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Janelle Widmeier, Senior City Planner
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Re: Rand Tower – 527 Marquette Avenue – Certificate of Appropriateness application

Dear Janelle:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association regarding the Rand Tower's Certificate of Appropriateness application for 527 Marquette Avenue. Elizabeth Gales from Hess, Roise and Company presented the application to the DMNA Land Use Committee on August 6.

Gales explained that the purpose for the Certificate of Appropriateness application is to allow for the rehabilitation of the building in order to convert it into a hotel. She reviewed the rehabilitation plans, as well as architectural drawings for the addition on the roof of the Annex building. She noted that the application includes new light, signage and flagpoles. She stated that the owners of the property are seeking Federal and State Historic Tax Credits to help pay for the rehabilitation of the building.

After some questions and discussion, the DMNA LUC recommended providing a letter of support for the Rand Tower's Certificate of Appropriateness application for 527 Marquette Avenue. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at christie@thedmna.org, or 320-583-4573.

Kind regards,

Christie Rock Hantge
DMNA Neighborhood Coordinator

CC: Elizabeth Gales, Hess, Roise and Company
Council Member Steve Fletcher
Joe Tamburino, DMNA Board Chair
Kevin Frazell, DMNA Land Use Committee Chair