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Subject: agenda item for tonight, #20, demolition of 221 Bram St.

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My questions/ concerns regarding the lot at 221 Bram st.

- 1.) Request: That the city improve or at least maintain the current drainage on the lot. Many lots drain through this one, at least for the 30 years I've lived next door. The ditches get clogged really fast with the beautiful prairie wetland plants; some maintenance is called for.
- 2.) Request : That the city work with me to get rid of the trees along my property line with the 221 Bram St. lot. I think some of the trees are on the 221 side, some on mine, some right in the middle. Many of them are in failing health and are a risk to buildings on my lot. I think it will be less disruptive to the 221 lot if we get it all done with the house razing, if at all possible. The experience of an arborist friend of mine is that trees in very wet clay soils sometimes die from the roots suffocating, and that heavy equipment nearby (such as used in taking down a house) severely compounds the problem.
- 3.) If no one else wants them I would like to salvage some of the plywood T-1-11 siding from the studio building, maybe three or four sheets. These panels are easily removed without any special tools, no ladder needed.

Finally just a word of caution on heavy equipment on that lot. It is indeed very wet through the spring.

Respectfully,
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