

April 10, 2024

David Eide, Board of Zoning Appeals
City Hall, Room 330
15 Kellogg Blvd West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: 24-023058 and 24-023545

Dear Mr. Eide and Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

On behalf of the St. Paul Area Chamber and its members, I write to request your approval of the variances requested by Snelling-Midway Redevelopment, LLC for the development of United Village. Our Chamber is very excited about this transformational investment in the Midway corridor.

The development team, led by Dr. Bill McGuire, have demonstrated their commitment to enhancing the neighborhood with destinations featuring high-quality design. The variances requested for the food pavilion and temporary surface parking lot are reasonable and complimentary to the aesthetics of the planned development. Having entrances to the food pavilion face the Great Lawn will have the effect of activating this public space and is necessary given the unique configuration of the lot. Further, the mews will enhance the overall pedestrian experience at the pavilion. The variances requested for the temporary parking lot demonstrate that this is indeed an interim solution, which was a priority of the neighborhood.

We urge the Board of Zoning Appeals to follow the staff recommendations and approve the requested variances. The development team has worked closely with City staff to formulate plans that meet the spirit and objectives of city code, so the next step should be taken to move this exciting project forward.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO
St. Paul Area Chamber

