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Zoning Committee of the Saint Paul Planning Commission
City Council Chambers
3rd Floor, City Hall
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VIA EMAIL

To Whom It May Concern:

On January 27th, 2021, the Housing and Land Use Committee (“HLU”) of the Macalester Groveland Community Council (“MGCC”) held a public eMeeting via Zoom, at which it considered the application for a conditional use permit for 69’ 6” building height, a variance for front yard setback, and variance for rear yard setback (Reference No. 21-225-115), concerning the properties located at 1074-1096 James Avenue. At the time of this meeting, the application did not include variances for the west and east side yard setbacks. The applicant appeared to speak to the application and to answer questions.

Prior to the meeting, MGCC did not receive any letters in support or opposition to the application. Furthermore, 11 neighbors attended the public meeting but none spoke in favor or in opposition to the application.

After speaking with the applicant, considering neighborhood feedback, consulting the Macalester Groveland Long Range plan, and assessing the merits of the application, the HLU passed the following resolution by a final vote of 12-5, with 3 abstentions.

***** The Housing and Land Use Committee of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council recommends approval of the variance for front yard setback, variance for rear yard setback, and Conditional Use Permit for a height of 69’ 6” for the properties at 1074-1096 James Avenue. *****

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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