

Good evening Chairman Hood and Commissioners:

My name is Baktash Ahadi and I live at 617 Park Rd NW. I am here today to express my support for the redevelopment of the Bruce Monroe/ Park Morton Site and the tremendous impact that this redevelopment will have on the residents of Park Morton and the larger community.

TELL THEM ABOUT YOURSELF – I am a resident of Park View. I have lived in my home since 2014. I own my home and want to see the community prosper. Professionally, I have served the United States as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Africa and served in Afghanistan for three years as an interpreter for the US Marines from 2010-2013. I am currently an instructor for the Department of State on matters related to Afghanistan. I believe in service, community and progress. I am active in the community. I participate in clean up efforts, promoting new business in the neighborhood and buy local as often as possible.

TELL THEM WHY THIS PROJECT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU - The redevelopment of Park Morton is important to me because it will create a neighborhood that is safer for its residents, especially on Park Road, where I live. Moreover, it will attract greater commercial interest to the neighborhood, which will lead to greater amount of jobs, first and foremost, for the local residents. Lastly, the redevelopment of Park Morton will beautify the neighborhood, which will make the local residents proud to be members of the community. For these reasons, I believe the redevelopment of Park Morton, starting with the first phase of development at the Bruce Monroe Park, is an overall positive endeavor.

CONCLUSION – thank the Commissioners for their time, and reaffirm your commitment to supporting the project and your hope that they will also support the project.