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To: *Cl-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
Subject: 1156 Lincoln Duplex Comments

Hello,

I'm providing my input regarding 1156 Lincoln Avenue, we live on the next block at 1186 Lincoln. We have been dealing with homeless people and squatters breaking into the property off and on for the past year. I have called and emailed reporting breaches of the property during this time. Young children on our block watched someone come up from the train tracks by Ayd Mill and walk down the block and enter the house. The house caught on fire in October 2023 and even after that fire, squatters continued to break into the building. Another neighbor (Kevin O'Neill) has frequently used his own materials to board up breaches in the building. It seems to be a magnet for squatters.

I'm hoping someone can purchase and rehab the building and return it to its original glory, but I'm not sure that is possible. A big concern I have is if it was torn down for high density housing. It's on the corner of Dunlap and that stretch from Lincoln to Goodrich is very busy with SPA Lower School drop-off and pick-ups. I have difficulty getting down that stretch to my alley and it's worse in the winter. Lincoln Ave from Dunlap to Lexington already has several multifamily homes and street parking is very limited. Adding a large apartment building or six-plex would create a lot of traffic issues in the neighborhood. This should be noted and documented as others are making decisions on what happens to this property.

Regards,

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