

Jerve, Anton (CI-StPaul)

From: Michael Urness <maurness@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 3:26 PM
To: Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul); *CI-StPaul_Mayor; Jerve, Anton (CI-StPaul); kathryn@sapcc.org
Subject: Proposed new condo development in Saint Anthony Park Neighborhood

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Good afternoon,

Over the weekend a flyer appeared on my door warning of new development of higher density (and height) housing in the area of 842 Raymond Ave and 2330 Long Ave. It warned of the dire results that would accompany this development: less sun, less parking and a loss of greenspace.

I wanted to take the chance to say that, as a resident of this neighborhood for the past few years, I support this development. I chose to live in this neighborhood because of the close access to green line and other transit options. I am excited to see housing with more density and less space devoted to surface parking coming into existence around our transit investments.

The existence of the flyer tells me there is an organized opposition to these developments and I don't want that side to have more weight than they deserve. I am one of the residents that understands that transit focused development needs less parking by design and that is a good thing for the neighborhood. I am one of many who welcome a diversity of new housing options and the people who will live there and support a growing cluster of thriving businesses. This is a great neighborhood and the new development can only add to the vibrant energy.

Have a wonderful day!

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"This Constitution of Mongolia shall enter into force at 12.00 hours on the 12th of February of 1992, or at the hour of Horse on the young and strong, benevolent ninth day of Yellow Horse of the first spring month of Black Tiger of the year of water Monkey of the Seventeenth 60-year Cycle."

Constitution of Mongolia, Article 70, Section 2

Jerve, Anton (CI-StPaul)

From: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 1:52 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Cc: Jerve, Anton (CI-StPaul)
Subject: FW: Please Postpone or hold the Public Hearing Open for ORD 18-18

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From: Patty [<mailto:pgeorgehair@aol.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 12:08 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council <Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul) <samantha.henningson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Please Postpone or hold the Public Hearing Open for ORD 18-18

To: The St. Paul City Council and Council Member Henningson

Hello,

I am asking you to please hold the public hearing open and postpone the vote over the issue of the rezoning at 2330 Long Ave. Ord 18-18 / LB 842RAY LLC.

We, the businesses and residents of South St. Anthony Park have not been adequately informed on this rezoning, as well as, previous rezoning of the Baker East rezoning. We are being left out of the information loop because of a City glitch in the system and some did not receive zoning postcards by law. This has gone under the radar because of the glitch and we need more time to get the word out of our unhappiness of big developers moving into our neighborhoods without giving us a voice. This will adversely affect our parking shortage and overshadow (literally take away sun 4 months of the year) our 1 and 2 story houses, town houses, and businesses. We will lose green space, sun, and parking. There will be houses surrounded by taller buildings and blocking their view of the neighborhood, besides lessening their property values.

As a business owner in this area for 13 years, I am planning on a 30 year commitment to the area, but not if you take away all viable parking. My property value will go down.

I hope you can postpone or hold the public hearing open for our neighbors to get their voices heard.

Thank you,

Patty George

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Jerve, Anton (CI-StPaul)

From: Barbara Rasmussen <babs.rasmussen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 4:37 PM
To: Jerve, Anton (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Baker East Partners Rezoning & 842Guild Rezoning/Build Project

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Good afternoon Anton,

I have been a customer at Salon George located at 856 Raymond Avenue for many years. Because of the many changes taking place on and around Raymond Avenue currently and over the past five years, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find parking for my appointments. I feel it is a shame that these changes are affecting the ability of the several small business in this area to be able to accommodate their customer base. If my understanding is correct, the developer is not providing an adequate amount of parking to accommodate the new condo developments. I would like to make sure that the zoning provides the ability of the current businesses to have adequate parking available for their customers and will be able to continue doing business into the future.

Thank you for listening to my concerns,

Barbara Rasmussen

Jerve, Anton (CI-StPaul)

From: terry Pfaff <tapblake@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 11:58 AM
To: Jerve, Anton (CI-StPaul)
Cc: Patty
Subject: 2330 Long Ave. T2 to T3 rezoning proposal.

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As a property owner of 891 & 898 Raymond ave. I am opposed to this rezoning proposal. As I understand the rezoning would allow for an 8 story building with up to 50 separate residential units (perhaps more stories with more units). This is untenable to me because of the significant demands that would be placed on the very limited on street parking in this area. Although my properties, specifically 898 Raymond avenue a 4-plex with no off street parking, are at the far north end of Long at Raymond ave. this proposal if passed would further exacerbate the current parking demand. In recent years due to phase 1 of the Raymond avenue traffic calming project a very large number of on street parking spots were eliminated on Raymond avenue. Now to add more residential on street parking needs would further complicate parking issues for my tenants, other nearby residences and those business condo owners at 856 Raymond avenue.

Another matter of concern is the large scale nature that a building of this size would bring to a neighborhood of essentially two story structures. I am not opposed to a development of 3 perhaps 4 stories at 2330 Long avenue, anything beyond that would effect the character and "feel" of our neighborhood in a negative way.

To those of you who will be deciding the fate of this rezoning proposal I shall appreciate your affirming my concerns and vote no.

Thank-you, Terry Pfaff

Jerve, Anton (CI-StPaul)

From: Linda Varro <lindahvarro@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2018 9:17 AM
To: Jerve, Anton (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Fwd: Proposed zoning changes near Raymond Ave

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From: Linda Varro <lindahvarro@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, May 24, 2018 at 9:07 AM
Subject: Proposed zoning changes near Raymond Ave
To: mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us, samantha.henningson@ci.stpaul.mn.us, anton.jerve@ci.stpaul.ci.mn.us
Cc: barelybrothersrecords@comcast.net

Dear Mayor Carter,

I was born and raised in St. Paul and lived in the city for 67 years; until 18 months ago when we moved to “the lake”. We are still deeply concerned about, and involved with, our hometown and the many family, friends and businesses there.

I am very concerned about a zoning issue that is affecting businesses in the Raymond Avenue area. A developer has proposed building two new Condo buildings at 842 Raymond and 2330 Long Avenue. The developer is not planning to provide the normal amount of parking for these buildings, which will put more pressure on the already difficult on street parking situation in the area. These 2 buildings will be 4 stories and 5-6 stories tall, significantly taller than the surrounding buildings.

I have been a client of Salongearge at 856 Raymond since it was established in 2006, and over the years, it has been increasingly difficult to find parking near the salon (I believe that part of the problem is that they lost significant parking when bike lanes were added to Raymond a few years ago). Patty George, the owner of Salongearge, has been my hair stylist for about 30 years and I have watched as she developed her skills as a stylist and then carefully planned and designed her own salon on Raymond. Patty is a member of a large family of entrepreneurs with businesses throughout St. Paul; she knows what it takes to develop a successful business, and loves and supports her neighborhood and community. She even uses the walls of her salon as a gallery to display the work of various local artists and photographers.

My husband and I are also regular customers at Barely Brothers Records at 783 Raymond. This vinyl only record store has a wonderful collection of records; we often shop there for ourselves and for gifts for our son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren. Mike Elias, one of the “Brothers” has been very helpful when we are looking for something special to send to New York for a birthday or Christmas. They often bring in local guest musicians to perform, and even invite people to be “guest DJs” on Friday nights!

Both these businesses and other small businesses along Raymond will be negatively impacted by this significant reduction in available on street parking. I happily make the 45 minute drive each way because these shops are important

to me and I value the services they offer, but convenient parking is increasingly important as I turn 70 in a few days. It is especially perilous to have to walk a block or more in the winter.

As a 10 year former board member of the Mac-Groveland Community Council, I am also concerned that the local St Anthony Park Community Council doesn't seem to have taken much of a role in this situation.

Please require the developer to make changes to his plans to provide more parking and maintain the neighborhood for the good of Salongearge and Barely Brothers Records and all the small businesses and homes in the area!

Sincerely,

Linda H Varro