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**From:** Laura Markley <laura@ignatz.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 1:39 PM  
**To:** PRC  
**Subject:** Project #3020114, 6726 GREENWOOD AVE N

Planning Review Committee members:

My husband and I have lived on 1st Ave NW for nearly 18 years. We have enjoyed the recent influx of new restaurants and businesses. At the same time, we have observed newly built retail spaces that were leased to businesses that failed quickly or that have remained unleased for years due in part to a lack of parking for customers. Some of these long-empty retail spaces are directly across the street from the site of project #3020114.

The proposed plan, including 56 microhousing units, 4,000 sq. ft. of commercial space and no parking, will not serve the building's residents or the neighborhood well. Although this location enjoys good bus service to and from downtown, these buses are full at peak times of day and cannot absorb an additional 56 to 112 riders. In addition, there is no east-west service from this location so the building's residents will have cars-- maybe not each resident as we do have Zip Cars and Car2Go services, but parking in this area will be heavily impacted. I've watched similar gentrification in Ballard over the last 5 to 10 years and now think twice before I go to that neighborhood. I haven't gone to Capitol Hill for years, not because I don't care to frequent the restaurants, shops, theaters and other destinations there but because parking is a total nightmare.

This is a highly residential neighborhood.

There are all kinds of bikes, strollers, trikes, toddlers, dogs, runners and walkers on the streets and sidewalks. There are also many, many parked cars on the streets because so many of the houses were built in the 1920s with no garages or garages too small for 21st century vehicles.

At this point in the design process, it is possible to include at least some parking in the project. I urge you to do this for the benefit of the project and of the surrounding neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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