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Subject: Re: Demolition of the Snelling & University CVS: Take Action Today
Date: Monday, September 29, 2025 11:21:53 PM

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To whom it may concern,
I'm in favor of building demolition if that's on the table. It sucks to have this in the neighborhood.
Thanks,
Sarah
1247 seminary ave.

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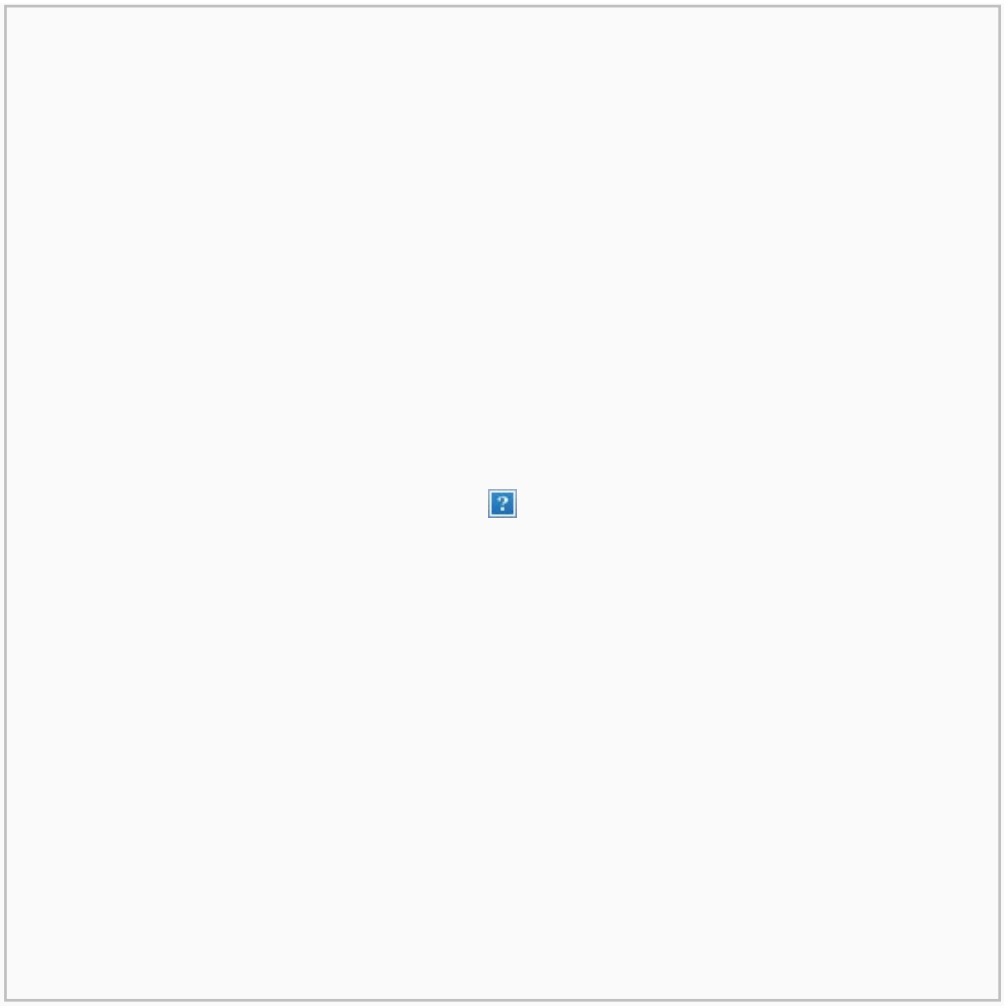


For more than three years, the vacant CVS at Snelling & University has stood as a symbol of neglect in our neighborhood.

Now, the City is moving forward with hearings that will decide its future — and we need your voice at the table.

Since its closure on Friday April 1st 2022, the CVS property has generated more than 100 complaints for trash, vandalism, drug use, thousands of discarded sharps/foils, and break-ins.

This building, in its current state, is unsafe, unsightly, and unfit for our neighborhood.

It diminishes the aesthetics of the Snelling–University intersection, erodes community pride, and undermines the sense of safety and

dignity neighbors deserve to feel in Hamline Midway.

Neighbors and HMC have pushed for accountability every step of the way — from petitions and public meetings, to direct advocacy with the Department of Safety & Inspections (DSI).

This summer, DSI declared the property a nuisance site, subject to demolition if conditions aren't corrected.

That means the upcoming Legislative Hearing (Sept. 30, 9:00 AM) and City Council Hearing (Nov. 5, 3:30 PM) will determine whether this corner remains a monument to neglect — or becomes the start of something brand new for Hamline Midway.

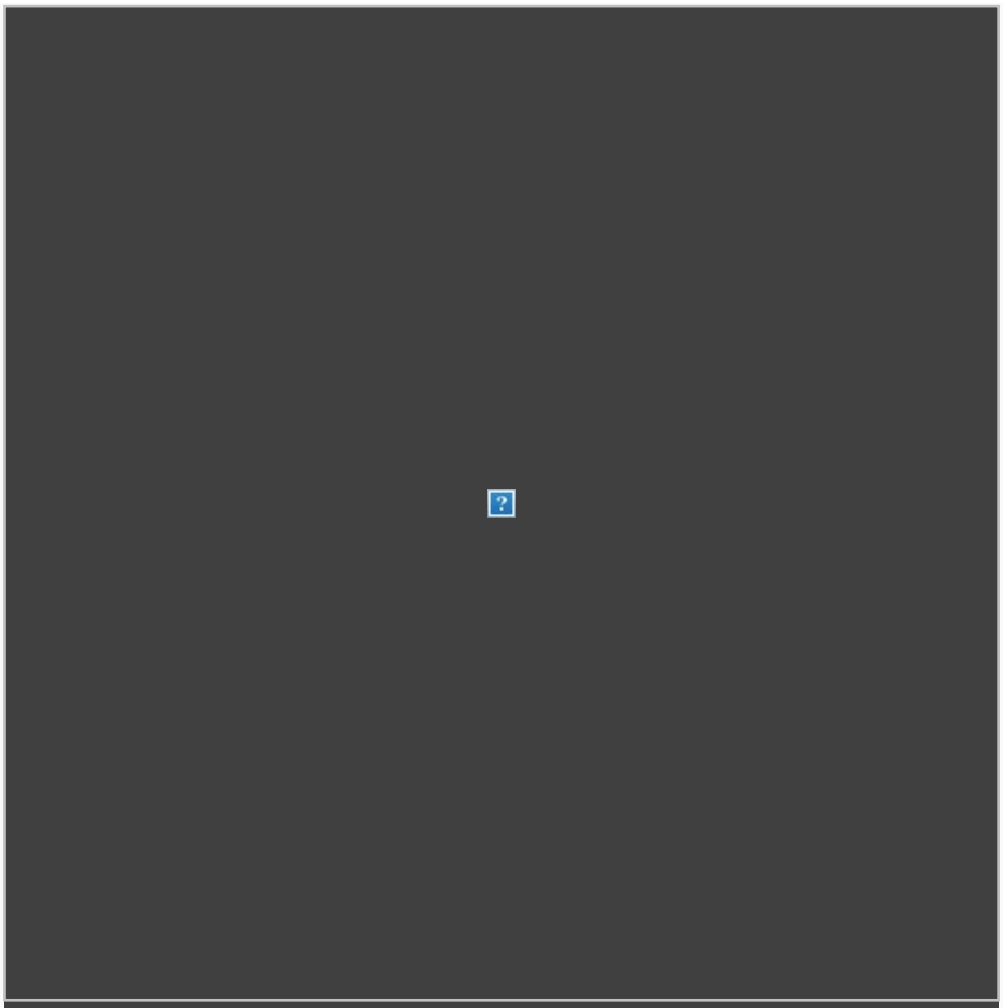
HMC is urging the City to demolish this property as it longer serves our neighbors, our neighborhood's ten-year plan, or the broader city.

We're asking all of our neighbors to take action by submitting public comments to amplify the voice of the neighborhood. Your testimony becomes part of the official public record, and every voice matters.

Email: legislativehearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us
Phone: 651-266-8585

Comments will be accepted through the September 30 hearing and up until the City Council decision on November 5.

Please email or call today and tell the City why you think the Snelling & University CVS needs to go!



The boarded up former CVS is seen through the wings of the new Loon statue at the corner of Snelling and University Avenues in the Midway neighborhood of St. Paul. (Leila Navidi/The Minnesota Star Tribune)

Looking To The Future for Snelling & University

The neighbor lead organizing around the vacant CVS had been a big part of HMC's work as we launched the Stabilize Snelling & University Campaign back in 2024, which called for stronger accountability for vacant properties, improved safety at Green Line stations, more outreach for unhoused neighbors, and the transformation of vacant sites into community assets.

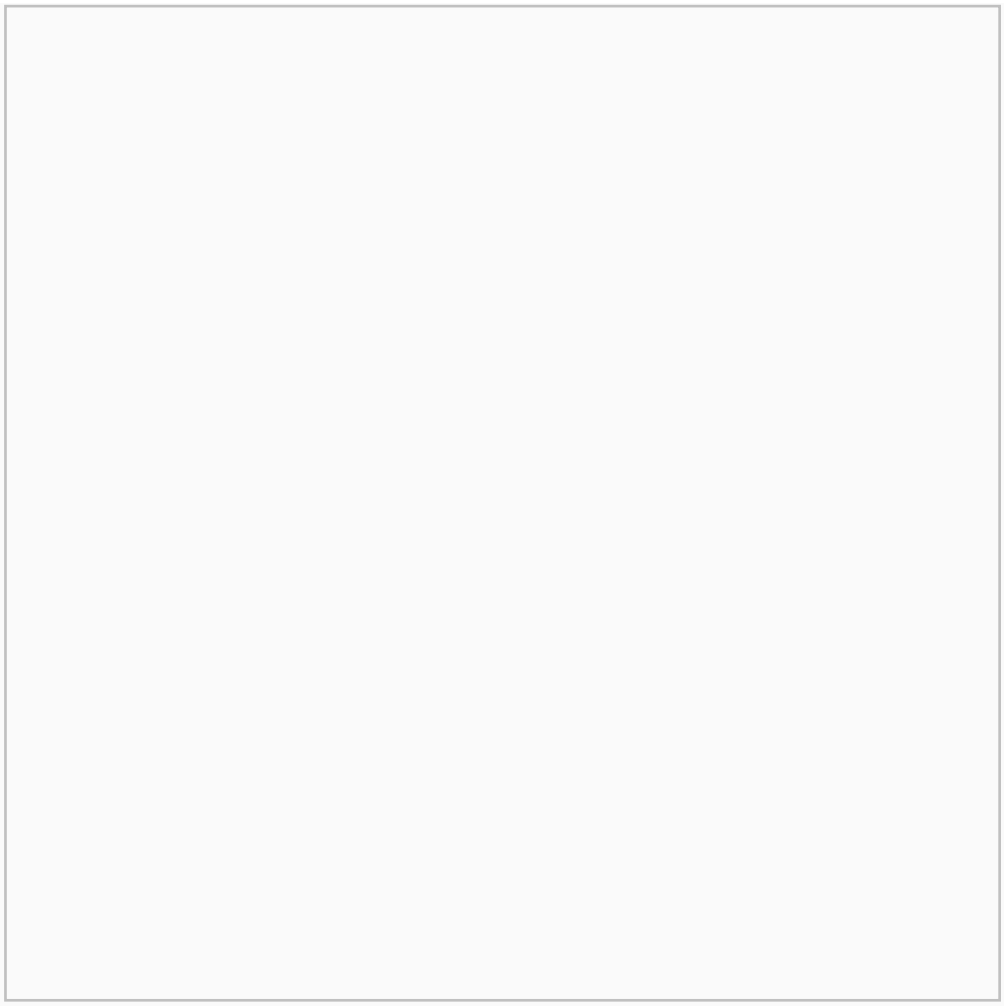
That work has now grown into a new partnership: the Snelling & University Alliance — co-founded by the Hamline Midway Coalition, Union Park District Council, the Midway Chamber of Commerce, and African Economic Development Solutions.

The Alliance brings stakeholders together across the borders of organizations, jurisdictions, wards, and neighborhoods.

- **The mission** is to help make connections and work collaboratively to support the commercial and residential areas surrounding the intersection of Snelling Ave and University Ave in Saint Paul.
- **The vision** is to create a vibrant and sustainable community through collective action. The SUA is dedicated to fostering a thriving environment where our entire community can flourish together.

With support from a Ramsey County planning grant, the Alliance is creating a Cohesive Vision Plan to revitalize Snelling & University — centering equity, accountability, sustainability, and community voice.

There's plenty of work ahead, and we'd love to stay connected as it unfolds. If you'd like to support the Alliance as an individual, business, or organizational representative — or simply receive future updates — click here.



While we work together to take action on the CVS site, let's also celebrate the new and longstanding businesses that make this neighborhood strong.

Join us at our next Monthly Midway Meetup at Mama's Market & Deli in Little Africa Plaza on Thursday October 23rd from 6-8:00PM. Meet your neighbors, support a brand new local business, and celebrate all the things we love about Hamline Midway!

Thank you for continuing to show up for our neighborhood. The strength of Hamline Midway has always been its people — neighbors who care, speak out, and take action together.

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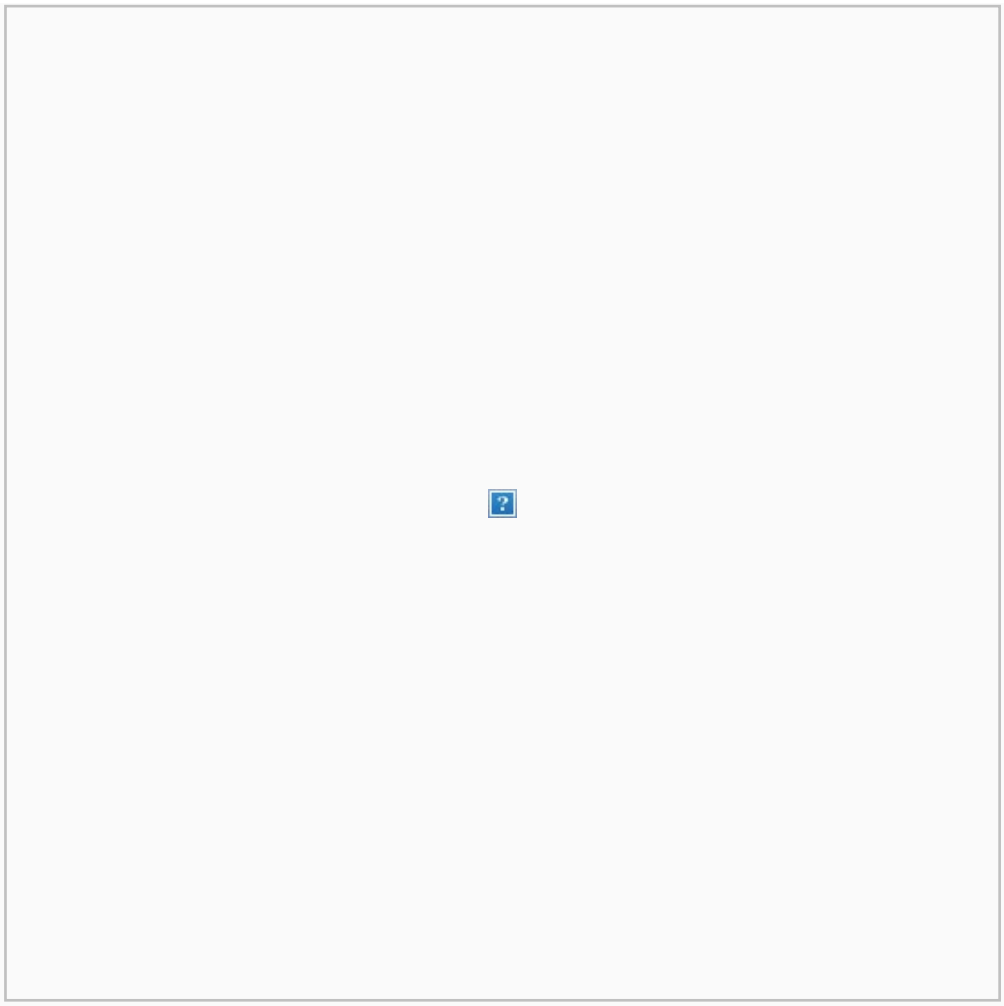
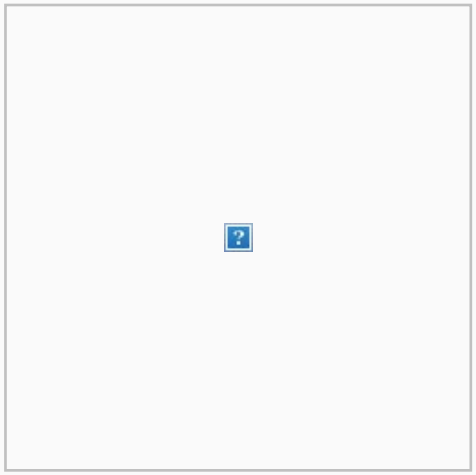
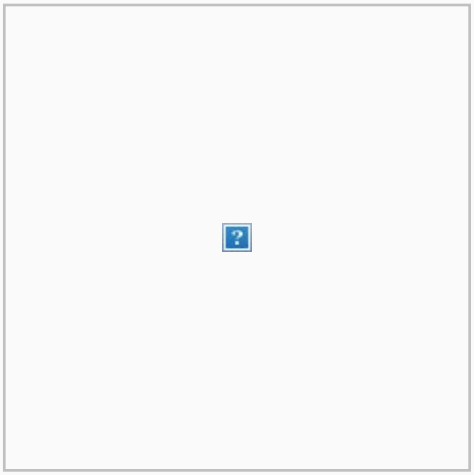
Hamline Midway Coalition







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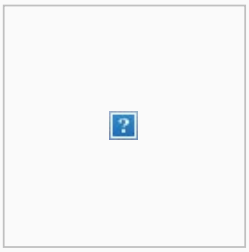
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