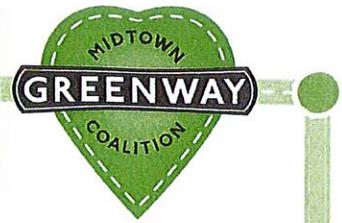


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October 13, 2016

Aaron Hanauer, AICP  
Senior City Planner – Land Use, Design and Preservation  
City of Minneapolis – Community Planning and Economic Development  
250 South Fourth Street – Room 300  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Mr. Hanauer:

The Midtown Greenway Coalition is pleased to submit this letter of support regarding the proposed Rana Village project, including support for rezoning the area to R5 to support this high-density residential development.

Our support is conditioned on the approval of the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development staff recommended motions and conditions as submitted to the Minneapolis City Planning Commission for the October 17, 2016 meeting.

There are many reasons why we support this project and the staff recommendations. As noted in the staff report, the proposed development will have fewer stories and a lower height than many of the recent developments along the Midtown Greenway.

We appreciate that the project steps back away from the Greenway in order to increase solar access and decrease shadowing on the trail. This includes having the entire project moved back from the edge of the Greenway; the addition of a public promenade along the Greenway; and having the top (5<sup>th</sup>) floor stepped back.

We are especially pleased to see the 24/7 public promenade along the Greenway. The promenade aligns with our vision for public walkways along the Greenway, which help to increase “eyes on the Greenway” and add new pedestrian routes for neighborhood residents. We also note that the proposed development just to the west of this project will also have a 24/7 public promenade, and the land owner to the west of that project has also expressed support for a public walkway along the Greenway.

We appreciate these and other project details that align with our vision for the corridor, and look forward to seeing this development constructed along the Midtown Greenway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Soren R. Jensen".

Soren R. Jensen  
Executive Director, Midtown Greenway Coalition

cc: Lisa Bender, Minneapolis City Council Member

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