

January 16, 2023

Re: 221066 & 221067 (CD-CPC-2022-00184)

Dear Neighborhood Planning & Development Committee,

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association joins in the request made by the Old Hyde Park District Board in asking that the above matters be continued to allow for sufficient time for the neighborhood, community, developer, and City staff to address the serious consequences of the proposed development.

This development will have a broad impact on the Old Hyde Park neighborhood and its residents. One preliminary meeting has been held in which City staff proposed resolutions that would require fundamental changes to the fabric and operation of the neighborhood as it has existed for well over 100 years. Changes like this should not be made rashly, nor should they be considered and made under the duress of an impending vote, or after the development has been approved.

Neighborhoods and their residents deserve a voice in the development process. It is imperative that the Council allow time and opportunity for the community to be heard and to participate in finding solutions that are best for all parties involved. To date, that has not occurred with this development. The request for time to work through concerns about a project is not unusual. It is routinely requested and granted with development proposals across Kansas City. There should be no exception for this project, particularly to the detriment of neighborhoods.

We respectfully request that these matters be continued until such a time sufficient to allow Old Hyde Park to work with the developer and City staff on actual resolution of their concerns.

Sincerely.

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