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Aaron Hanauer  
City of Minneapolis  
CPED – Land Use, Design and Preservation  
250 South 4th Street, Room 300  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

RE: Red Lake Nation College (900, 910, and 912 3rd Street South) - CUP and Site Plan Review

Dear Mr. Hanauer:

I am writing on behalf of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association's Land Use Committee (DMNA LUC) to **express support for the Red Lake Nation College's CUP and site plan review application to allow for a 9,000 square foot, three-story addition to a college campus at 900, 910, and 912 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South in the B4N / Downtown Neighborhood District, BFT30 / Transit 30 Built Form Overlay District, and the DP / Downtown Parking Overlay District.** Chief Dan King, Luke Capistrant from Loeffler Construction, and Tom Wasmoen from Firm Ground Architects met with the DMNA LUC on July 12, and again on August 8.

Chief King reviewed general information regarding the college itself, as well as the plans for the Minneapolis campus. He explained how the project came to be and why they selected the location in the Downtown East neighborhood. He indicated that they plan to invest \$11.2 million in the property between renovation and new construction. The project includes three buildings that will feature classrooms, training spaces, student services and office space. He stated that they anticipate the construction to be complete by July of 2023. At this point, the Minneapolis campus is primarily an online college with space for administrative staff and technology support in the 900 building.

Mr. Capistrant provided an overview of the site logistics and how they plan to stage construction. He explained how they will prepare the site for Minnesota Vikings home games and other large events at US Bank Stadium. He noted that they have communicated with the adjacent neighbors including Periscope and Ironclad. Mr. Wasmoen reviewed the architectural plans for the two existing buildings, as well as the new building that will connect them.

After some questions and discussion, **the DMNA LUC passed a motion supporting the CUP and Site Plan Review application.** The DMNA is strongly supportive of the adaptive reuse of historic buildings, along with the new connecting building, and the vibrancy it will bring to the eastside of downtown. We look forward to welcoming staff and students to the neighborhood.

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

Sincerely,

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