

Mr. Stark,

Apartment building on Grand and Finn may be too tall for the neighborhood

Will be anxious to hear more at council meeting tonight

Thanks,
J. Shane Albertson
2198 Goodrich Ave.

From: Clif Brittain
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 9:36 AM
To: #Cl-StPaul_Ward4
Subject: Apt building Grand & Finn

No no no no

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose the construction of a private dormitory on Grand and Finn. I have run into numerous problems with vandalism and theft because of the St Thomas students.

Thank you for the time.

Ryan Walther
2125 Carroll Avenue

Dear Mr. Stark,

I was planning on attending the meeting today, but something has come up and I won't be able to make it. Instead I am sending this e-mail, which I hope to be included as part of the public record.

I am opposed to the building plans as they currently stand. I am opposed in particular to the scale of the building, which exceeds that of the surrounding buildings, and would be architecturally out of place. It doesn't make sense that it was OK'd by planning as it violates the policies and spirits of both city and UST codes. I'm hoping it squeaked through on an oversight, and that this oversight will be corrected.

I'm also worried that the parking and traffic situation for this number of units has not been considered completely. The Cretin and Grand area can get very congested. I often bike to work, and crossing in that area can be frustrating, even on foot at crosswalks.

Also - I'm not sure the student to non-student balance has been considered, especially in light of the fact that the student housing zoning ordinance currently being proposed is likely to fail.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Brian Beaubien
2093 Fairmount Avenue

Dear Mr. Stark,

I am writing to express my disapproval of the proposed apartment "student Dorm" complex on Grand and Finn. I live at [2135 Lincoln Ave](#) and support my parents, Mike and Tammy Thomas, and their appeal.

Having lived in a similar housing type at The University of Iowa, I am very familiar with the atmosphere around these buildings. I can already envision urine soaked couches lining our beautiful alley during move out week, Busch Light beer cans decorating the neighboring properties, and students stumbling through our yards in the middle of the night. While it is important to integrate students with the neighboring communities, the sheer density and size of this project will further strain the relationship of this community and will only lead to further problems. I strongly urge you to deny the building of this student housing complex. Please help up protect our beautiful neighborhood we have worked so hard to create.

Thoughtfully,
Ben Thomas
[2135 Lincoln Ave](#)