



UNION PARK DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Russ Stark, City Council President
City of Saint Paul
25 West 4th Street
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Council President Stark:

On September 6, 2017, the Union Park District Council board voted unanimously to recommend that the City conduct a zoning study of Marshall Avenue between Snelling Avenue and the Mississippi River in 2018.

Based on the history of resident concerns over developments in the area, the board also recommended that, in conjunction with the zoning study, **the City enact a temporary one-year development moratorium** for the six blocks of Marshall Avenue between Wheeler and Wilder currently zoned RM2.

The Board passed these resolutions with the understanding that you are supportive of a Marshall Avenue zoning study, to take place in 2018. The board was also aware that the City Attorney has shared the opinion that the proposed moratorium may not be lawful or valid as applied to “known” potential development projects that fall within this area. It is our understanding that nothing has been filed with the City on these “known” potential projects. The Board resolution reflects a desire to protect the planning process and preserve historical assets within our community until thoughtful and balanced zoning considerations can be made.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I would be happy to discuss these resolutions and related issues at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Julie Reiter, Executive Director
Union Park District Council

cc: Chris Coleman, Mayor
Donna Drummond, Director, Planning and Economic Development