

Williams, Josh (CI-StPaul)

From: Kantner, Libby (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 3:52 PM
To: Duffy G. Miller; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; Williams, Josh (CI-StPaul)
Subject: RE: Vote YES to uphold the appeal of the Shepard Davern Development

Duffy,

On behalf of Councilmember Tolbert, thank you for your email. The Councilmember cannot comment on the appeal of the Johnson Brothers' development, as he will be acting in a quasi-judicial role when voting on this at council. I am happy to submit your comments to the public record if you would like.

Thank you for bringing the Airport Parking sign issues to our attention. I will check in with the Department of Safety and Inspections and circle back when I have more information.

Thanks again,

Libby

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-----Original Message-----

From: Duffy G. Miller [<mailto:duff.miller@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 8:42 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3; Williams, Josh (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Vote YES to uphold the appeal of the Shepard Davern Development

Council Member Tolbert and Mr. Williams, sirs, Please know that I am against allowing the height variance of the Johnson Brothers' proposed building At 1455 Davern Street. I most strongly urge you to vote Yes on the appeal to prevent this building's height of 73.5 ft from being attained.

Also, please be advised that the signage, Airport Parking, at the Davern Street parking ramp is in violation of its permitted height. This violation is causing an unwanted visual impact to the Mississippi River Valley. As stewards of our natural treasures, we need to preserve the scenic beauty and not surrender to commercial interests. There are other, more acceptable, ways of increasing the tax base than the selling out of the river's natural landscape and its vistas. The red neon sign proclaiming "AIRPORT PARKING" is a blight and contradicts our heritage and pride of our beautiful Minnesota River Valley. It would be most welcomed to have you insist on the City enforcing its permit as written and have this signage relocated to its permitted height. Please support this effort to continue preserving Nature and its legacy for generations ahead.

Thank you for your prudent attention to these matters. - Duff Miller