

To Whom it May Concern:

I ask you all to seriously consider this issue again. I believe that vacating English Street at this point for 180 Degrees is premature and will prove to be of almost no use and therefore no value for 180 Degrees or the neighborhood. Based on their plans 180 Degrees has divided up their property for its use and the lay out looks as it has been for 75 years. On the East are offices and administrative space to the West is an area that is still undefined for 180 Degrees, they were considering renting out a fair amount of the space to a boat builder. I believe that English Street will barely be used as a walk way for their administrative body, potential clients and then they have a driveway on that space (this is really hard to understand) for their van into their building. Now I think they could achieve the same effect and allow for the neighbors to maintain a safe and efficient neighborhood alley. Since Phalen Blvd. has been opened for traffic we have seen almost no random traffic coming through this alley or street. 180 Degrees can get the same campus effect and without blocking the street. The house adjacent to 180 Degrees East Building appears to have no access to their garage, I wonder if they will be allowed to use the driveway

180 Degrees

Two weeks ago I called and asked about the requirement for a dead end alley I was told we need 20 ft. last week I was told that we only needed 12 ft because in an emergency it was reasonable for emergency people to come from the front of house seeing how the depth of your properties was only 150ft. The time and effort it will take far outweighs the cost of our safety.

The East Side has always been a hard place and people seem just plain tired. The resilience of human beings is a powerful thing, and really not to be taken for granted. This house is all I have, I rent half I live in half and I am permanently disabled on a fixed income. This project will cut my net value in half not to mention my security, my hope and an idea that I have some say over my home and living situation. 180 Degrees comes in and wants a walkway (roughly 100ftX40ft) for their administration area to their undefined area (rental space, soap making, boxing??) THEY WONT USE THIS SPACE and they will have their vehicle driving in that area ...into their building still vehicle access and you give it them.....they can create the beautiful space without it taking so much from the neighbors, shoot I think they can do it CHEAPER. There is very little

traffic coming through this alley now that Phalen Blvd. Is open the traffic is mainly the homeowners.

The neighborhood will loose any parking, more cost for plowing and at the North end of this alley it gets over a foot deep with water build up in Winter and Spring. If anything happens to block the alley there would be no exit for anyone South of the incident, work, children, emergency. Why are 180 Degrees desires more important than our safety, property value, voice income and convenience.

I think this is a long time issue with the East Side constant poverty constantly telling the people who live in the neighborhoods that a business has more value that do the people, slowly tearing away at the resilience and the hope that feeds any human being. These houses and their meager value are all manly of us have and by allowing this you are are cutting deep into my pockets and heart....they wont use the space..Please the cost super seeds any value!

I wrote this as honest as I can and I know its rough I hope its not too difficult a read:).

Sincerely

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