



April 12, 2024

Board of Zoning Appeals,

The Midway Chamber of Commerce is appreciative of recent votes in support of United Village by the Saint Paul City Council, including at last week's meeting when they reversed a decision by the Planning Commission. We believe these decisions help advance the 2016 master plan related to the proposed development, United Village. At the April 15 BZA meeting, you will review two important items related to this site:

24-023058 and 24--023545

The Midway Chamber is eager to see increased economic growth in the Midway. The current United Village development plan encompasses several areas and features marked as "future development," and we look forward to remaining engaged as this project moves along. We ask the developer and the City to ensure that economic development benefits for the Midway are integrated into United Village, specifically benefiting existing Midway businesses and employees, creating space for new Midway small businesses, yielding new job opportunities for Midway residents, new business opportunities for Midway businesses, and expanding amenities for surrounding neighborhoods.

We also ask that the City and the leadership of the United Village strengthen engagement with those who will be affected by this development as plans continue; a recent example was the community meeting March 14 at Allianz Field. Continued engagement with all stakeholders is crucial in order to achieve our common goal of making the Midway business community and neighborhood stronger. The Midway Chamber of Commerce stands ready as always to convene further conversations about economic development in and near the important Snelling-University intersection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chad Kulas", is written above the printed name.

Chad Kulas
Executive Director