

Diatta, YaYa (CI-StPaul)

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Subject: Avon St Condos and 814 Grand Ave re-zoning appeal 14-341455

I reside at 63 Avon Street and have the following concerns/comments with respect to safety in the streets and alleys bordering our area.

1. I support the decision made by the BZA denying the parking variance at 814 Grand Ave in order to legalize the use of the garage as a dwelling unit. The alley is already congested and the snow season makes the alley even tighter. Adding to the number of residences and cars on the alley doesn't appear to be in the best interests of the area. If there were no cars permitted to park in the alley, I think adding a residence facing the alley would have much less impact.

2. I am unclear as to what the parking restrictions are in the alley? Most properties that have cars parked out behind their property appear to have designated parking areas that are outside of the alley through-way. Is the alley itself an approved parking area with a parking permit? Without? Snow emergencies? The Grand/Victoria Garage gives a great monthly parking rate to neighborhood residents and you keep your car out of the snow and ice.

3. The driveway entrance to Grand Ave behind our buildings is oftentimes a dangerous intersection. Currently vehicles are permitted to park on Grand right up to the driveway which blocks the view of eastbound traffic on Grand. I request that the City of St. Paul consider making one car length west of the driveway entrance on Grand (south side of Grand, west of Avon) a no parking area in the interest of public safety.

Thank you for considering my input.

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