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Cc: Mayor Tom Barrett; Marcoux, Rocky
Subject: File 170406 - 1550 N Prospect Ave proposed development

Plan Commission members,

My comments are related to the new building proposal for 1550 N. Prospect Ave. I've lived downtown now for about 4 years at 1522 N. Prospect Ave which is next door to this development. We moved from the suburbs and I volunteer at Habitat for Humanity deconstruction, Growing Power, and Kidsmatter. We love living in Milwaukee. I served on a school board for 12 years so I understand you need to make a decision and I respect that. I have a couple questions on the project.

I've looked at the plans and have some thoughts. It appears to me that there is enough parking for the building especially since we have good bus service, the streetcar, and Uber and Lyft. The building is attractive from the plans.

My major concern is the height of the building as related to all of the other buildings in the area. On page 27 of the submitted document, the developer compares the heights of nearby buildings with their building at 27 stories + penthouse, Prospect Towers at 21 stories, Landmark on the lake at 27 stories (248 ft), and St. John's at 21 stories. Maybe I missed it but what is the total height in feet of this building?

I would ask for consideration that the building height be closer to the height of the other tall buildings along Prospect just as been done along the river with apartments and condos along Water St and Commerce St and in the Third Ward along Erie St.

My other concern is the type of foundation that the building will have. Could you please tell me what type of foundation it will have? Will it be Mass concrete like Diamond Tower, Landmark on the Lake, and St. John's on the Lake? If not, will it be Pilings? That would concern me as it's disruptive. If neither of those, what type will it be?

Thank you for your time.

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