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From: Patricia Enstad <pattyenst@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:06 AM
To: HRAHearing (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Hope Academy

I am writing about the proposed Hope Academy Expansion

As a District 5 Community Council Board member, I am writing to say I have some concerns about adequate community involvement. I know this is an additional challenge during COVID, but I am finding the community does not know much if anything about this project, and this is part of my/our role. This ends any comments as a Board member.

As a community member (NOT writing here as a Board member), I have the following concerns:

- how will this affect traffic patterns in the neighborhood? How will buses access? I have not seen this addressed.
 - Is it appropriate for a building that so accessible by transit to displace/demolish anything (let alone houses during a housing shortage) for a parking lot?
 - The proposed parking lot abuts the park. So much energy has gone into addressing brown space, and care for Swede Hollow and issues around Phalen Creek. How have Friends of Swede Hollow and Lower Phalen Creek Project been engaged? I have concerns about piled snow, salt runoff. I know there currently is a rain garden. Plans?
- I am not personally opposed to the idea, and I appreciate the school's presence on the Eastside. However, I feel concerned about approving a plan that appears to leave much unaddressed. If approved now as is, what will provide the motivation to respond to community concerns later?

Sincerely,
Patricia Enstad
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