

July 3, 2007

To : Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee
Aldermen Michael D'Amato, Willie Wade, Michael Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, and Robert Bauman

From: Fifth Ward Business Owners

Re: Rivianna Group's General Plan Development

We are writing in support of The Rivianna Group's request to build a three tower condominium project at 236 South Water Street. We support the variance in height to 175 feet and the approval of the General Plan Development.

A few thoughts on the Rivianna project proposed for our neighborhood;

We believe this 95 million dollar project is a catalytic and creative one, increasing Fifth Ward development and the growth of our businesses. We have no problem with the height of this project.

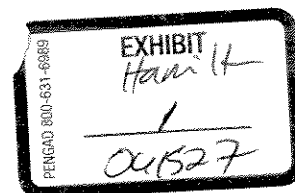
We applaud the design solution of 3 towers over the current 85 foot zoning which would result in a continuation of the bowling alley feel developing on the river. We are surprised our Third Ward neighbors would prefer to look across the river at a 7 story block building instead of 3 columns on a 3 story base.

Much has been made of the lack of a Fifth Ward comprehensive plan. We understand this is in progress and is part of a much larger Near South Side plan but will take at least 2 years for completion. To hold up Fifth Ward development until this plan is completed is not realistic. Most assuredly, the comprehensive plan will identify this empty site as the perfect location for a signature project such as Rivianna to mark the entrance into the Fifth Ward.


We have considerably fewer amenities and residents to support our businesses in the Fifth Ward. Delaying approval for this project with its 160 units and hotel, financially impacts all of us. We believe this project will increase property values on both the south **and** the north side of the river.

In closing, we hope you will support without delay, the approval of the General Plan Development so the Detail Plan Development for Rivianna's final design can continue.

Thank you.



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Approval for General Plan Development Signatures


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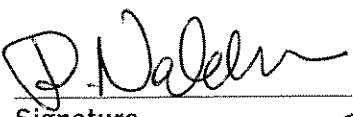

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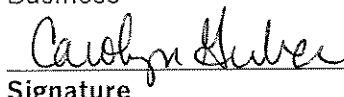
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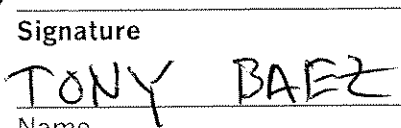
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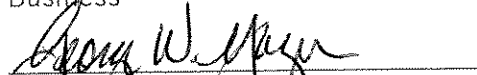
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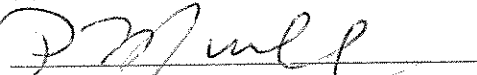
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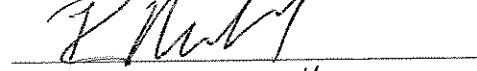
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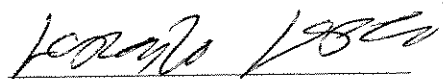
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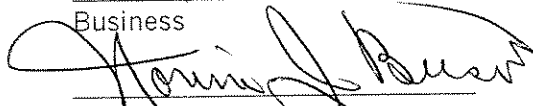
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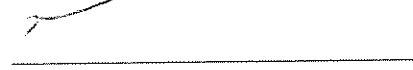
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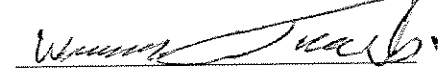
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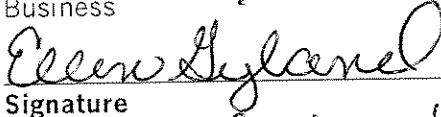
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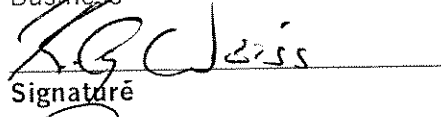
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