

CITY OF NEW HOPE

4637 AQUILA AVENUE NORTH



POTENTIAL SCATTERED SITE HOUSING PROJECT UPDATE - OCTOBER 2020

This development update is intended to inform neighbors of the status of the home at 4637 Aquila Avenue North. The home was severely damaged after a tragic fire earlier this spring. The home is beyond repair and will need to be demolished. Family of the previous owners contacted city staff to discuss selling the property to the city through its scattered site housing program. The primary focus of the program is to target distressed single-family properties throughout the city, with the goal of improving residential neighborhoods. When homes are demolished, the vacant lot is sold to a builder for the construction of a new single-family home.

The estate is currently going through probate, and the home cannot be sold until that has been completed. Due to court delays associated with the pandemic, it is not anticipated that the probate process will be completed until early 2021. The city recently had an appraisal of the property completed and family of the previous owners have agreed to sell the lot to the city upon completion of the probate process. Contingent upon future approval by the Economic Development Authority (EDA), the home would be acquired and demolished and the lot would be marketed to builders.

It should be noted that the city has not yet acquired the property and the timeline for potentially purchasing the home may change. If acquired by the city, future development updates will be distributed to keep neighbors informed of the status of the project. To learn more about the city's scattered site housing program, visit newhopemn.gov/housing.

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