

Lee, Chris

From: Dimitrijevic, Marina
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 2:29 PM
To: Sammis White; Cervantes, Amanda; Leichtling, Samuel; Lee, Chris
Subject: Re: Spot Zoning on Hackett

Thank you for sharing this with our office. We are also sharing it with DCD and District 3.

~Marina

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On Sep 11, 2022, at 3:29 PM, Sammis White <sammis.white@gmail.com> wrote:

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Alderwoman Dimitrijevic:

We have been residents on the 2600 block for literally 50 years. We have greatly enjoyed the location, the sense of neighborhood, the easily accessible Downer shopping, the unique character of the housing, and the presence in an historic district. We have also enjoyed playing with our three sons when they were young on St Marks open land. We never considered it would change.

I am an advocate of increasing the density of housing and other land uses when an area is well served by transportation and services. I can understand a desire to develop this parcel. What I have reservations about are the dramatic change in density proposed. This is not a corner lot. It is not backing on commercial. It should not be the "solution" to a bad investment decision by the City on a parking garage. And it is a poor precedent to make a dramatic change because a developer asks for something that will greatly benefit him. I also wonder what "historic preservation" means to the City today. Other previous City actions have been more in line with the common definition of historic preservation.

I hope you will give further thought and action to the request for a more appropriate reuse of this parcel.

Thank you for your further consideration.

Sincerely,

Sammis White
Professor Emeritus of Urban Planning, UWM