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Subject: Public Hearing on 6/13 Regarding BHC Developments
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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Megan Sampson, and I am a resident of Brewers Hill. I recently received a notice in the mail to inform me of a public hearing regarding the proposed developments known as the Brewers Hill Commons (BHC). Unfortunately, due to work hours, neither my husband nor I can make it to the hearing. So, I am sending this email as a letter to be submitted for the record.

My husband and I purchased our home (2041 N. Hubbard Street) in 2012. Since then, our neighborhood has continued to flourish. We are very excited about the prospects of further developments on the books. We continue to be pleased when we see older, neglected properties in the neighborhood restored to their former glory. We were also very pleased at the development of the land on the north corner of Holton and Brown. We like the idea of our neighborhood continuing to embrace its appreciation of diversity while welcoming a variety of housing options. That said, when I look at the visual renderings of the two properties that are proposed to fill the lot on the south corner of Hubbard and Brown, I feel my neighborhood becoming claustrophobic. The only park-like area in our small neighborhood is the playground at Washington Carver Elementary. While it is nice to have this school and its playground as a community resource, it is definitely small and enclosed for the number of children in our neighborhood. While I think it's wonderful that these properties propose community gardens and other green spaces, those amenities are not true *community* resources. It would be so wonderful to continue to have open, airy views of the downtown skyline from that corner of the neighborhood. I know scrapping these plans for a park is out of the question; however, I do think my sentiment should be considered seriously by the developers. If they want to encourage young professionals to rent or buy their properties, they'll need to consider how those young professionals will accommodate their young families they will inevitably bring with them or build as they age.

The Brewers Hill neighborhood has a very strong neighborhood association, and we thrive as a diverse, open-minded group of neighbors. I'm sure individuals within my community have differing opinions about these developments, and I ultimately know we're all looking out for what's best in our neighborhood. That is why I am so open to the diversity that some of these buildings have to offer. The proposed, one building development that is slated to be located on the corner of Reservoir and Hubbard is an example of a development my husband and I are very open to. The cafe and retail space feels like a true community resource, the location is less likely to obstruct views that are currently unobstructed, and the scope of the project seems reasonable. However, *two* additional developments crammed onto one lot with less to offer the community does not seem like a positive addition to our neighborhood.

Thank you for considering my perspective as a homeowner in the neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Megan Sampson

