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I am writing to urge the Commission to approve the rezoning to allow for a new apartment building to be built on North Hackett Avenue on the property currently owned by St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

I am a member of St. Mark's but I also spend time in the Downer Ave. neighborhood at Boswell Books, Sendik's Grocery and visiting friends and I once looked at apartments and condominiums there.

I attended the virtual "community" meeting about the project about 6 weeks ago and came out in support of the building plan. The building itself will be a classy fit for the neighborhood. The planners and the architect have taken great care to design an attractive building that will fit with the neighborhood and the existing multi family buildings.

Most important, the apartment building will fulfill a real need for attractive rental housing in a neighborhood with too little. I was particularly impressed by the representative from Ascension who pointed out the need for housing for the hospital's growing staff.

Not everyone can buy a home, or needs to. Not all developers are greedy profiteers invading neighborhoods to degrade them. The people who have developed this plan seem very much "of" the neighborhood and the plan is attractive. One of the thing that kept me away from the Downer Ave. neighborhood when I was buying a condo was that most of the buildings had what would be obstacles as I aged - steps galore for one thing. (I still live on the west side, but I bought a fully handicap accessible condo at 1633 N. Prospect in anticipation of a later move.)

The apartment building will be attractive, accessible, and provide a great space for tenants who want a walkable neighborhood near public transit and with wonderful amenities.

Yes, there will be a loss of the green space the current lot provides, but there are always trade-offs in any project, and this one seems reasonable - especially since there is the abundant green space of nearby Lake Park.

I hope the Plan Commission approves the rezoning.

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