

I will not be able to attend the hearing on 6/20/12 regarding the proposal to build a 20 unit, 4 bedroom apartment building at 2124 Grand Ave and I urge you to vote to overturn the decision by the Planning Commission that approved this project.

I strongly opposed to the building of a 5 story 20 unit apartment building at 2124 Grand Ave. This is in direct opposition to proposals to limit off-campus student housing in the area. The site currently is occupied by a duplex and a single family home. The proposal is for 4 bedrooms in each unit, and will obviously be used for student housing. The plan only calls for 40 off-street parking spots, when 80 would be required for all the students' cars. This address is in Residential Parking Permit Area 22 which allows 4 vehicle permits and 2 visitor parking permits for each unit. The students could easily sell any permits that they are not using to friends. This could result in as many as 120 more vehicles parking on the streets in the area. I live at 2111 Lincoln, about ½ block away, and already it is difficult to find a place to park on the street. This many more vehicles parking on the street will cause a hazard during snow emergencies. Also, at 5 stories high, it will be the tallest structure on Grand Ave west of Dale Street. I can't believe that the Planning Commission could have approved this site plan. Aren't they aware of the issues concerning increased off-campus student housing in this area?

Please vote to overturn the decision by the Planning Commission and deny the permit to build this ill-advised apartment building.

(Jim Lendway)