499 Snelling Ave N

Attachment #82

Bulldozing CVS?

For several years I have seen no evidence that there is a plan for this property. My suggestion will improve safety, **and** improve the look of CVS. I believe that CVS has not been found to be structurally unstable. My goal is to improve not only safety, but the look of the intersection.

One possible **temporary** solution so building looks better, has more traffic, and crime is reduced asap is:

- open another police substation in CVS like we had in Midway Shopping Center
- offer this small space to MTC for fare checkers as a break room
- hire 2 or 3 full time police officers to include CVS, LRT platforms & area around Kimball Court (short 67)
- trailer cop camera during remodeling
- remove plywood and replace with vacant store front photos like in HarMar Mall, Rosedale Mall, etc… so property looks nice with windows lit.

Funding- same funding as for fencing and boarding up CVS, & maybe some Kimball Court grant money.

Our neighborhood has expressed frustration- over 300 & 400 people asking city *to do something, to have a plan.* We have over 20 vacant lots and businesses in our community & crime is a big factor past 7 years. You will alienate our community by bulldozing with no plan. I have not seen any city mailings or flyers in my door about this bulldozing.

I would strongly suggest you survey businesses and residents of Hamline Midway neighborhood about bulldozing CVS without an immediate replacement in hand.

It is time for city to have a plan to keep us safe, not just bulldoze and leave us yet another scar.

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