350.00