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To: DCOZ - ZC Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Regarding case 14-18A: Brookland Manor

Hello,

My name is Luke Cieslewicz and I live at 1722 Girard St NE. I am writing today in regards to the Mid City Financial work that is planned for the site which currently houses Brookland Manor.

I would like to voice my concerns about this project and its impact on affordable housing in general and the current residents specifically.

I have read reports of current management intimidating tenants and generally making their home a worse place to live. This needs to stop so that the tenants can continue to live in peace.

I am also concerned about the quantity and type of affordable units being put in the new construction. Not only will the developer be eliminating about 180 affordable units, the ones they are building out will not have the same capacity as the current units. Many families depend on these units that have 3 or more bedrooms, and these will be eliminated in the developers current plans.

In addition, I would request that the developer grant access to employment opportunities for residents of Brookland Manor so that they can help to build up their own community.

Finally, I would implore the commission to consider the living situation of the tenants while the development is going on. I understand that in order to build the new units, the old ones will need to be destroyed. However, there needs to be a plan in place to keep the people currently living in Brookland Manor housed during this process.

In summary, I would request that Mid-City Financial:

- Preserve the number and size of units currently in Brookland Manor in their new development
- Account for the housing needs of those currently living in Brookland Manor during construction
- Grant the current residents access to employment opportunities through the development process.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Take care,

Luke

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