Regarding the appeal of Planning Commission decision denying the establishment of nonconforming use as a triplex
Property address: 897 Goodrich, St. Paul.

Hearing: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

Please provide this letter below to the Mayor and Council members.

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Dear Mayor and Council members,

Please reconsider the request of Mike and Joelle Olson, owners of 897 Goodrich, to use the property as a triplex.   The Planning Commission's decision to deny non-conforming use as a triplex is based upon an unfounded, subjective opinion of theirs that denying the non-conforming use does not create a hardship.

As a neighbor, it has been my experience over the past 27 years the property has been used as a triplex and predominantly owner-occupied. Owner occupied rental properties supports our community in a positive way. First you have owners who care about the property and the neighbors and put their heart into maintaining the property as any single family owner of dwelling cares for their homes. Secondly, having an owner occupied triplex in our neighborhood, enables tenants to live in a strong, healthy, good neighborhood in Summit Hill. They support the business and vitality of they community. And they bring diversity to the community enabling those with lesser incomes to be able to afford living in our neighborhood.

This block in Summit Hill offers single family homes, duplexes, triplexes, and five-plexes in close proximity to schools, work and shopping on Grand Avenue.

Mike and Joelle Olson are wonderful neighbors who are putting in their hard work to maintain and improve the property. We need to support them in this endeavor. The neighbors do support them. Government needs to value and treasure the contribution their effort brings to the neighborhood.

Please approve this residence to be used as a triplex.

Thank you,

Jan Barker
Homeowner-896 Lincoln
Across the alley from 897 Goodrich.