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To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: Amy Busch

Subject: SENIOR HOUSING, NEW CHURCH PLANNED FOR SELBY & GROTTO Big changes could soon be coming to 739 Selby Ave.

Hello,

My name is Jason Busch, and I've lived near the corner of Hague and Grotto since 1977, and within the Summit-University neighborhood, my entire life.

I am a little concerned that Morning Star church is planning such a large facility on the corner of Selby and Grotto, and more specifically I am concerned that they have not been a great steward of their existing property on that corner. Their parking lot is frequently littered with garbage, and the little bit of grass and landscaping they have is never taken care of. I wonder what plans they have to care for the exterior of this new building, and would be very interested in hearing their plans/seeing drawings of what they intend to build, if there are any?

Also, in light of the large apartment building on the NorthWest corner of Selby and Grotto, and plans for new buildings on Selby and Victoria and Selby and Milton, I wonder about the impact of building so much senior housing/so many new units within 3 blocks, in a residential neighborhood of mostly single-family homes, and what this means for traffic, parking, and the architecture of this historic neighborhood?

Unfortunately, I will be traveling for work on February 7th, is there a place where I can find information after the public hearing, about these plans?

Full article from "The Porchlite":

SENIOR HOUSING, NEW CHURCH PLANNED FOR SELBY & GROTTO

Big changes could soon be coming to 739 Selby Ave.

If the City of St. Paul approves a zoning change for the property, the Morning Star Baptist Church would be demolished to make room for a new church structure and 95 units of senior housing.

The Summit-University Planning Council (SUPC) has voted to support the rezoning application submitted by PDMC LLC and Morningstar Baptist Church, to rezone 739 Selby from B2 Community Business to T2 Traditional Neighborhood.

According to the letter, SUPC is "very supportive of their efforts to work with the community on this project, and involve them in the planning process. We look forward to working with their team as they begin to solidify their site plans."

According to the Villager newspaper, preliminary plans call for "an affordable mix of studio, one- and two-bedroom senior apartments, a full continuum of care, including independent and assisted living, memory care and extended care."

The facility would also feature common spaces including "a dining room, club room, coffee shop, wellness center, library, community room and theater," according to the Villager.

In addition to the senior housing, the property would also include a 6,600-square-foot church with space for about 240 members.

The new facility would have room for 96 parked cars with 30 spaces off the alley and another 66 underground.

*The city is currently accepting neighborhood feedback on the rezoning application and plans to hold a public hearing on **Feb. 7.***

February 7

Saint Paul City Council public hearing- 3 pm at Saint Paul City Hall, 15 Kellogg Blvd. W.

If you have any comments or concerns you are able to participate by writing our Ward 1 City Council Office:

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Thanks,

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