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Re: Neighborhood meeting concerning project at S. Thornton Ave., Jenifer Street and Cantwell Court

Dear Messrs. Schmidt and Jarugumilli:

The Marquette Neighborhood Association Board of Directors is writing to follow-up on the meeting of April 13, 2009 concerning your project located at S. Thornton Ave., Cantwell Court, and Jenifer Street.

As stated in our letter of January 26th, we still support the objective of rehabbing the 3 existing structures that abut Jenifer Street to include four, two-floor condo units in each building. The board restates its view that it is important that significant additional progress be made on rehabbing the three existing structures before commencement of Phase II of your proposal. The lack of progress on the rehab of the existing structures is of concern to the neighborhood board and the board feels that the condition of the buildings should be improved prior to the undertaking of additional projects at the site. There must be a firm commitment to bring the three buildings very close to habitable condition prior to expansion of the project (proposed Phase II).

In addition, we noted that a number of participants at the meeting had concerns about the large mass of the proposed new building at 430 S. Thornton. The board prefers that you do not move the house at 430 S. Thornton Ave. If the city approves moving the house, we would not support a new structure with more massing than any of the individual existing structures on Jenifer Street. We also encourage you to pursue a small-car-only garage so that the footprint of the structure can be minimized. The concerns of the neighbors on Cantwell Court should be taken into account when deciding on final massing for the new structure.

Thank you for working with us concerning your project.

Sincerely,

/Scott B. Thornton/

Scott B. Thornton, President
On behalf of the Board of Directors
Marquette Neighborhood Association

cc:
MNA Board, P&D, Cantwell Neighbors, City Planning,