

St. Anthony Park Community Council Land Use Committee 890 Cromwell Avenue St. Paul, Minnesota 55114

October 4, 2015

RE: Land Use Committee Meeting – October 1, 2015

Dear Mr. Seth Levin,

Ecumen would like to respond with our understanding and our work plan moving forward following the Land Use Committee update on October 1, 2015. In those meetings, the community asked for:

- A larger forum to participate,
- Additional background and perspective regarding the project,
- And more frequent communication.

Ecumen welcomes these opportunities and looks forward to understanding how we can ensure new and vital housing options are delivered to St. Anthony Park and St. Paul.

On Monday, October 5, Ecumen will announce four neighborhood Listening Workshops (these will be inclusive of the Seminary community), including an additional workshop specifically for the St. Paul Park Lutheran Church congregation. The workshops will feature interactive and iterative exercises to gain additional neighborhood insight and to prioritize feedback. The workshop dates are October 13, October 20 and October 27, 2015. Ecumen in concert with Luther Seminary has a follow-up meeting with Pastor Glen Berg Moberg of St. Anthony Park Luther Church, on October 6 and at that time will determine the best date to host the church workshop. If necessary, additional workshops may be scheduled in early November.

Ecumen will also work with the St. Anthony Park Community Council Land Use Committee Staff to distribute an electronic survey to capture insights and rank individual's priorities. This survey will be available on October 12, 2015.

Moving forward Ecumen will plan to attend and provide updates to the Land Use Committee on a monthly basis through the entitlement process with the City of St. Paul.



Ecumen is committed to gaining strong neighborhood support of our work in St. Anthony Park and will continue to work with Luther Seminary to that end. I welcome your input regarding the aforementioned plan though we will announce our initiatives to the Community on the morning of Monday, October 5. Please contact me directly at (651) 315-4767 should you want to discuss further.

Thank you again for your work on behalf of the neighborhood. I look forward to returning to update the Land Use Committee in November.

Sincerely,

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