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**Sent:** Sunday, January 10, 2016 5:31 PM  
**To:** PRC  
**Cc:** O'Brien, Mike  
**Subject:** Project 3020114, 6726 GREENWOOD AVE N

Dear Planners,

I am opposed to the proposed project located at 6726 Greenwood Ave N. The developer's plan to provide zero on-site parking is **unrealistic** and will increase **traffic, parking, and safety** concerns on already-crowded neighborhood streets.

**Unrealistic:** I commute via Metro daily despite cold, rainy weather and frequently overcrowded and unpleasant rides on the E-Line. I walk to local businesses. However, due to busy and conflicting daily schedules, my family of four drivers uses multiple cars. If our regional public transportation system were as fast, safe, and clean as those of major cities in Europe and Japan, where car ownership is unnecessary, then zero on-site parking would be less unrealistic. The bottom line is that the plan needs to include one on-site parking space per unit.

**Traffic, parking, and safety:** We are fortunate to have vibrant community centers and businesses nearby. Traffic is already a challenge, for example, 67<sup>th</sup> St. between Greenwood and Palatine is often clogged as it is a one lane road due to cars parked on both sides of the street. Phinney Ave N jogs to become Greenwood Ave N, and as density and traffic increase, pedestrian safety becomes a growing concern. To catch the #5 bus downtown, safely crossing Greenwood Ave N at 68<sup>th</sup> St. is a challenge. Pedestrian safety and traffic improvements on this particular block should be planned and funded in parallel with this project. On-street parking for customers of El Chupacabra, Mai Thaiku, Stumbling Goat, Ed's Kort Haus, Starbucks, Red Mill Burgers, and In the Red is very scarce. As currently proposed, the project at 6726 Greenwood Avenue will increase competition for parking and push additional traffic into the residential streets, increasing pedestrian safety concerns.

Sincerely,

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