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To Whom It May Concern: Re: Park Rezoning

I am fortunate to live at RiverPlace Apartments with a great view of the International Friendship Gardens. Every day I witness people of all ages enjoying the beauty of the gardens and the park along the Mississippi River. I am gratified to see how much our community enjoys this public area and I am proud of our city for providing it.

Understanding that the city wants to maximize the use of the historic Fish Hatchery Building and adjacent garage, my concerns are focused on the desire to see the area remain open and available to all of the people in our community. Wondering if the building could be used as educational facilities or the library, senior center, or a small "market place" that could serve as a visitor center, gift, coffee, ice cream shop?

Rumor has it that it could be a wedding venue, air B & B and beer garden all of which theoretically make business sense. The devil, I believe is in the details, as the hours of business, the traffic, parking issues, late night revelers, potential damage to the gardens or other park facilities may well be unintentional consequences. Not that anyone would want those things to happen, only that they COULD happen. Hopefully, those fears will never be realized and there will be plan for the use of the building that we are all excited and happy about.

I urge you to develop a plan with the spirit of the open, available, and accessible park that we now enjoy.

Thank you for seeking our input and listening to our concerns.

Dr. Karen N Gleason

Riverplace Apt Resident.