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**To:** [Dadlez, Kady \(CI-StPaul\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: greetings, zoning issue on Selby Ave  
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Hi Kady – this came in to the Zoning Secretary email address.  
Sam

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**From:** john <johnli9@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 12, 2021 5:22 PM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_PED-ZoningCommitteeSecretary <PED-ZoningCommitteeSecretary@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** greetings, zoning issue on Selby Ave

Dear Committee members,

I just heard about the potential new 5 story apartment building with the first floor dedicated to parking development idea along Selby near Aldine. I live close by. We didn't receive any notice from the zoning committee about changing the zoning from B2 (I think that is what it is now) to RM2. I'm new to all this. I wish that you had sent out notices to folks in the 3 block area around this site. I looked it up on the map on your site and it looks like it is designated B2. At any rate, there are a couple of houses at 1712 and 1716 Selby that are rented out and a small business at 1708. Next door, on the corner, there is a larger 4 plex apartment building for sale.

I wish I had known that you were having a meeting this morning. I just heard from a neighbor about this today. I don't think it is a good idea to build a large apartment complex there. On Hague, we have no alleys. If you look at the map, you can see we are all squeezed together unlike our neighbors across Fairview (large lots ) and our neighbors in MacGroveland (also large lots with alleys). Hague is unique with no alleys. If you put a parking garage there, there will be a lot more fumes going into people's backyards. People idle in their cars, especially in winter. There will be fumes and diminished light. It will be strange and we weren't given a chance to weigh in.

I'm for affordable housing and if we need lots more new housing, I'm for that if it done well. I wish city and county would help people buy homes by paying the downpayment (pay back when you sell the home) or offering lots of other ways that people could live together in existing homes. I don't know that just putting up new apartment complexes is the answer to our problem with affordable housing in St.Paul. I own a side by side duplex. We live in one side and rent out the other. We have been renting out the duplex at affordable rates since 1995 while maintaining the building with lots of improvements. Our rent is considerably less than others in the neighborhood. Why? Because my renters said they couldn't afford more. I really love the neighborhood. Please slow this process down and take note! This site has no alley, the people who live behind it have very little backyard space. You would be allowing a huge building in a space where a few years ago you might not have allowed a big garage. There is no space for this big of a building at this site.

Thanks for your work, thanks for listening and thanks for considering not allowing a large apartment building at this site. We have quite a few apartments for rent in this neighborhood. Take a look at Zillow and Craig's list. There is a lot of availability already. It is priced too high. I agree with this.

Anyway, newer and bigger is not always best. Sometimes, improving what we have is a good option too

Best Regards,  
Linda

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