

Item 8 - Correspondence

From: [Daniel Marcin](#)
To: [MCP-Chair](#)
Subject: Dec 15, Item 8: Fully support
Date: Sunday, December 11, 2022 10:40:55 PM

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Hello,

In response to the 8th agenda item for the December 15, 2022 meeting, pasted below,

1910 University Senior Housing, Preliminary Plan No. 120210230 (Public Hearing)

Item 8 Request to create two lots, one for an existing Religious Assembly use and one for a proposed 90-unit Independent Living Facility for Seniors; on approximately 3.56 acres zoned R-60; within the 2012 Wheaton CBD and Vicinity Sector Plan area.
Staff Recommendation: Approval with Conditions

E. Tettelbaum

I am just writing to reiterate my full support for the quick and painless approval of all items related to this project. I am a neighbor and I am especially looking forward to the new buffered sidewalk and the pedestrian/bicycle path connecting University and Reedie.

Thank you for your service to the greatest county in the nation.

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From: [Alison Gillespie](#)
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Subject: Support for the Senior Housing Project at 1910 University Blvd
Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 8:57:19 AM

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I am writing to say that I very much support the proposed senior housing development planned for 1910 University Boulevard. I see that this one is on the agenda for this week's meeting.

I live close by and often drive, walk and ride my bike in the vicinity of this property.

I am happy about this development and support it for several reasons:

- 1) We need more housing. Period.
- 2) This is the ideal location for senior housing especially because it is close to houses of worship for many different religions as well as shops and doctor's offices. When my own parents became seniors and needed housing it was EXTREMELY difficult to find anything with real walkability and it would have been wonderful if my mom and dad could have gone to church or shopped without need for a car in the final years of their life. Instead they felt trapped in a location that was far from everything and not walkable. It was incredibly unhealthy.
- 3) This site puts seniors near existing mass transit. That is good for the same reasons stated above. We should be building housing and amenities near mass transit and making the most of our pre-existing investments in our infrastructure.
- 4) I really love that there's a huge benefit to the community in the planned connector between University and Reddie as noted in the bicycle master plan. The neighborhoods behind here have long been isolated and cut off from this important corridor -- building this connector will make it easier for many people to access amenities north of here, including Wheaton Regional Park. There are lots of great paved trails that connect and the Wheaton Regional Park plans for many family-friendly amenities to be added to what is already a phenomenal place to visit. The connector will make it easier for lots of people to access the park via those connector trails without using a car.
- 5) I am really happy about the proposal to beef up the sidewalk and make it more pedestrian friendly on this property. Integrating this property into the neighborhood is a really good idea, but also University Boulevard is very hostile to pedestrians currently and any small pieces we can get that will make it safer for those who need to walk to school or municipal buses are valuable and deeply appreciated.
- 6) I believe that building this facility will meet several of the goals stated in Thrive 2050. The only thing that would make this better is if it was housing for all ages. I do hope more housing will be placed along this corridor and that we will continue to make this area more walkable and bikeable and in general more livable for more people.

Thanks for your time and attention.

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