



August 23, 2023

Saint Paul City Council
City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd. West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Saint Paul City Council Members,

The Hamline Midway Coalition Development Committee recommends the denial of the interim use permits sought by the developers of United Village. These permits request the use of land for parking lots for up to five years.

When representatives from the Union Park District Council and Hamline Midway Coalition met with the developer in March 2018, he said parking was needed in the near future for an impending development on the A1 space. He and his representatives have said regularly in public meetings that parking is required for any development to occur adjacent to the stadium. That was five years ago and no development has occurred, even though there was an interim permit in place for a parking lot.

In fact, since 2018, almost all existing businesses on the site that served both neighborhoods have been eliminated. The superblock is one large parking lot surrounded by lopsided chain link fencing that collects trash. Clearly, dedicated parking space has not yielded the development the city was promised years ago. A request to codify parking lots is clearly not an indicator of imminent development.

The developer's request for permission to use the space for parking for an additional five years also conflicts with the \$1 billion investment in transit at the corner of Snelling and University.

Please reject these permits and hold the developer accountable to the original proposed plan for this site.

On behalf of the Hamline Midway Coalition Development Committee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenne Nelson".

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