Lehrke, Teri

From:

Schnick, Andrea

Sent:

Friday, May 26, 2017 8:56 AM

To:

Lehrke, Teri; Elsen, Nikki

Subject:

FW: Redevelopment proposal, Campbell Rd

Please see below regarding resolution 17-0547

From: Josh Miner [mailto:jwminer@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 8:49 PM

To: Schnick, Andrea

Cc: Kabat, Tim; Marshall, David

Subject: Redevelopment proposal, Campbell Rd

To whom it may concern:

As both a resident of, and business owner in, the Grandview Emerson neighborhood (I live at 2225 State St and am a part owner of Greengrass Cafe), I just wanted to write expressing my family's support for the 360 Real Estate proposal that is evidently coming before the planning commission next week. (My understanding is that there is a second proposal, involving an Olson company which I am not familiar with, and am neither endorsing nor protesting here -- I have no information about the Olson proposal on which to make an informed judgement. In fact, it appears as though there is no actual proposal associated with that petition.)

Wherever I see 360 Real Estate projects in La Crosse during my over 10 years as a resident, I see quality projects that improve and enhance our City and my neighborhood. Our family is a UWL family (my wife is a professor), and we appreciate the way 360 Real Estate has filled a very important need for student housing in the University area in a positive and exciting way. I am frankly envious of those students (and others) who get to live in places like Aguilera, and wish we had more multi-unit buildings like them.

We already have multi-unit student rentals in my neighborhood and I think that is great, even if I'm not such a fan of the condition of some of them. The problem as I see it isn't with student housing or multi-unit housing, per se, but with low-quality housing stock that is poorly maintained, and which breeds a lack of respect and care among renters. Who can blame young people for acting poorly when they are forced by circumstance to live in squalor? I certainly was guilty of this when I was an undergrad in my 20s, and shudder to think of what my neighbors thought of me.

The 360 Real Estate redevelopment proposal for Campbell Rd near 21st St looks just wonderful. Whether those units are eventually filled by young professionals who'd like to live in this neighborhood but who can't afford to buy a home, or by people like my mother-in-law who is looking to downsize from her house near the Hogan Administration building, or by students, our neighborhood will be improved as a direct result.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Josh Miner (and family) 2225 State St