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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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Ms. Carrie Goldberg CPED,
Crown Roller Mill, Suite 200,
105 5th Ave. S.,
Minneapolis, MN 55401.

RE: Aeon's application to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for a joint project between St. Olaf Catholic Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church

Dear Ms. Goldberg:

I am writing on behalf of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association's Land Use Committee **to express support for Aeon's application to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for a joint project between St. Olaf Catholic Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church.** Jen Small from Aeon, along with representatives from both Churches and Touchstone Mental Health, met with the DMNA Land Use Committee on July 6, 2021.

Ms. Small explained that the project is a collaborative effort between St. Olaf Catholic Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church. The project encompasses a surface parking lot located west of St. Olaf Catholic Church, along with the Exodus Residences and another surface parking lot located to the south of the Church. Ms. Small noted that Westminster intends to contribute a significant amount of money to the project to help replace housing they demolished as part of their previous expansion project.

Ms. Small then provided an overview of the project. She explained that the plan is to construct a new mid-rise building with 150-270 units of affordable workforce housing on parking lot located west of St. Olaf Catholic Church, and to remodel the Exodus property for 60-67 studio units for people transitioning out of homelessness, along with building a tower next to the Exodus with 150-210 units of affordable housing. Ms. Small displayed images that showed building massing on both sites in comparison to adjacent properties. She also shared a rough concept site plan that showed how the units would lay out within the respective buildings. Specific architectural drawings and landscaping plans were not yet available.

After some questions and discussions, **the DMNA LUC recommended support for Aeon's application to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund for this project.** The committee expressed appreciation for the contributions this project will make to affordable and workforce housing opportunities in the downtown community.

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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