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(just had the wrong date of the City Council meeting - please replace my last email with this one)

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Attached are my specific issues with the 1500-1510 York Avenue Rezoning.
Note, these are issues that I think can be resolved (and I have included suggestions for that resolution).

I am apposed to rezoning these properties, unless these issues are resolved.

Thank you,

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ZONE FILE #: 23-059-798
FILE NAME: 1500-1510 York Avenue Rezoning
APPLICANT: York Avenue Land Development

Suggested Restrictions on the Rezoning:

This plan should have a line of trees on the east side (and probably the north side as well) to hide the building from direct view by the other nearby properties. So, please add that as a requirement for the rezoned properties.

Light Pollution:

Outdoor lighting should be set up in such a way that there is minimal light pollution (we can still see stars here). This would probably add to the value of the property; particularly, if the city would start reducing light pollution city wide (the light that shines into the sky, both directly from fixtures - and by reflection from sidewalks, streets, and structures).

Traffic:

Saint Paul should consider these changes (to accommodate the extra traffic):

York Avenue must be able to handle more traffic between Birmingham and Hazelwood. So that section either should have no parking on the south side (so there is enough space for free flowing two-way traffic), or be turned into a one-way.

Hazelwood + Stillwater, Hazelwood + York, and Birmingham + York should be all way stops. And perhaps traffic circles should be installed at East 7th + Birmingham, and East 7th + Hazelwood; for a smoother and safer traffic flow.

Thank you.

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