



Payne-Phalen

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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July 11, 2019

Steve Magner, Manager of Code Enforcement
City of Saint Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI)
375 Jackson St, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101

Re: City Council Resolution ordering the repair or removal of the building(s) located at
1146 Payne Avenue

Dear Mr. Magner:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Payne-Phalen Community Council. The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at the Arlington Hills Community Center. On the agenda was the Notice of Public Hearing with a Legislative Hearing Officer on the matter of the Council Resolution ordering the repair or removal of the building(s) located at **1146 Payne Avenue**.

Your letter about this matter, dated June 14, 20-19 was included in the Board Packet and it was used as the basis of a discussion by the Board about the subject property. The letter was reviewed, community input was taken, and the Board deliberated and took a vote on the matter.

More specifically, the Board voted to support the City and recommend that the former Super America Gas Station at 1146 Payne Avenue is demolished, its tanks removed, necessary environmental clean-up undertaken and completed, and the site prepared for future development that is in keeping with the use, scale, and design of the surrounding commercial corridor on Payne Avenue that stretches between Phalen Boulevard on the south, and Maryland Avenue on the north. Furthermore, the Board recommends that the design and construction of any new development on this site must conform with the policies and standards of pedestrian-oriented, commercial retail and mixed-use development in accordance with the Land Use guidance for this stretch of Payne Avenue as called for in the City's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan. The Board also made a deliberate point of saying

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that future new development on this site *should not be* auto-oriented in the future, nor should it contain a drive-through facility of any kind.

We appreciate you including this letter in the packet of materials for the upcoming public hearing. And we thank you in advance for taking the position of the Payne-Phalen Community Council into full consideration as the City makes a decision.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jack Byers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jack Byers
Executive Director

cc. Athena Hollins, PPCC Board President
Council President Amy Brendmoen, Ward 5
Council Member Kassim Busuri, Ward 6
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