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Subject: Feedback on the 6726 Greenwood Ave property

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concerns about the project at 6726 Greenwood Ave. I have attended several of the public hearings to listen to the developer and after hearing them I am still not satisfied.

My number one concern is the lack of parking. There is none and does not sound like any will be built. The idea that everyone in the building does not have a car and that friends who come to visit don't have cars is unrealistic! The house I bought in 2005 does not have parking. Apparently the women who renovated the home tried to get a driveway permit and the city would not provide them with one. So, now my husband and I are looking into this option and are hoping the city has become more lenient. We learned today we will need at least 5 permits costing us thousands of dollars and then the project itself has been bid from \$10K to \$mid-20K. As a middle class family, this will hit hard, but we really think it is a necessity! I find it fascinating that the burden of cost is placed on me the home owner and the developer will profit significantly!

We are a family of 4 and have 2 cars. I work part-time at UW and my husband works downtown at Home Street Bank. We have 2 children. One of them is a 1 year old and parking has become a nightmare! Often when we get home from errands, the parking is so bad that we park blocks away and I try transporting my son while he is napping. When I bought this home in 2005, I could park in front of my house any day of the week. The density has changed, and this is no longer the case.

If our city had decent public transportation, I would gladly take it. Currently, it would take me 3 bus changes to get from my home to my job. I honestly could walk faster than the transportation we offer. The fact that nothing is being done for east and west commuting is pathetic! Now having a 1 year old, I need to be able to get to him if he needs me, and taking 3 buses would not be efficient.

Also, if you have ever taken the 5, you know that it is now standing room only! By adding 55 new riders, you completely overwhelm the already crowded 5. The new Isola building is also planning on their residents to use this already overcrowded bus. More routes need to be added, since we are apparently in urban corridor.

I also do not think \$1K a month for rent is affordable. If this is something we want, then why not make it actually affordable for folks. Also, the size of these units does not make for long-term rentals. We have several much more affordable apartments that have decent square footage. How is a family supposed to live in 275 square feet?

If we don't require underground parking in these buildings, it will be a lost opportunity. We can never revisit this decision. This is a lost opportunity forever. Imagine downtown SEA without parking. When you put that many people in one area, you need parking. The developer needs to make an investment today to support the infrastructure impact he is making on the community for the long term.

I actually cannot believe that we are having this discussion as I feel the people who profit are the developers. The neighborhood loses, our businesses lose, many of our already worn down streets lose... The city should not abdicate its responsibility for the realistic infrastructure demands of these residents.

Thanks for listening and I hope you hold the developers accountable. The profits they will see are going to be obscene.

Best,

Karen Leikin