

I've been a fan of and attending games of the Saint Paul Saints for many more years than I've been a resident of St. Paul (a transplant from Minneapolis 17 years ago); the current ballpark is easy for me to park, and easily find seating in lower stands--no stair climbing! I have mobility issues that prevent me from walking very far, riding a bicycle or using public transportation options the city is now seemingly requiring--especially downtown.

My car is my major source of independence (the hills downtown make using my walker IMPOSSIBLE) and I, along with many others, NEED to drive, therefore NEED a place to park--on the streets, as my pension does not permit the luxury of parking ramp fees.

I attend church in Lowertown and shop the Farmer's Market afterwards, and the city's current ballpark plan will completely eradicate not only parking, but my church as well. That is unacceptable, especially since there is at LEAST one other plan I've seen that's MUCH better for disabled, aged, residents, families and shoppers, to name a few groups.

Please consider using a few of our \$57 million dollars to study your current ballpark plans and the NEGATIVE EFFECTS it will have on the lives of MANY residents. I can definitely state I will no longer go downtown for ANY reason if the current plans proceed and destroy a major part of my life's enjoyment. I moved from Minneapolis due to the negative impacts that downtown restructuring had on me; PLEASE do not copy their exclusion of disableds, etc. in the plans, use and enjoyment of any neighborhood, but especially downtown.

sincerely,

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