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Please see comments below from Marian Hayes (seattlesmog@comcast.net)

Dear Magda Hogness,

I am writing in response to the EDG Proposal #2 posted on DCI's website 10/17/2016. None of the options shown in this proposal adequately respond to the requests and recommendations contained in the memo sent by you to Lucas Branham and Tony Fan on 10/5/2016.

Increasing the setback on Dewey Place E by 5 feet is not a good faith response to the community concern for a reasonable transition to single family housing.

The board also requested an option that showed how the existing tree canopy might be preserved. None of the options honor this request, as the canopy would not survive with the disturbance to their roots that would happen.

The board requested that the architect and developer communicate with the community. They did not reach out to the community. Furthermore, community efforts to engage them in a dialogue were rebuffed.

None of the options presented in the second version of the proposal has a community space as was requested by the community and strongly suggested by the board.

No alternative to an above ground parking garage (on Dewey) has been offered. Rather than moving the garage underground, it remains exposed to the public on the eastern side of the site. Furthermore, the pedestrian experience on the eastern side of the building appears to be overwhelming and oppressive.

I am disappointed in the EDG Proposal #2. It does not treat the community's concerns or the board's recommendations and requests with the seriousness they deserve.

I am wondering, finally, why this neighborhood has to be decimated, the peoples comments ignored, the tree canopy removed, and "Big Business" moving into Seattle and recreating our homes into something not necessarily wanted, asked for, and detrimental to what our citizenry wants, needs and expects. Also, the zoning laws have been ignored and the 74 foot tall structure will possibly be seen clear up on 23rd Ave. E. and E. Madison. I think that all that parking should be located below ground so the neighborhood can be preserved, the zoning laws will be honored, and the people living in the neighborhood can still feel peace and equanimity instead of staring at a 74 foot concrete structure 24/7. I am appalled that Big Business thinks they can move into an area without speaking with the citizenry! Communication is everything in working toward a goal. I believe that if this company continues to refuse to speak with the people involved, then said company be refused entry to the community!