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City of Saint Paul
Saint Paul City Council
375 Jackson Street
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Re: File 16-012819—1174 Grand Avenue Development Proposal

Dear City Council Members:

I have received a copy of BleuAnt Designs' response to the appeal of the BZA's approval of the requested variances for the referenced matter and wish to address a couple of inaccurate statements.

1. At the top of Page 2, BleuAnt's letter states, "The SHA's ZLU committee voted 3 to 1 in favor of recommending approval our new plan to the SHA board." Although that statement accurately states that the ZLU Committee's vote on March 8 was 3-1 in favor of a motion to approve all requested variances, it does not accurately reflect the ultimate result of the vote. With six committee members present at the March 8, a motion required four votes to pass. Therefore, the motion did not pass and the ZLU Committee was not able to and did not make a recommendation to the full board.
2. In the second full paragraph on Page 2, BleuAnt's letter states, "Included in their appeal is a May 2, 2016 letter from SHA president Mark Peschel, who states that the SHA "supports" this appeal. However, our attorney has confirmed with Mr. Peschel that his letter that purports to speak on behalf of the SHA was not approved by the SHA board, which is required under SHA's own bylaws in order for a board member to speak on behalf of the SHA. As a result, we do not believe Mr. Peschel's letter accurately represents the views of the SHA or its board with respect to Mr. Rorvig and Ms. Karls' appeal." My May 2 letter followed a meeting of SHA's Executive Committee, which, under SHA's bylaws, can meet regarding matters requiring immediate attention. Further, the bylaws allow me, as President, to speak on behalf of SHA, which is why I wrote the May 2 letter.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Peschel

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SHA President

cc: Ward 2 Council Member, Rebecca Noecker