



July 12, 2018

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

Re: 8<sup>th</sup> & Portland Development Proposal in Elliot Park Neighborhood

Dear Ms. Rouse:

On June 21, Kraus-Anderson and ESG Architecture & Design presented a development concept for the 8<sup>th</sup> & Portland project to the Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. Building, Land Use, & Housing (BLUH) Committee. During the presentation, the committee expressed a desire for both walk-up and drive-thru ATM options, as both are needed by the community. Additionally, concern was expressed regarding traffic flow through the site. Specifically, the challenge of a two-way alley was identified as a concern and most agreed that site access on 8<sup>th</sup> Street is needed. We look forward to working with the development team on exploring options for efficient and appropriate vehicular flow through the site.

Following the presentation and community discussion, the BLUH Committee voted in favor of conceptually supporting the proposal as presented with an understanding that Kraus-Anderson and ESG will return to BLUH for further discussion. The EPNI Board of Directors ratified the committee decision on July 9, 2018.

We look forward to an updated presentation at the August 13<sup>th</sup> BLUH Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vanessa Haight".

Vanessa Haight  
Executive Director

CC. Burt Coffin, ESG Architecture & Design  
Jaci Bell, Kraus-Anderson  
Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Council Member