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The DMNA Land Use Committee works to promote a safe, active, and welcoming public realm; a stable, civically engaged residential neighborhood; and architecturally distinctive urban design.

July 8, 2021

Mr. John Smoley
City of Minneapolis
CPED – Land Use, Design and Preservation
250 South 4th Street, Room 300
Minneapolis, MN 55415

RE: 600 and 700 2nd Street South (Stone Arch and Washburn Lofts) – Certificate of Appropriateness Application

Dear Mr. Smoley:

I am writing on behalf of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association's Land Use Committee (DMNA LUC) **to express our support for the Stone Arch and Washburn Lofts Certificate of Appropriateness application to install accessory structures, fences, signage, landscaping, pavers, lighting, and related features.** Han Zhang from O2 Design presented to the DMNA Land Use Committee (LUC) on July 6, 2021.

Ms. Zhang explained that the site renovation project goals are to better manage pedestrian traffic through the breezeway of the two Lofts, creating a safer and more secure space for residents and visitors; to redefine the relationship with the Mill City Museum to ensure the integrity of private lofts' space on the riverside; and to repair and improve the parking lot and surrounding green space that have fallen into disrepair.

After the presentation and subsequent question and answer period, the Land Use Committee recommended unanimous support for the project. The committee strongly believes that this will be a wonderful improvement to the properties that will greatly benefit the surrounding neighborhood. The committee wants to specifically note that they support the gate at the 2nd Street entrance and the fact that it will be closed overnight.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at christie@thedmna.org, or 320-583-4573.

Sincerely,

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DMNA Neighborhood Coordinator

CC: Han Zhang, O2 Design
Council Member Steve Fletcher
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