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**Subject:** Downer Ave parking structure....there has to be a better alternative

I live at 2633 N. Hackett Ave and love this part of the city. In fact, I think it is one of the treasures of Milwaukee. I absolutely support development initiatives in our neighborhood that will help it thrive while maintaining the neighborhood's charm. I believe the refinements made to the 11 story condo building achieve that appropriate balance.

To that end, please help me understand why we have not seen alternatives for the sterile 5-story parking structure that is being proposed. The proposed structure has appropriately been criticized by historic preservation organizations and most of the homeowners in this neighborhood. I endorse the idea of better use for that parking lot (and the one north of Sendik's) but why are we accepting a flawed design that will result in an eyesore to this neighborhood? Why are we not seeing alternatives? Why are you ignoring the opinion of independent organizations that are experts in preserving the uniqueness of our neighborhoods, our city and our state?

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