

July 14, 2022

RE: Rezoning of Unity Temple to B2-2
Case No. CD-CPC-2022-00065

Subsequent to the July 6 presentation by the Unity Temple, located at 707 W. 47th St., the PWNA Board supports rezoning of the property to B2-2 with a maximum height of 45 feet consistent with the Midtown Plaza Area Plan.

On behalf of the PWNA, I urge the City Planning Commission to continue supporting the Midtown Plaza Area Plan and its Plaza Bowl concept. The MPAP is a collective achievement between City officials, citizens, and businesses that preserves and protects the unique and iconic features of the Country Club Plaza and its surrounding neighborhoods. We depend upon the City to faithfully uphold this consensual Area Plan.

Grateful for your service to the greater good,



Robert Martin

Resolution Adopted July 13, 2022
Parkway Towers Condominium Board of Managers
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Whereas, a core group of owners and residents (“Task Force”) have met and conferred with counsel and representatives of Unity Temple, located at 707 W. 47th St. (“Unity Temple”) to consider their request to rezone that site from a residential district R-0.5, with a potential substantial height, to a commercial district B2-2 with a maximum height of 45 feet, and have urged the Board of Managers of the Parkway Tower Condominium Association (the “BOM”) to support the rezoning request by Unity Temple;

Whereas, the Task Force, BOM and others supported the adoption of the Midtown Plaza Area Plan (“MPAP”) to preserve the character and integrity of the Plaza by maintaining the Plaza Bowl concept, to protect the property values and expectations of Plaza property owners, residents and visitors;

Whereas, the Unity Temple’s rezoning request would implement a maximum height of 45 feet, which is consistent with the Plaza Bowl concept of the MPAP;

Whereas, Unity Temple has been advised by City staff that the B2-2 zoning is needed to enable it to utilize the now unoccupied lower space of its existing facility that was a former restaurant space in that capacity and/or as a culinary school;

Whereas, permitting Unity Temple to utilize that space will strengthen its ability to sustain itself and continue to serve our surrounding neighborhood and the broader metropolitan community;

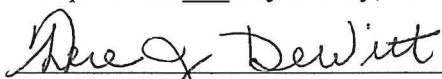
Whereas, Unity Temple has been asked by Historic Kansas City to consider applying to place this structure on the local register of historic places as a safeguard in the future if a subsequent owner desired to demolish the structure and redevelop the property for one of the broader uses permitted under B2-2 and representatives of Unity Temple are willing to learn more about the possibility of applying for a listing on the local register of historic places, and possibly working with Historic Kansas City to apply; and

Whereas, based on the observations of the Task Force, the BOM, on behalf of the Parkway Towers Condominium Association, wishes to evidence its support for the rezoning to B2-2 for the Unity Temple;

Now therefore the Board is Resolved that:

The Board of Managers of the Parkway Towers Condominium Association, Inc. encourages City officials to approve the rezoning to B2-2 of the Unity Temple site which would have a maximum height that is consistent with the Midtown Plaza Area Plan.

Adopted this 13 day of July, 2022



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Unity Temple is a beautiful building and the flagship of a denomination which was started, right here in Kansas City, over a century ago. The Temple has proudly occupied the corner of 47th and Jefferson for nearly 75 years, and has been a safe-haven, and peaceful refuge for many generations of Kansas City faithful. We would love to see this church designated on the register of historic places.

The South Plaza Neighborhood Association is pleased to **support** Unity Temple's request for **rezoning** of the property to B2-2 with a maximum height of 45 feet consistent with the Midtown Plaza Area Plan.

We understand that their request will afford them the possibility of opening a restaurant and/or a culinary school. This move would greatly enhance the church's ability to continue to sustain itself financially.

We appreciate your consideration and generous commitment of time to ensuring that we all get to live in a beautiful and prosperous city.

Sincerely,

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Kate Marshall
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