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To: Council; Don Ness
Subject: Fwd: Cleveland St. in Kenwood

I am unable to attend the meeting tonight as my husband just injured his ankle. My concerns remain the traffic & large size of this project on the busy intersections. Ever since the lane was put in on the corner of Arrowhead road to turn onto Kenwood Ave., turning out of Cleveland St. has been very dangerous. The problem is that people are no longer stopping before making that turn. They don't even slow down. A light at Kenwood & Cleveland St. would help. I doubt my suggestions will be implemented, but, for what it's worth, my suggestions would first be to take out that turn isle as no one yields there. Second, a light at Kenwood & Cleveland that only is triggered if someone is trying to get out of Cleveland St. Third, maybe a turn into Kenwood shopping Center across from Cleveland St., but exit onto Arrowhead road might help some.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Barbara Hoffman

Sent from my iPad

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From: B H <db5hoff@yahoo.com>
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May 4, 2015

Councilors,

I attended the one meeting on the Kenwood project at Tavern on the Hill that I saw in the Duluth News Tribune. We did not get a letter. I saw two councilors there, Joel Sipress and Barb Russ. I want to thank them for coming. There was no presentation by the project representatives, but we were able to ask some questions.

I was appalled by the drawing showing what is happening to Cleveland Street. The access to and from Cleveland Street has been terrible ever since they put in the turn lane allowing people to race around the Arrowhead/Kenwood intersection instead of stopping as they had to previously. I personally told one of the project men there about this problem which will be magnified by the 195 parking spots. He seemed unconcerned. Take a drive there during busy hours! The main access will now be off Cleveland Street which has always been a dead end, quiet family street. When one of the neighbors said her children walk and bike on that street, one of the project people told her that was the city's problem, not the projects. THIS is the way they work with the neighborhood!!!

I was also offended by Mayor Ness's comment about how great this is for the city!! I don't believe he would feel this way if he had a house on Cleveland Street. I usually support Mayor Ness and feel he has done a good job for the city. However, I feel the whole neighborhood will be destroyed by the monstrous housing with a huge parking lot plus the retail stores. Not that anyone cares, but this was supposed to be our retirement home! Joel Sipress told me that he thought it would be better than a strip mall. In my opinion, this is both. I am not against progress, but feel that this is too big a project for that intersection. I know money talks and we were lead to believe this is a "done deal" by project people, but I urge you to at least think about this and the wonderful neighborhood where children grew up. There must be a smaller project with minimal damage to Cleveland Street that could be accomplished. That intersection is already so busy!

I am sure that this letter will fall on deaf ears as the residents have NO say, but I felt that someone who actually knows the area and raised children there should tell the truth about the neighborhood. Imagine if this was your house or your parent's house.

Our property values will most likely plummet with the additional zoning change. What family wants to buy on this street now? There are so many underdeveloped areas in the city, even on Arrowhead Road from 53 to Aspenwood, that I wonder why this busy intersection is said to be the right place for this huge project.

Unfortunately, the residents don't have the money to fight this. We feel as this is the Red Plan being forced on us once again. Please, just spend some time on that corner and you will see what I mean. I am so saddened by the lack of concern for the residents on Cleveland Street and the whole area. I am also saddened that the residents are the ones to be adversely affected by it and no one seems to care. I know this letter will do no good, but just felt I needed to try to voice my opposition to this huge project.

Sincerely,
Barbara Hoffman