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Thank you for hearing our concerns regarding the development of the old Fire Station 21 on Mount Pleasant Road today. We would kindly ask your consideration as this item goes before the full Council on Tuesday, September 27:

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- We appreciate to know of your intent to request that terms be added to the “exclusive negotiating agreement” with Habitat for Humanity that ensures community engagement, accountability to the City’s development plan, alignment with the existing neighborhood aesthetic and sincere effort to provide maximal “community benefit”
- Further, the terms should mandate to allow the community to realistically advocate for layout considerations that include adequate parking, frontage greenery, community space, affordability, and preferential availability to community members
- Lastly, we seek acknowledgment that the process that we are witnessing is unfortunately disingenuous with respect to the declaration of desired community involvement. Without explanation to the Mount Pleasant community in 2018, the land was sold according to State mandates. No amount of community input **requires** Habitat for Humanity to reconsider their original plans

Respectfully,

The Full Board of the Mount Pleasant Neighborhood Association

Additionally, it is noted that details for Firestation #21 in the presentation, do not list any considerations for onsite parking or attached garages for 8 townhouses. This further disregards the community as Mt. Pleasant Rd. will be impacted by the addition of 16+ cars on the residential neighborhood street.

While we support building affordable housing, the city needs to ensure that existing residents are engaged and informed throughout the process, that new developments are thoughtfully designed, and the existing neighborhoods are minimally impacted.

Thank you.

Melissa Got-Lopez
Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association - President
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