

My name is Ted Davis and I live at 1940 Eleanor Ave,  
2 blocks North and 5 blocks east of 735 Cleveland.

I speak in support of the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the site plan for this development.

For those of us who have been working around placemaking, this development is the realization of a vision that the city has been working on for many years.

It offers new rental housing in a neighborhood that hasn't seen any new rental housing in more than 30 years.

- It's right in the middle of a walkable commercial district.
- It includes street level retail.
- It is transit oriented development in a neighborhood that is well served by transit.

Most importantly for tonight's discussion, the proposed development meets all of the zoning requirements that the city has put into place to support and encourage this kind of development.

And it does it without variances or public subsidy.

I've also been asked to deliver this letter from my neighbor, Mary Stone who could not be here.

Mary has lived in Highland Village for more than 70 years.  
Her granddaughter is graduating from St. Kates on Friday and moving away.  
Mary is considering selling her house.

She looks at this development as her opportunity to say in the neighborhood, to keep walking to Lunds, and to live in an apartment that is not senior housing.

This proposed development is what the city has been asking developers to do.

I urge you to allow it to go forward.

**Ms. Mary R. Stone**  
668 Sumner Street  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55116

To the members of the Saint Paul City Council:

I am writing in support of the project proposed for 735 Cleveland.

I am a retiree and I have lived near Highland Village my entire life. With my granddaughter graduating from college this week, it won't be long before I am ready to sell my house- but I don't want to leave my neighborhood.

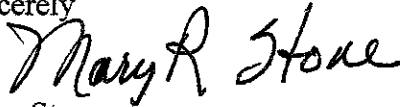
There are not many rental options in the neighborhood and certainly no new apartment buildings. And I am not interested in being in a seniors only building.

This development will be near Lund's, restaurants, the book store, the library and just about anywhere else I may want to go. I may not need to keep my car.

This development is just what is needed in our neighborhood and it is the kind of apartment building we don't currently have.

Please allow them to go forward with the project. It just makes sense for our community.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary R Stone". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Mary Stone  
668 Sumner Street