RE: Congrats and a question

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Cc: "Moore, Cathy" <cathy.moore@seattle.gov>
Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2024 12:51:56 -0800

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Thanks all,
That's a good start, but will it be enough? While tearing down the building may reduce the risk of fire, if the property owner isn't incentivized to A) sell or B) develop we just get a vacant lot filled with detritus. Like any other block north of 105th on Aurora. I'm no expert, but there must be some kind of tax credit or similar system that will motivate owners towards one of those options. I suspect some of the more sophisticated owners are using the vacant lot to offset their tax burden.

Aurora is turning into a proper American ghetto, seriously reminds me of Baltimore and DC south of the river. Sad to see.

Can we free 85th from Ballard? :) Looking forward to the newsletter!

Cheers,
- AB

- Onward

On Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 at 12:04 PM, Aldrich, Newell (LEG) <Newell.Aldrich@seattle.gov> wrote:

Adam, I have an update: during today's Public Safety Committee meeting, derelict buildings came up a number of times (the Fire Chief in particular highlighted it). Chair Kettle included this in his vision for the Public Safety Committee.

At the end of the meeting, Deputy Mayor Burgess said, in response to the discussion, that the Mayor's Office would be sending legislation to allow for emergency demolition of derelict buildings. He said the legislation would be reaching the City Council in a couple of weeks.

We don't have any details yet, but we'll be sure to include updates about this in Councilmember Moore's future newsletters. You can sign up for newsletters here.

Sincerely,

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From: Aldrich, Newell (LEG) <Newell.Aldrich@seattle.gov>
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Subject: RE: Congrats and a question

Adam, thank you for writing to Councilmember Moore, and your kind words about her election.

I wanted to let you know the issues you raise are on her radar screen; her office is looking at things like nuisance abatement and how that works, and a potential vacancy tax.

Just so you know, District 5 starts at North 87th on Greenwood, so the business district is split between Districts 5 and 6. My e-mail address is below, feel free to reach out to me there as well.

Sincerely,

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From: Mr Adam Batten <MrBatten@pm.me>
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 11:46 AM
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Hi Cathy,

Congrats on your landslide victory! We have a contract going with Baxter- he and his crew do great work! Hey quick question. Do you have any plans or ideas about all the urban blight on Greenwood around 85th? There's a bunch of burnt out buildings and vacant/abandoned lots that are just depressing. There's a similar problem on Aurora north of the cemetery- especially that building that used to do the COVID testing next to Me Khong Village. And now that Les Shwab has left, basically that whole W side of Aurora north of the cemetery to 125th is just scary. And not just because of the ghosts!

Cheers,

- AB

- Onward