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To: Dermody, Bill (CI-StPaul) <bill.dermody@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: Hillcrest Draft Master Plan Comment

Dear Bill,

Thank you for all your work on the Hillcrest Development, including coordination with consulting firms and with the Port Authority. As a member of Saint Paul 350 I have appreciated your engagement directly with our group and your invitations for us to be involved in public discussions and review of the Draft Master Plan. I am glad to hear that the District 2 Community Council provided conditional support of the plan. I am writing to recommend you and the Hillcrest team do and support the following:

- Keep the Hillcrest development timeline on track
- Continue engaging community members, understanding that significant engagement has occurred to date;
- Work to commit public resources to ensure a minimum of 20% of the housing units will be affordable at 30% AMI and below and that an additional 20% will be affordable at 50% AMI and below.
- Support efforts of the Port Authority to create and locate living wage jobs at the site. Explore and strongly consider green jobs appropriate in our local and state economy that could be located at the site. This might include a green jobs training center, with strong linkages to community college and union training now occurring in this area.
- Ensure the site and all buildings and infrastructure on it are fully electrified, with generation coming from renewable sources, including linked (district energy system) geothermal and solar as planned. This will improve the public health of Hillcrest residents and our City, lower Hillcrest resident and business costs, and contribute toward mitigation of climate effects on our City, State and the planet.
- Keep the goals of our City's Climate Action and Resilience Plan at the forefront, including working to avoid and mitigate negative environmental impacts in an area of our City (East Side) that bears the brunt of negative climate impacts and of the forces limiting full participation in our local economy.
- Act according to the Climate Emergency Resolution passed by our City Council in January of this year.
- Honor the legacy of the site by considering Native American roots and activities at the site and close by; and racial and cultural biases that are part of the history of the site; including that at a time when Jews were banned from many golf courses Jewish businessmen bought and operated Hillcrest; and possible some recognition of the racial demographics of who have most often been course users over the years.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. I look forward to further engagement in the development of this site.

Best regards,

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