#### **ZONING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT**

1. **FILE NAME:** Snelling Avenue Development **FILE #** 18-055-252

2. APPLICANT: TJL Development LLC HEARING DATE: May 10, 2018

3. **TYPE OF APPLICATION:** Conditional Use Permit

4. LOCATION: 246 Snelling Ave S, SE corner at St. Clair

5. PIN & LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PIN: 102823220164, -0165, and -0166. Lots 1through 5, Block 4, Sylvan Park Addition.

6. PLANNING DISTRICT: 14 PRESENT ZONING: T2 & T3

7. **ZONING CODE REFERENCE:** § 61.501, § 66.331

8. **STAFF REPORT DATE:** May 2, 2018 **BY:** Mike Richardson

9. **DATE RECEIVED:** April 24, 2018 **60-DAY DEADLINE FOR ACTION:** June 23, 2018

- A. **PURPOSE:** Conditional use permit (CUP) for building height: at the north wall in T3 zoning district, 55' allowed by right, 68'-4" proposed with CUP; at the south end of the east wall in T2 zoning district, 42'-4" allowed by right with stepbacks, 47' proposed with CUP and stepbacks; at the east end of the south wall in T2, 41' allowed by right with stepbacks, 47' proposed with CUP and stepbacks.
- B. PARCEL SIZE: 30,689 Square Feet
- C. **EXISTING LAND USE:** Commercial
- D. SURROUNDING LAND USE:
  - North: Mixed Use St. Paul Corner Drug. Macalester College occupies the northwest corner of

the intersection.

East: Mixed Use (North three-quarters of adjacent property) – Cinema Ballroom and 241

Brimhall Apartments; Single Family Residential (South one-quarter of adjacent property)

- South: Commercial Lund and Lange Florist (see History/Discussion for additional information)
- West: Mixed Use Former St. Clair Broiler (North half of adjacent property); Single Family

Residential (South half of adjacent property)

- E. **ZONING CODE CITATION:** § 61.501 lists general conditions that must be met by all conditional uses; §66.331 established dimensional standards for Traditional Neighborhood Districts, and provides for additional height with a conditional use permit.
- F. PARKING: Zoning Code § 63.207 requires 95 stalls for the proposed residential uses, taking into account reduction allowed in Traditional Neighborhood districts per § 66.341(a) and § 66.342(a). The bicycle parking adjustment in § 63.210(b) reduces this to 86. The proposal includes 87 parking stalls and 96 secured bike racks for residents. The retail use requires 10 parking stalls and one bike parking space. The project includes 11 parking stalls and space for 4 bikes.
- G. **HISTORY/DISCUSSION:** The applicant is proposing to build a 118-unit mixed-use building at the southeast corner of Snelling and St. Clair Avenues, 246-258 Snelling Avenue. First floor retail space will be located at the northwest corner of the building, at the intersection of Snelling and St. Clair. Resident amenities and dwelling units will make up the remainder of the Snelling-facing part of the building. The remainder of the building will consist of residential units. Structured parking will be located underground and in the east half of the first floor of the building. The building heights proposed require a conditional use permit in three areas.

The project would be built on the site currently occupied by the vacant Sweeney's Cleaners and Rosemark Bakery. The site was included in the 2017 Snelling Avenue South Zoning Study, which resulted in a rezoning of these parcels from B2 to T2 and T3. The Saint Clair stop of the A-Line is located on the north side of Saint Clair, across from the property.

A site plan has been submitted for the property immediately to the south and was conditionally approved on April 23, 2018. The proposed project is a one-story, 8,000 square foot commercial building.

H. **DISTRICT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION:** The District 14 Council passed a resolution supporting the CUP application on April 25, 2018.

#### I. FINDINGS:

1. The applicant is proposing to build a 118-unit mixed-use building at the southeast corner of Snelling and St. Clair Avenues, 246-258 Snelling Avenue. The building heights proposed require a conditional use permit in three areas. These areas differ in their allowed heights and "base of measurement." The differences in these areas are a result of the project sitting on parcels with different zoning designations (T2 and T3) and abutting parcels with zoning designations that impact dimensional standards of the project.

The three areas are as follows:

- North wall in T3 zoning district: 55' allowed by right, 68'-4" proposed with CUP
- South end of the east wall in T2 zoning district, 42'-4" allowed by right with stepbacks, 47' proposed with CUP and stepbacks
- East end of the south wall in T2, 41' allowed by right with stepbacks, 47' proposed with CUP and stepbacks.

The following table summarizes the requirements by floor and zoning condition:

	T3	T2 abutting T2	T2 abutting R4
Floors 1-3	OK by right	OK by right	OK by right
4th Floor	OK by right	OK by right	OK by right on N, W CUP required for 4'8" on E CUP required for 6' on S
5th Floor	OK by right on E, S, W See 6th floor for N	N/A	N/A
6th Floor	OK by right on E, S, W CUP required for 13'4" on N	N/A	N/A

- 2. §61.501 lists five standards that all conditional uses must satisfy:
  - (a) The extent, location and intensity of the use will be in substantial compliance with the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan and any applicable subarea plans which were approved by the city council. This condition is met. The project is located in a Mixed Use Corridor per the Comprehensive Plan, which supports development on primary thoroughfares served by public transit and contains a mix of uses. Land Use Policy 1.24 "support[s] a mix of uses on Mixed-Use Corridors." Land Use Policy 1.25 "promote[s] the development of more intensive housing on Mixed-Use Corridors where supported by zoning that permits mixed-use and multi-family residential development." Land Use Policy 1.28 "promote[s] conditions that support those who live and work along Mixed-Use Corridors, including frequent transit service, vibrant business districts, and a range of housing choices.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Plan "support[s] multi-unit mixed-use development in the following corridors: Snelling Avenue, Grand Avenue, St. Clair Avenue, and Randolph Avenue" (H2.5); calls to "maintain and/or establish zoning that encourages higher-density (taller) development at the intersection of mixed-use corridors and lower-density (shorter) development at mid-block of mixed-use corridors" (LU1.2); and "supports land use that preserves Macalester-Groveland as a uniquely connected, walkable, mixed-use sustainable neighborhood with a pedestrian-oriented human-scale streetscape" (LU1).

(b) The use will provide adequate ingress and egress to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets. This condition is met. The proposal reduces curb cuts on the Snelling side of the project from two to one, locating it as far from the intersection as possible. It is two-way access that leads to secured resident-only parking. One curb cut remains on St. Clair to

- access the ground level parking that will serve both the public and private residents. Public Works Transportation Planning reviewed the site plan and had minor corrections, but no substantive functional issues.
- (c) The use will not be detrimental to the existing character of the development in the immediate neighborhood or endanger the public health, safety and general welfare. This condition is met. Snelling Avenue is a major corridor in the city, with mixed use development present at major intersections, such as Saint Clair. The arrangement of the proposed uses is consistent with the character of mixed use development on nearby mixed use corridors, with retail anchoring the corner, active amenity uses on the first floor, and the majority of the residential units above the first floor. Brick is used on the pedestrian-level facades on Snelling and Saint Clair, consistent with materials used in many other buildings in the area. The proposed building steps down significantly as it approaches the single family development to the southeast to reduce impact. A shadow study was conducted for use by the Committee and included in the packet.
- (d) The use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district. This condition is met. The presence of the proposed building would not prevent development consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, area plans, and existing zoning.
- (e) The use shall, in all other respects, conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located. This condition is met.
- J. **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Based on the above findings, staff recommends approval of a conditional use permit for building height allowing an additional 13'-4" for a total height of 68'-4" at the north wall in T3 zoning district, allowing an additional 4'-8" for a total height of 47'-0" at the south end of the east wall in T2 zoning district, and allowing an additional 6'-0" for a total height of 47'-0" at the east end of the south wall in T2, subject to the following additional condition:
  - 1. Final plans approved by the Zoning Administrator for this use shall be in substantial compliance with the plan submitted and approved as part of this application.

## SAINT PAUL

#### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Department of Planning and Economic Development Zoning Section 1400 City Hall Annex 25 West Fourth Street Saint Paul, MN 55102-1634

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Fee: 840
Tentative Hearing Date:

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City of Saint Paul
Planning and Economic Development Department
25 West Fourth Street
1400 City Hall Annex
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: Redevelopment of 246 – 258 Snelling Avenue, Saint Paul

Mike, Tia and Josh,

I am excited to be involved in the redevelopment of two properties located at the south east quadrant of Snelling Avenue and St. Clair Avenue. The two properties, commonly known as Sweeney's Cleaners and Rosemark Bakery, have been vacant for several months, are in disrepair and pose blight on the neighborhood and community. I have a binding purchase agreement with the owners of the Sweeney's Cleaners and purchased the Rosemark Bakery property in March of this year.

We are proposing to demolish both buildings remediate the existing pollution and develop a mixed-use building that contains community retail space, market rate apartments and parking to serve those uses. The site is located in a vibrant, mature and sophisticated urban environment that has access to the A Line Rapid Bus line, access to numerous retail and restaurant, entertainment, and educational establishments. It's important to recognize these built in neighborhood amenities. The project will emphasize and promote healthy living by utilizing and promoting the pedestrian and transit environment that already exists. The building mass has been articulated, setback and stepped to respect the surrounding neighbors, give the building uniqueness and comply with the design standards of the zoning code.

The proposed building will consist of one level of underground parking containing approximately 70 parking stalls with ingress and egress from Snelling Avenue. This parking will serve the residential component of the project. The parking garage will also contain a pet washing station, close to 100 bicycle parking racks and mechanical and electrical facilities. The first floor of the project will contain approximately 4,000 square feet of retail space oriented towards the intersection of Snelling and St. Clair, a lobby with fitness and amenity spaces for the residents of the building, a bicycle repair shop for the residents use and three walk-up townhome type dwelling units. The first floor will

also have public and private parking accessed from St. Clair Avenue to serve both the retail and residential uses. In the second through sixth floors the project proposes 118 market rate apartments. We are proposing a unit mix that contains alcove, one and two-bedroom units. We are planning to coordinate real time Metro Transit monitors in the lobby and work with one of the shared cars providers to have shared vehicles located at the building.

We believe the project is consistent with all the regulations and intent of the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan, the Saint Paul zoning code and the Macalester Groveland District Council small area plan. Recently, in 2017, the Saint Paul City Council rezoned the properties under this proposal Traditional Neighborhood zoning. Specifically, 248 and 252 Snelling Avenue was rezoned T-3 and 258 Snelling was rezoned to T-2.

We respectfully request site plan approval and a conditional use permit to allow the project to advance.

Findings for the Conditional Use Permit:

The use shall, in all other respects, conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located. The southern section of the building is located in the T2 District and the northern section is located in the T3 District. A conditional use permit (CUP) is requested to allow the T2 section of the building to be 45' high, plus height beyond 45' that is allowed with additional building setbacks. The tallest part of the T2 section will be 47'. The CUP is also required to allow the T3 section of the building exceed 55' for relatively small areas that do not meet the setback to height ratio that would allow the proposed 68'-4" height as of right. The proposed building height meets the following required findings for approval of a conditional use permit.

(a) The extent, location and intensity of the use will be in substantial compliance with the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan and any applicable subarea plans which were approved by the city council.

The Comprehensive Plan designates both Snelling and St. Clair adjacent to the site as Mixed-Use Corridors. The proposed uses – ground floor commercial with residential on floors one through six – is consistent with this designation. Mixed Use Corridors are targeted for residential densities of 30-150 units per acre. The proposed density slightly exceeds this range, but the additional density is consistent with the intent of the plan in this particular location, due to the intersection of two Corridors, the adjacency of the A Line rapid bus route, and the proximity of the site to employment opportunities and academic institutions.

The site is located within the boundaries of the Macalester-Groveland Community Plan and is also consistent with the following policies of that subarea plan:

Land Use LU1: Support land use that preserves Macalester-Groveland as a connected, walkable, mixed-use, sustainable neighborhood with a pedestrian-oriented, human-scale streetscape.

Land Use LU1.1: Maintain and/or establish zoning that encourages compact development along mixed-use corridors that incorporates a mix of uses . . . .

Land Use LU1.2: Maintain and/or establish zoning that encourages higher-density (taller) development at the intersection of mixed-use corridors . . . .

Housing H2.5: Support multi-unit mixed-use development in the following corridors: Snelling Avenue, Grand Avenue, St. Clair Avenue, and Randolph Avenue.

(b) The use will provide adequate ingress and egress to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets.

There will be two access points to the site, which will calmly distribute traffic impacts on the adjacent street. The majority of the residents' parking will be in the underground garage, accessed from Snelling. Parking for the retail uses and additional resident parking will be located in an at grade garage accessed from St. Clair. The development meets vehicular parking requirements and greatly exceeds bike parking requirements of the city standards. Traffic impacts for this development will be reduced because residents and customers will be able to utilize alternative modes of travel because of the walkable, bikeable, amenity-rich location, the adjacency of the A Line, and the proximity of the site to employment centers and higher educational institutions.

(c) The use will not be detrimental to the existing character of the development in the immediate neighborhood or endanger the public health, safety and general welfare.

The proposed design and height of the building are compatible with the existing character of the area. The project will replace the existing blighted buildings with a highly-articulated, thoughtfully-designed building that incorporates human scale features on the ground floor that engage with and enhance the public realm. The design is compatible with its urban setting and utilizes brick and decorative patterning on the first floor to reflect the historic materials on neighboring buildings at the intersection and surrounding area. The placement of the building at the sidewalk and the large windows promote eyes on the street and a vibrant pedestrian experience. The proposed height is appropriate for this intersection of two Mixed Use Corridors and steps down toward the lower density areas to the south and east. The project will comply with building and other life-safety related code requirements to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

(d) The use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.

The use and proposed height of the building will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding property. The development respects the lower density character of property to the south and east by incorporating setbacks and stepbacks along those property lines. The height and pedestrian-oriented design of the building are consistent with the land use guidance of the comprehensive and subarea plans and promotes the type of development sought by those plans. The density and transit-oriented character of the project will enhance the vibrancy and vitality of this commercial node and the neighborhood businesses.

(e) The use shall, in all other respects, conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located.

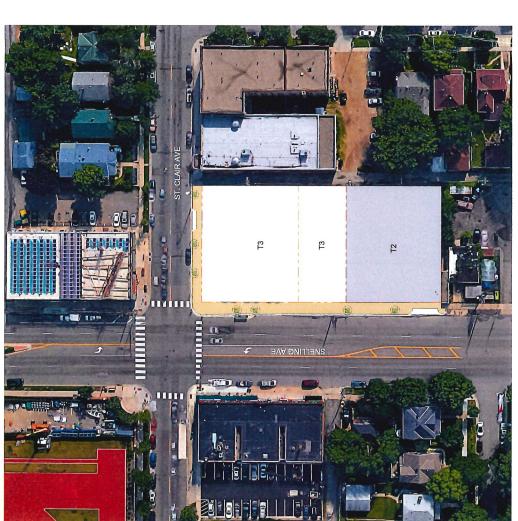
The project will comply with all applicable standards of the T3 and T2 Districts and the requirements for site plan approval.

We respectfully request site plan approval and a conditional use permit to allow the project to advance to physical development.

Sincerely,

Jim La Valle

MDC



# DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY:

3 LOTS 246, 252, 258 SNELLING AVENUE SOUTH SITE ADDRESS:

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PER TABLE 66.333: 246, 252 SNELLING AVE S = T3 (MAX HT. = 55°) 258 SNELLING AVE S = T2 (MAX HT. = 35°) ZONING

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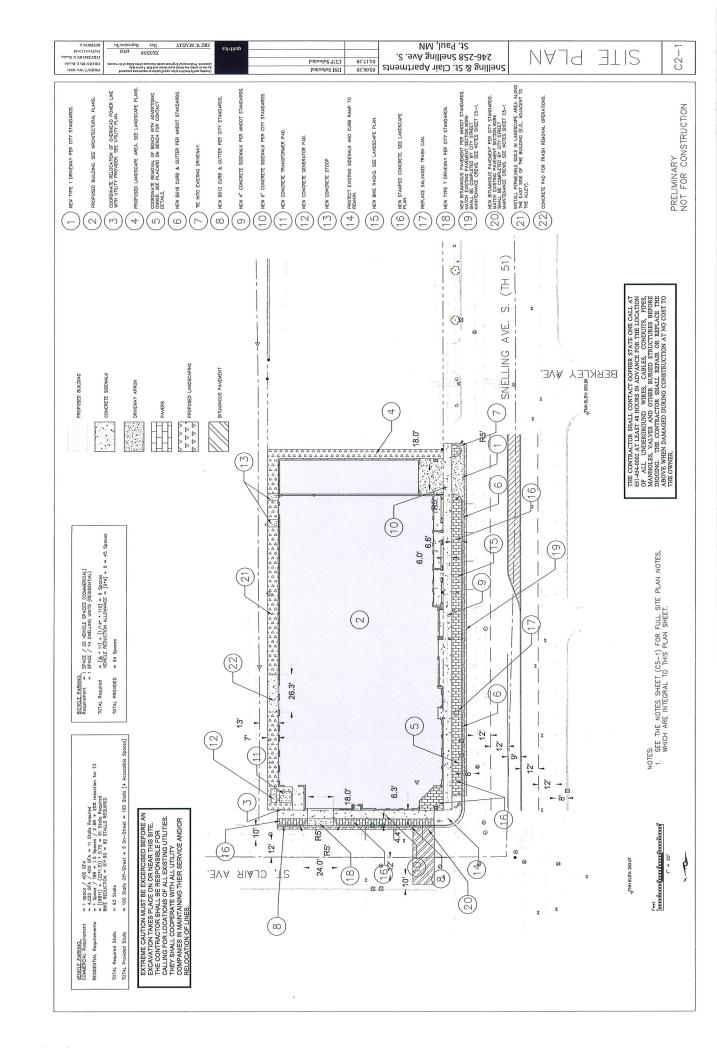
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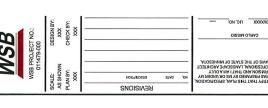
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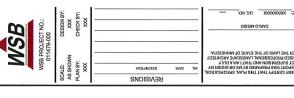
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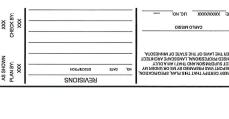
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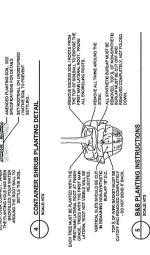
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SNELLING AVENUE DEVELOPMENT





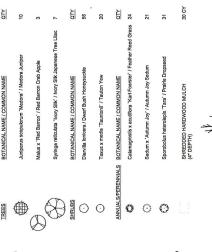


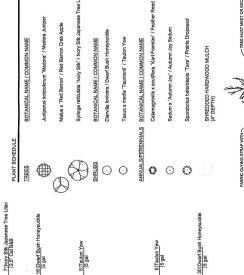


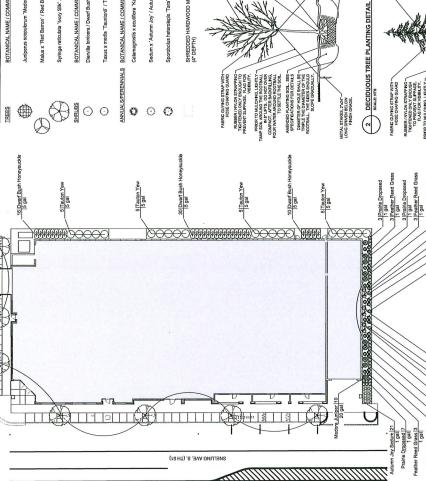
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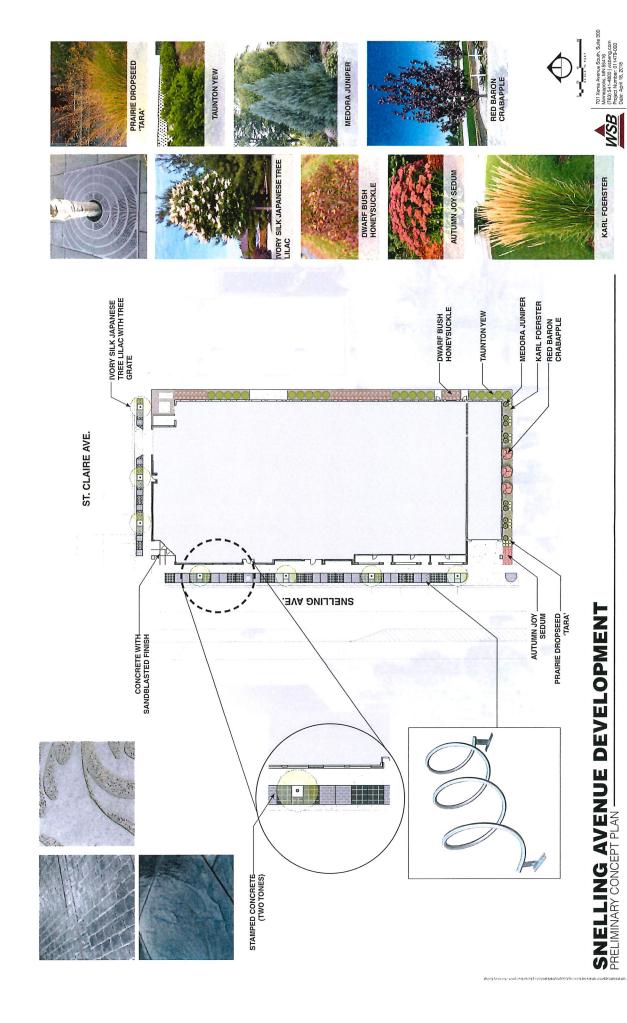
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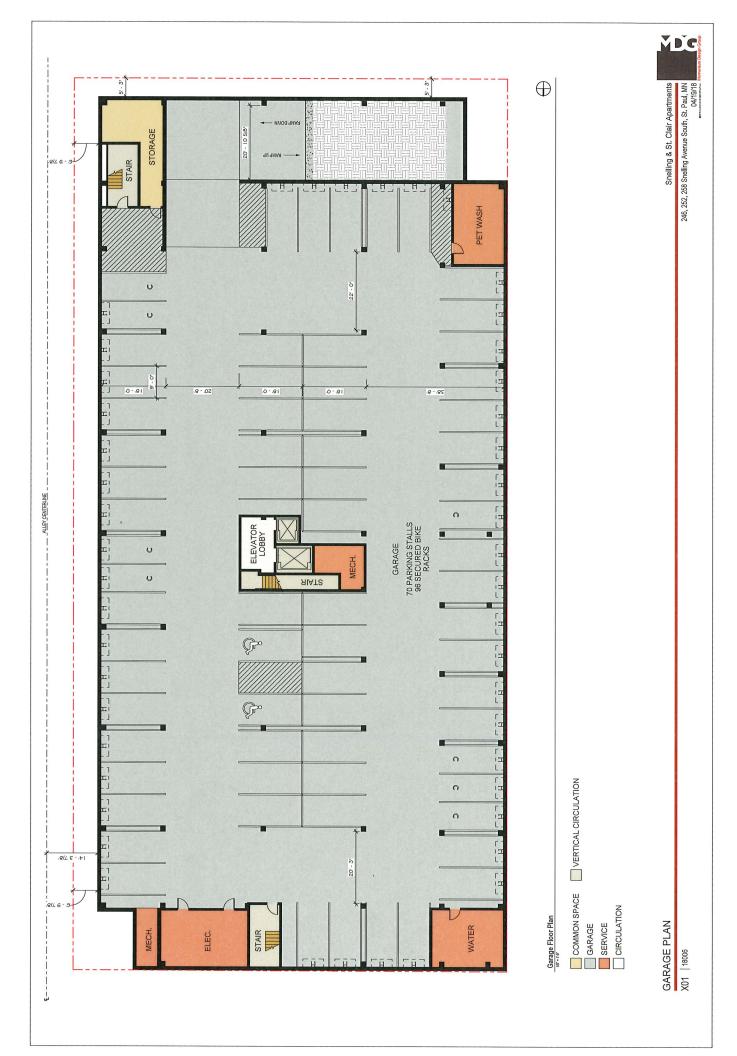
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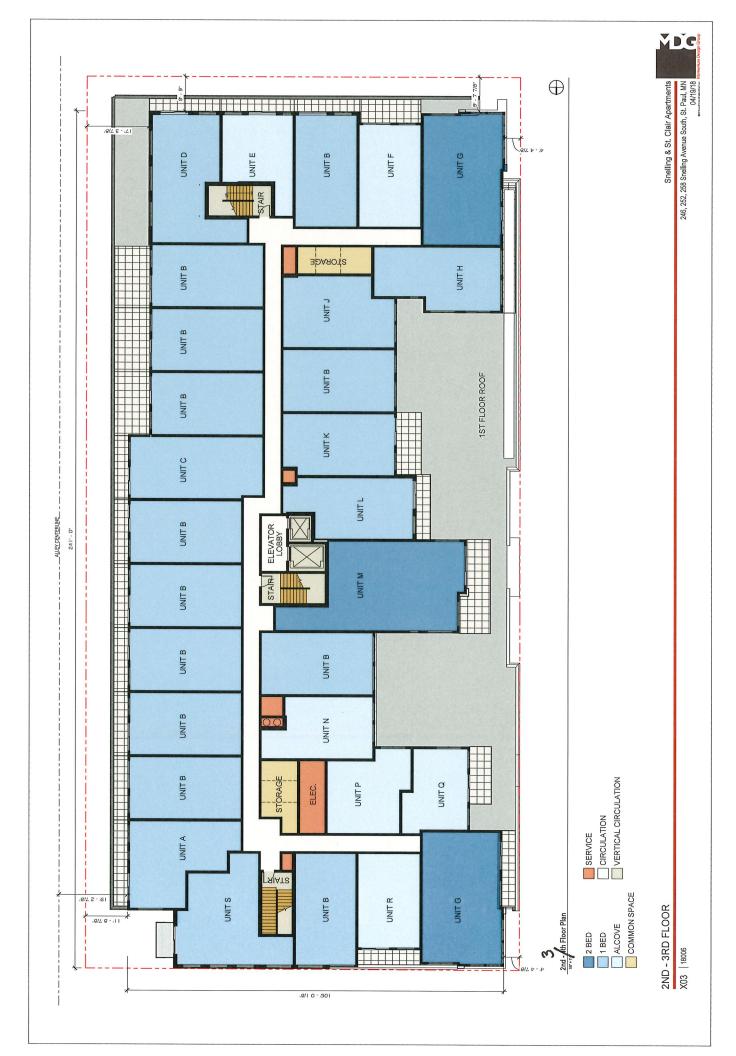


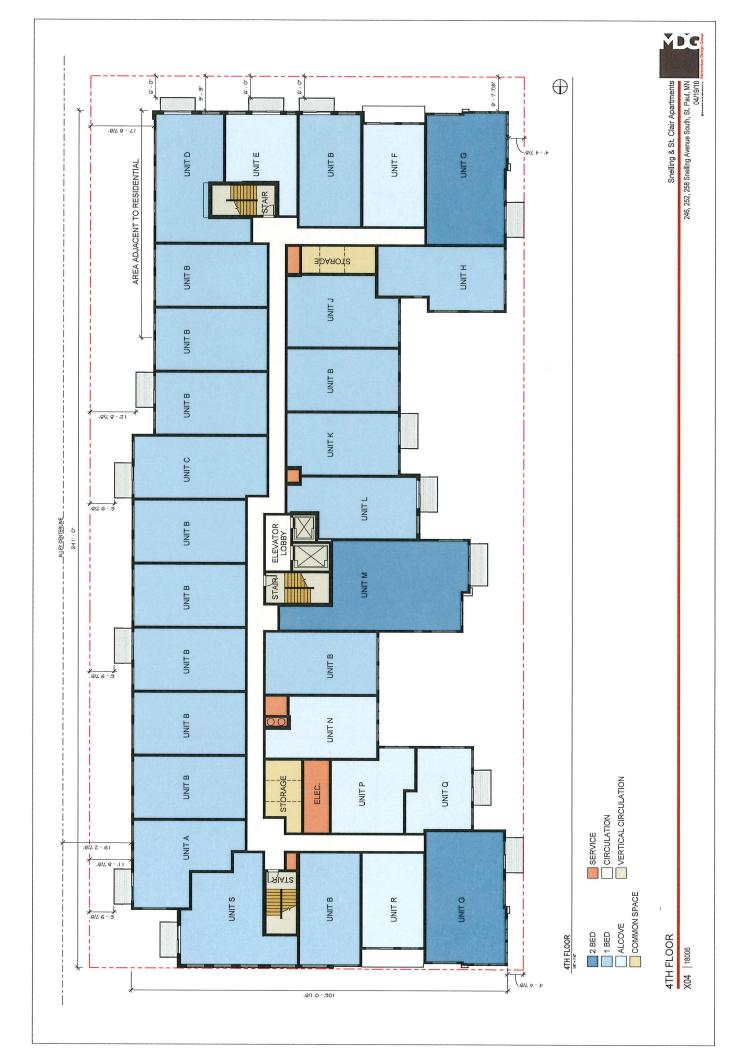


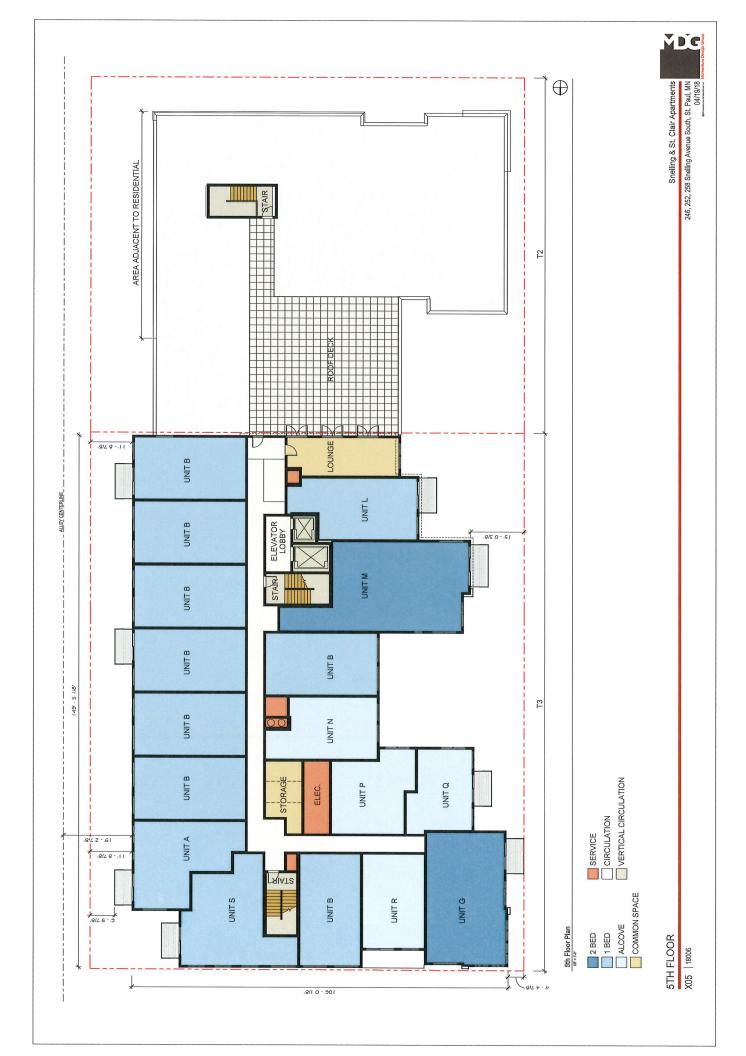


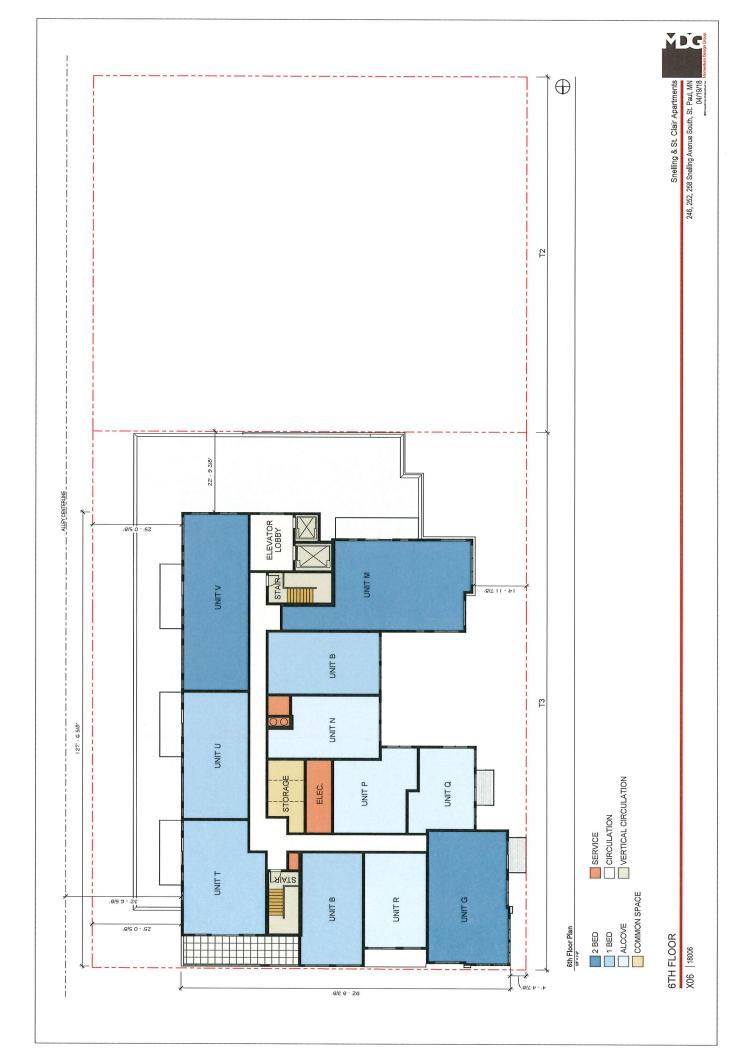
















WEST ELEVATION - SNELLING





EAST ELEVATION - ALLEY

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NORTH ELEVATION - ST. CLAIR





PERSPECTIVE VIEW - SNELLING (SOUTH)

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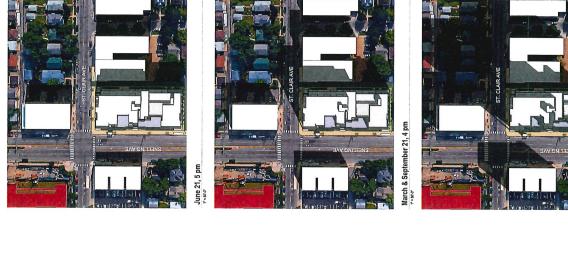


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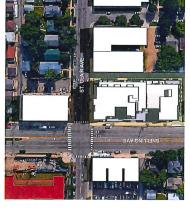
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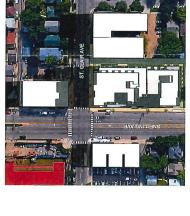


June 21, 8 am



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Liz Boyer

To:

Richardson, Mike (CI-StPaul)

Subject:

Fwd: Conditional Use Permit at the southeast corner of Snelling and Saint Clair

Date:

Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:46:43 PM

------ Forwarded message -----------From: **Liz Boyer** < <u>liz@macgrove.org</u> > Date: Thu, Apr 26, 2018 at 2:45 PM

Subject: Re: Conditional Use Permit at the southeast corner of Snelling and Saint

Clair

To: Alison Pfankuch <a href="mailto:</a> <a href="mailto:alison.pfankuch@gmail.com">alison.pfankuch@gmail.com</a> >

Thanks for writing, Alison. I am including Mike Richardson, the City contact for this project, on my reply. He will be sure to include your comment in the public record.

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On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 6:12 PM, Alison Pfankuch <a href="mailto:alison.pfankuch@gmail.com">alison.pfankuch@gmail.com</a> wrote:

I opposed the Conditional Use Permit at the southeast corner of Snelling and Saint Clair. The new proposal is better with the staggered heights, but it is still too tall for that corner. It will tower above all the surrounding buildings and houses. Taller buildings will block the site lines for traffic at an already very busy corner. The current zoning heights are plenty, they do not need to go higher. If they can not work with in the existing limits they are not right for the neighborhood.

Again I **do not** support the Conditional Use Permit at the southeast corner of Snelling and Saint Clair.

Thank you, Alison Pfankuch 1640 Niles Ave St. Paul, MN 55116

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To: Subject: Bell, Marsha R; Richardson, Mike (CI-StPaul)
Re: La Valle Development at St. Clair and Snelling

Date:

Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:50:56 PM

Thanks for writing. I am including Mike Richardson, the City contact for this project, on my reply. He will be sure to include your comment in the public record.

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On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 5:17 PM, Bell, Marsha R < Marsha.Bell@allina.com > wrote:

Hello Liz,

I highly oppose the Macalester-Groveland HLU Committee vote for LaValle's CUP.

The increased height will impact the sunlight and privacy of adjacent homes in the neighborhood – we all should care about those who currently live in our neighborhoods. In addition the proposed architectural plan does not compliment the homes/buildings of the neighborhood. I have a major concern that there have not been any independent reputable studies for the traffic/congestion, noise, air quality, and neighborhood/ pedestrian safety for this area. There are many children/teens/students/out-of-town individuals that are using the sidewalks and streets in this area – many who do not pay attention to the traffic!! The incoming and outgoing exits on this development will highly increase the risk of accidents and noise. This area already has a problem with parking/congestion when there are events at Macalester and there are many events throughout the year. In the winter months there will be added risks of ice and snow especially looking at the exit and entrances of this development – with increased cars and the problem with being able to stop in a short distance – all of this is problematic and should be reviewed before decisions are made. Traffic is already much worse on Snelling and that's without the stadium and development in Highland area!

It is also disappointing that this development is most likely geared to helping Macalester students. I'm sure there are areas on their own current campus that could be used to build additional housing and parking which would be very helpful to their students and also those of us who have homes in this area and would like to reduce/eliminate the number of cars in our neighborhood during the school year and during their events!

Thank you,

Marsha Bell

1548 Goodrich Ave.

St Paul, MN 55105

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Liz Boyer

To:

Diane Penn; Richardson, Mike (CI-StPaul)

Subject:

Re: New development

Date:

Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:49:31 PM

Thanks for writing. I am including Mike Richardson, the City contact for this project, on my reply. He will be sure to include your comment in the public record.

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On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 5:33 PM, Diane Penn < penndiane@hotmail.com > wrote: I am wanting to express my concern about any new large development on the St Clair Snelling corner. Please respect the neighborhood and all of us who been here for so many years. We love this peaceful and beautiful area. I oppose this new construction when it is so large.

Diane Penn

417 Saratoga st S

Sent from my iPhone

Liz Boyer

To:

Marie Speltz; Richardson, Mike (CI-StPaul)

Subject:

Re: opposing CUP

Date:

Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:52:34 PM

Thanks for writing. I am including Mike Richardson, the City contact for this project, on my reply. He will be sure to include your comment in the public record.

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On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 2:40 PM, Marie Speltz <<u>mjspeltz@comcast.net</u>> wrote: Dear Liz and members of Mcalester Groveland Community Council,

I oppose granting a CUP to the TLJ Development proposed for Snelling and St. Clair. If the St. Paul zoning code has declared that these lots are to be developed according to T3 and T2 height restrictions why should the buildings be taller? The zoning codes are developed to protect current neighborhood properties, prevent overcrowding and limit congestion. The city needs to be responsible to it's homeowners and adhere to the zoning codes.

Thank you, Marie Speltz 1434 Goodrich Ave.

<u>Liz Boyer</u>

To:

Murphy, Laura

Cc:

Richardson, Mike (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Date: Re: Opposition to additional use permits Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:48:10 PM

Thanks for writing. I am including Mike Richardson, the City contact for this project, on my reply. He will be sure to include your comment in the public record.

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On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 5:57 PM, Murphy, Laura < Laura. Murphy@willistowerswatson.com > wrote:

I'm writing to state my opposition to the granting of additional use permits at Snelling and st Clair. The building heights are already too tall and not inline with the neighborhood development. Adding a 118 unit apartment will add detrimental traffic and congestion to neighborhood streets. This is a safety and health concern.

Kind regards, Laura Murphy 1078 Linwood Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105

952.428.9016

Sent from my iPhone

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Liz Boyer

To:

Lisa Maloney-Vinz; Richardson, Mike (CI-StPaul)

Subject:

Re: Respectful opposition to CUP request for additional building height at the Snelling/St. Clair intersection

Date:

Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:39:02 PM

#### Hi Lisa,

Thanks for writing. I am sharing your message with Mike Richardson, the City contact for this project. Mike will include your comment in the public record.

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On Thu, Apr 26, 2018 at 12:37 PM, Lisa Maloney-Vinz < <a href="mailto:maloneyvinz@gmail.com">maloneyvinz@gmail.com</a> wrote:

Dear Ms. Boyer,

As a resident at 1552 Goodrich Ave for almost 20 years with a family of four, I am writing as our family representative to let you know that we do support development at the corner of Snelling and St. Clair. Our concern is the developer's request for a conditional use permit to add extra height to the building. This seems excessive. Not only would it be an eye sore in one of St. Paul's most historic, family-friendly, and charming neighborhoods, the additional height would lead to congestion of traffic, parking shortage, and impact pedestrian safety.

I know you are receiving a lot of input on this topic and appreciate that you listen to the voice of the residents that currently live in the area near St. Clair and Snelling. This is our home and we care about its present and future. And as I always say, bigger and more isn't necessary better.

Thank you for your kind consideration. We are counting on you to deliver our messages.

Lisa Maloney-Vinz

mfmcquire83@gmail.com

To:

Liz Boyer

Cc: Subject: Richardson, Mike (CI-StPaul)
Re: Snelling and St Clair

Date:

Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:11:13 PM

Thank you very much and thank you both for the work you do on behalf of the city and the neighborhood.

I'd like to edit my comment as shown below to change "way to big.." to "way \*too big"

To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose the proposed six story building at Snelling and St Clair. It is way too big and high, it doesn't fit with the neighborhood and is disrespectful to the people living near by.

Respectfully,

Matt McGuire 1646 Niles Ave St Paul, MN 55116

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 26, 2018, at 2:49 PM, Liz Boyer < liz@macgrove.org > wrote:

Thanks for writing. I am including Mike Richardson, the City contact for this project, on my reply. He will be sure to include your comment in the public record.

#### Liz

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On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 4:14 PM, < <a href="mailto:mfmcguire83@gmail.com">mfmcguire83@gmail.com</a> wrote: To whom it may concern:

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Liz Boyer

To: Subject: LINDA-ROSE MICHEL; Richardson, Mike (CI-StPaul)
Re: Vote Against CUP for Snelling/St, Clair Corner

Date:

Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:49:05 PM

Thanks for writing. I am including Mike Richardson, the City contact for this project, on my reply. He will be sure to include your comment in the public record.

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## On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 5:39 PM, LINDA-ROSE MICHEL < <u>LRMICHEL@msn.com</u>> wrote:

Dear Ms. Boyer,

On behalf of my family and several of our neighbors, we implore you to please not allow the granting of a permit to extend the height of the proposed apartment building at the corner of Snelling & St. Clair Avenues. The added height and massive size is NOT characteristic of this neighborhood, and not only impacts those single family and small unit buildings in the immediate area, but it also impacts all of us within a few blocks. The increase in traffic along Snelling Avenue since the Vintage & Starbucks were built, is alarming and with the soon to be finished MN United stadium, it will only worsen. 118 apartments at that corner also puts the safety of pedestrians at risk, increases exhaust, traffic, and noise.

Please insure the proper steps are taken and that corners are not cut in this process.

Sincerely, Linda-Rose Michel 1610 Stanford Avenue LRMICHEL@MSN.COM

Liz Boyer

To:

HANSEN, MARY SUE; Richardson, Mike (CI-StPaul)

Subject:

Date:

Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:48:40 PM

Thanks for writing. I am including Mike Richardson, the City contact for this project, on my reply. He will be sure to include your comment in the public record.

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## On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 5:49 PM, HANSEN, MARY SUE < MARYSUE.HANSEN@isd623.org > wrote:

- 1. Dear Liz, my name is Mary Sue Hansen and I live at 315 Macalester Street. I oppose the CUP request for additional building height at the Snelling/St. Clair intersection for many reasons:
- \* The added height and massive design will be detrimental to the existing character of the immediate neighborhood and negatively affect property values.
- \* Heights of 68' and 55' will impact the sunlight and privacy of neighborhood homes and will interfere with residents' quality of life.
- \* Over 100 additional cars at this intersection will cause traffic congestion and result in parking issues on adjacent streets, limiting parking options for current homeowners and neighboring businesses.
- \* Pedestrian safety, increased exhaust and noise due to 118 new apartments on this corner are public health concerns no one has yet addressed.
- \* And lastly, there's no promise that these units will offer affordable housing for families in need.

For all these reasons, and more, I am hoping you will help stop this irresponsible, disproportionate and opportunistic development in our community.

Thank you so much!

Mary Sue Hansen Sent from my iPhone

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April 29, 2018

Kevin Gallatin 1822 Highland Pkwy Saint Paul, MN 55116 Kevingallatin00@gmail.com

Saint Paul Planning Commission C/O Cherie Englund, cherie.englund@ci.stpaul.mn.us 25 West 4th Street City Hall Annex Suite 1400 Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for the mixed use development at Snelling and St Clair Avenues. Last year we as a city rezoned Snelling Avenue specifically to accommodate structures such as this one. Saint Paul needs more housing to accommodate a growing population and to broaden our tax base. The site today is extremely underutilized and adding 118 residences and over 4,000 square feet of retail is a tremendous opportunity to meet our needs while taking advantage of excellent public transit.

I support approving the Conditional Use Permits to allow the structure to be built as designed. Clearly considerable effort was made to reduce the building mass along the edges, and the shadow study demonstrates very limited shadowing of neighboring properties. The requested conditions are modest in light of the additional housing they allow.

The proposed structure is a significant improvement over previous uses and proposals for the site. The design better addresses the street with functional windows at street level, includes much more retail, and the shorter length on Snelling Avenue allows future granular infill. It would be difficult to find a better use for the site than this one and we cannot afford to pass on it.

Sincerely,

Kevin Gallatin

Kevin D. Gallatin

CC:

Ward 3 City Council Member Chris Tolbert, Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Mike Richardson, mike.richardson@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Liz Boyer

To: Subject: <u>Sean Ryan; Richardson, Mike (CI-StPaul)</u> Re: Snelling & St. Clair Development

**Date:** Re: Snelling & St. Clair Development Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:51:26 PM

Thanks for writing. I am including Mike Richardson, the City contact for this project, on my reply. He will be sure to include your comment in the public record.

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On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 4:05 PM, Sean Ryan < <a href="mailto:seanrichardryan@gmail.com">seanrichardryan@gmail.com</a> wrote:

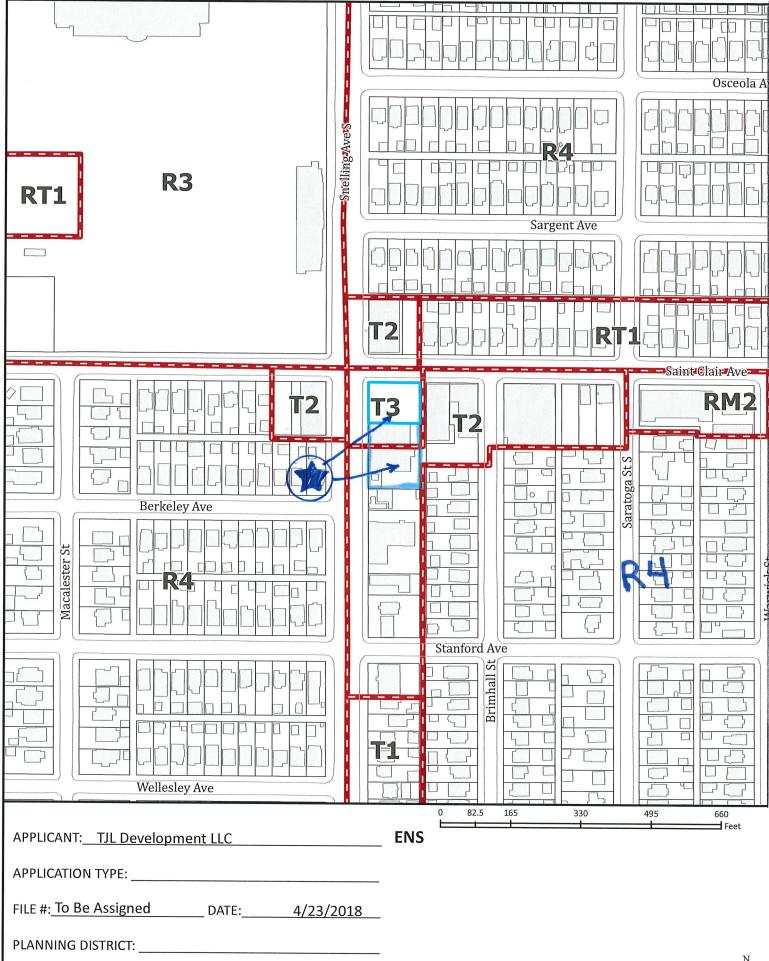
Hello,

I would like to voice my support for the project proposed for the SE corner of Snelling & St. Clair. The project looks fantastic! I frequent the businesses at this corner and would appreciate more retail spaces as well as more housing options. If there ever was a location to put a "tall" building, that would be it! This is exactly the type of development that the Snelling Ave rezoning study and A-Line was hoping to attract. St. Paul can no longer afford to continue limiting it's taxbase and squashing potential development. I hope the MGCC Land-use committee also voices its support.

Sean

Sean Ryan

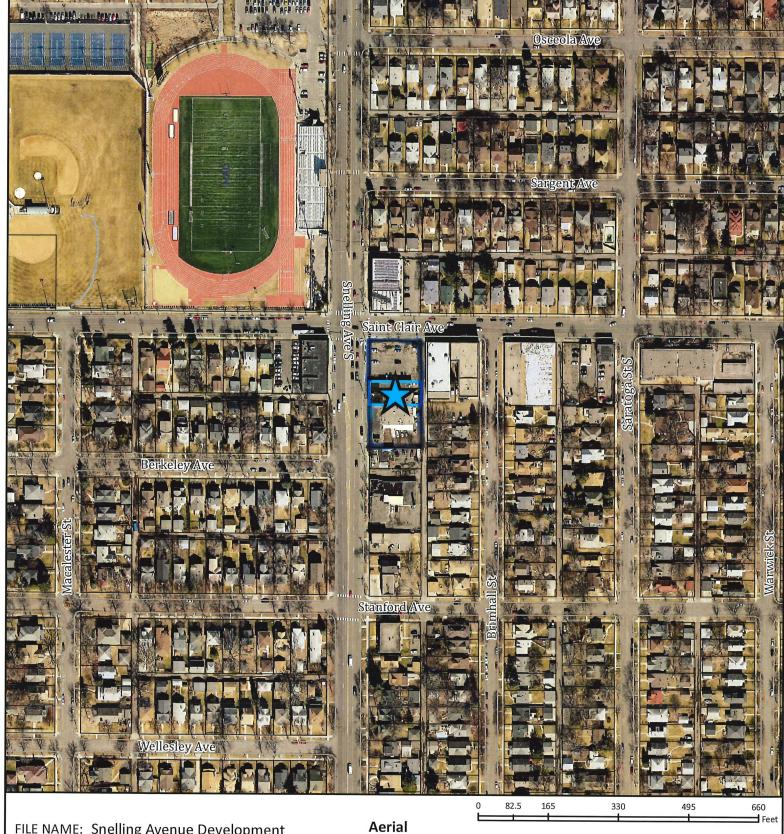
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FILE NAME: <u>Snelling Avenue Development</u>

APPLICATION TYPE: CUP

FILE #: <u>18-055252</u> DATE: <u>4/24/2018</u>

PLANNING DISTRICT: 14

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