



HDC Resolution to Support the Variance(s) Requested for 900 Old Lexington Ave and 915 Albion Street

WHEREAS the applicant for the existing buildings at 900 Old Lexington and 915 Albion, Wedum Lexington LLC, is requesting setback variances from the City of Saint Paul zoning code, in order to construct a pedestrian bridge between the two senior living buildings, with the following variances:

- 900 Old Lexington Ave -A minimum setback of 10' from the property line is required, the proposed pedestrian bridge will extend over Lexington Parkway South resulting in a 0' setback from the eastern property line, for a variance of 10'.
- 915 Albion Street -A minimum setback of 10' from the property line is required, the proposed pedestrian bridge will extend over Lexington Parkway South resulting in a 0' setback from the western property line, for a variance of 10'.

WHEREAS the Community Development Committee (CDC) of the Highland District Council (HDC) met with the applicant and a few neighbors on July 16, 2024 to review and discuss the application; and

WHEREAS the pedestrian walkway bridge setback variance will allow the residents of each building to have connectivity, social interactions, and access to amenities that exist in either building; and

WHEREAS a few residents of the Lexington Landing Phase I brought the issue of dangerous pedestrian crossings on Lexington to the HDC Transportation Committee in January of 2023 and at that meeting the HDC invited Essential Decisions Inc. , Ramsey County and the Wedum Foundation , where a pedestrian bridge was discussed, but seemed very expensive to retro-fit into the existing building; and

WHEREAS the Wedum Foundation has found a way to fund this project and invest in the Lexington Landing community; and

WHEREAS over 65+ neighbors have signed a written letter to the Ward 3 Council member supporting this project; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland District Council's Development Committee recommends the approval of the variances listed above, as presented to the Committee on July 16, 2024.

Approved July 16, 2024

By the Development Committee of the Highland District Council

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