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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.

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

RE: Brill Building (20 4th Street N.) – Certificate of Appropriateness Application

Dear Mr. Skalecki:

I am writing on behalf of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association's Land Use Committee (DMNA LUC) **to express our support for the Brill Building's Certificate of Appropriateness application for exterior repair and restoration work.** Michael Roehr from RoehrSchmitt Architecture and building owner Dennis Buchanan presented to the DMNA Land Use Committee (LUC) on July 6, 2021.

Mr. Roehr noted that the Brill Building is located in the Warehouse Historic District. He explained that the building owner is rehabilitating it for multi-tenant commercial space, and that the purpose of the exterior repair and restoration work is to help facilitate the building's reuse. He then reviewed the proposed scope of work, which includes the following:

- Repair of Historic Masonry
- Repair of Historic Metal Cornice, String Course, and Window Lintels
- Roof Replacement and Minor Alterations
- Replacement and Repair of Non-Historic Windows
- Repair of Historic Windows
- Storefront and Door Replacement and Restoration of Historic Entrances
- Replacement of Non-Historic Exterior Lighting

Mr. Roehr also noted that the CUP proposal includes a master sign plan that includes proposed signage types, sizes, and locations for future tenants. He stated that the historic building sign above the second level of the two-story section of the building will be retained. Non-historic letters on this sign will be replaced with new letters to identify the building.

After the presentation and subsequent question and answer period, the Land Use Committee recommended support for the CUP.

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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