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To the City Council of St Paul,

Build for the community not an industrial park.

You, me and everyone knows this would NOT fly in in any other neighborhood. The only reason this is being considered in a predominantly mixed minority neighborhood is because of racist policies being pushed through and conducted for the benefit of a few companies. Instead of following the 2040 comp plan and holding development competitions between established and minority owned Housing and building developers and architecture firms, the SPPA is pushing the bad idea of pushing an industrial park in the middle of a neighborhood that once boasted a beautiful golf course. This is putting lipstick on a pig and calling it high fashion. Reject this proposal. Follow the 2040 comp plan, don't pave paradise to put in a parking lot but reconsider what the Eastside can be. Hold competitions between architecture firms with guidelines that come from the surrounding community.

There are many other locations that can hold these single use industrial buildings and they are right off major highway arteries and don't require widening roads in this neighborhood so semi trailers can co-exist with small cars and light vehicles currently driving there. A plan that doesn't require clear cutting and flattening old growth trees and rolling hills and wetlands. This is a very bad idea that has major consequences for the real estate values of all the nearby housing that is currently is experiencing stagnation and fear from having a boarded up golf course instead of a premiere first rate best use community-entrepreneurial hub/enterprise center that helps serve the constituency. The current plan also reeks of insider back room negotiations and illegal bribery that could lead to legal consequences for the city of St Paul.

The current SPPA plan as considered would defacto transform this neighborhood into an industrial zone. Current housing fears based on this plan are causing the locals to consider sell their long-term housing assets before the market turns. They invested in a place with a golf course and now they will live next to unsightly industrial buildings that don't benefit anyone but a few companies. These depressed values could then be bought up and transformed into more industrial area. This plan also cant be completed within 10 years because of the massive clearcutting it requires. That means 10 years of selloffs in the surrounding housing area. That would be a disaster.

If you really care about the eastside of St Paul, reject the SPPA proposal and start a competition to require highest best use of this land.

Thank you for your service to our community, now please listen to them.

Sincerely,
Sam Purtakiss

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