

Saturday, August 7, 2021 7:19 PM

My name is Jennifer Miller. I reside at 23 Saint Albans Street South, Saint Paul 55105. I am calling with regard to agenda item for the City Council meeting August eleventh on the application of Saint Albans, LLC to rezone property at six ninety-five grand from B two to two that whole deal. It's the six ninety-five grand project. I cannot read the whole agenda item. I am calling to voice my strong opposition to this project. I feel that both the cup variances and other variances on rezoning have to be denied and the Planning Commission ruling should be overturned. This project is out of scale with the neighborhood does not meet the 2040 comprehensive plan and is not in compliance with existing zoning rules and the terms approved in the East Grand Avenue Overlay District.

This will limit affordable housing in our city.

Greatly impact our neighborhood and safety of our residents and is totally incompatible with the scale of the surrounding neighborhood.

It will be a blight on Grand Avenue. I strongly urge City Council to deny this variance and permit changes that have so far not met for the opposition we feel as public members. It should have received.

Thank you goodbye.

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 10:02 AM

Hi, my name is Jean Craig. I live at 1464 Laurel Ave. My phone number is ----- I am opposed to the apartment building or condo building on replacing Dixies. The parking alone is exorbitant for the building which means that everyone will be parking around that area and there is no parking around that area. I think we will lose a lot of shops. End it. It ruins the decorum of Grand Ave, which you have all been steadily doing for some time. I hope you will consider this message. I am vehemently opposed. Thank you.

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 10:12 AM

Hi, my name is Ann Nerland. I'm calling regarding the 695 Dixies five story luxury apartment development, and I'm definitely opposed to it. I think it the rules keep on changing about a everything... especially on Grand Ave, and I think it's a special place and I would hate to see this whole street transformed and turning back to just a hodgepodge of development. I don't know what the needs are in terms of luxury apartments, but I feel like they're going up everywhere and as someone who lives on Goodrich Ave, it's not a place that I would move when I'm downsizing, and I think there seems to be an idea that might happen and I'm just concerned that it will really change the feel of Grand Ave. which we have tried for so long to preserve, and I think there are other ways of making Grand Ave work. Thanks bye.

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 10:18 AM

Hi, this is Hillary Parsons. I live at 42 St Alban St. South. I would like to make a public comment regarding the application for the rezoning of 695 Grand file #21-271-810. I am very against this project. Not only is the bulk and density of the project completely in violation of the current overlay zoning code, this area is entirely inappropriate. As council person, Riley indicated Grande and Saint Alban both are too narrow to support this as a transit corridor. Finally, luxury housing is a problem we certainly don't need anymore. The cost for a unit of, a non-bedroom of a studio unit in this place is the same price as my mortgage for a two-bedroom condo just across the street. If that is not luxury pricing, I don't know what is. This is going to drive out diversity in the neighborhood. We don't need more rich white people here. I'm just gonna come out and say it. We've been doing a great job of bringing in minorities and providing safe and affordable housing, and this is the exact opposite about that, and it makes me extremely angry because I think this project is all about making money for the developers. They haven't considered the neighborhoods wants or wishes whatsoever. The project design modifications that they made in response to public comment are completely inadequate. They removed one unit from the building. That's absolutely outrageous. Response when the population around this project is ninety percent opposed to it, this whole thing has been an insult to the neighbors, to the people who have resided in this area for decades and have played hundreds of thousands of dollars in property taxes for their voice not to be heard in. This is absolutely disgusting and outrageous. I am so disappointed in the city of Saint Paul for its support in this project. Just as I was disappointed in the Summit Hill Assoc. When you look at the members of the board who actually were able to vote on this, none of them resided in an area close enough to this. Those people were all forbidden from voting their work. Conflict of interests. The president of the association doesn't even reside in this neighborhood. The president or the leader of the zoning and Land Use Committee didn't have the required year of board membership before he was placed on that board. They violated rules in order to get him on. I strongly oppose this project.

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 10:31 AM

My name is Elizabeth O'Neill. I live at 1387 Ashland Avenue in Saint Paul, Minnesota and my telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_. I am calling to oppose the build out of luxury apartments at six ninety-five Grand Dixie 's current Dixies location. I am adamantly opposed to the change in landscape change in traffic and change in dynamic of historic buildings and the flow of business as it currently stands. I believe that the build of luxury so-called luxury apartments in this location in such a tall, imposing manner will completely change what is so lovely about Grand Avenue, The small-town vibe, and the accessibility. Not to mention the massive rent increases and the long-build that it would require. I again live in Saint Paul. My name is Elizabeth O'Neill and I'm adamantly opposed to the build out at Grand Avenue at 695 over Dixie 's, thank you.

