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CVS vacancy is due to a number of factors: big one was crime for over a decade increasing since Kimball Court supported 3 gangs of drugs and theft to Target & Cub (see police reports).

I do not see that changing much based on current St Paul efforts not really changing and supporting Kimball Courts return.

MY SUGGESTION:

Bring back a police substation into the building like we used to have in the Midway Shopping Center. It should also include another office for MTC police and their fare checkers. As time allows the rest of the building could be rehabbed for office space- could include space for city council meetings and for the mayor to work in or commercial businesses. All these would increase police traffic and normal traffic into that building.

I am aware that the city has not replaced the 67 officers we are short- not even with one social worker! Some of either could be assigned to former CVS brick building. It would allow the Big Loon's security people a place to rest as well.

Jerry Ratliff
Resident since 1979
(that's 46 years!)