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Good day:

My wife, Donna, and I purchased our commercial building at 3450 Snelling Ave, Mpls, in April 2015.

The rear of our building and outdoor space is at 3450 Cheatham Ave which is across the street from the ADM Mill.

We operate our commercial property as Squirrel Haus Arts which is a creative space for visual and performance art. We also frequently donate our space to area non-profits for their events.

During appropriate climate we use our rear parking pad, on Cheatham, for outdoor art events, food truck, bike gathering, family activities and parking.

While the ADM Mill was operating they were good neighbors and added to the historic nature of the Greater Longfellow. Since closure our block has been inundated with graffiti artists, break in attempt, etc. Numerous occasion I had to drive to where security parks to alert them someone had just climb their fence.

Primarily for that reason we have an interest in seeing:

- The ADM site developed.
- We would be in favor of the site developed for housing with possibility of office rental or retail space on the main level
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- We do not have concern with additional traffic, parking in the area.
- We would like to see the mill retained in some part or fashion to represent the historic nature of what was once a thriving million district for the city.

We have watched developments up and down Hiawatha Ave, since we purchased our building, and regret none of then properties or sections of property were designed to include the historic nature of the Mills.

Longfellow Station apartments did include historical photos and timelines to the mills on the westside of their property facing Hiawatha Ave.. Unfortunately there is no parking on Hiawatha to view the photo murals. Parking in their lot is trespassing, and, they do not include

the photos on their website, Good intentions but not easily available for the public to view.

The former lumber company, on Hiawatha, did a great job of preserving Millworks Loft.

We do have one concern regarding development of this property for housing.

Our concern is development of the property in it's entirety to low incoming housing, or, housing used to shelter homeless etc. We have seen the repercussions this brings to neighborhoods and since our venue is family friendly the development of the mill property in this manner is not acceptable..

I wish I could attend meeting but I have a disability which limits my ability to walk.

Thank you for receiving my comments.

Sincerely,

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