

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Zoning & Planning
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File type: Action
Subcategory: Environmental Review

Subject:

Environmental Assessment Worksheet Determination: Proposed Alatus Tower development; 200 Central Ave SE and 113 2nd St SE

Description:

Denying the petition for an EAW for the Alatus Tower development on the property located at 200 Central Ave SE and 113 2nd St SE.

Ward/Neighborhood/Address:

Ward 3
Marcy Holmes
200 Central Ave SE and 113 2nd St SE

Background/Analysis:

Nathan Dungan, representing Neighbors for East Bank Livability, filed a petition requesting the preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the project known as the Alatus Tower located at 200 Central Avenue Southeast and 113 2nd Street Southeast with the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) on April 5, 2016. The EQB subsequently assigned the City of Minneapolis as the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) after determining that the petition was complete and valid. According to the petitioner, the petition is based on the projects size and the inconsistency of the project with the City's Comprehensive Plan. The petitioner's complete statement and reasons for the petition are attached.

Minnesota Rules allow the RGU 15 days from the date of the receipt of the petition to decide on the need for an EAW. However, if the decision must be made by a board, council, or other body which meets only on a periodic basis, the time period may be extended by the RGU for an additional 15 days. Given the abbreviated time CPED has to analyze the petition, the Draft Findings of Fact and Record of Decision document is still being prepared and will be forwarded to the Zoning and Planning Committee as soon as it is complete.

Financial Review:

No financial impact.

Attachments:

1. Draft Findings of Fact and Record of Decision - FORTHCOMING
2. Letter from the EQB and petition materials