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The Urban Design Commission is charged with assuring “the highest quality of design for all public and private projects in the city.” This is taken verbatim from the description statement for your commission. Unfortunately you are failing to meet to your own standards. The new apartment developments springing up all over the city are, at the core, one very simple design with a few tweaks here and there to their size, to their exterior materials, with little useful green space. Nothing innovative. Nothing interesting. And, definitely nothing that speaks to “high quality” design. The proposed development at [3535-3553 University Avenue + 733-737 N Meadow Lane](#) is also a take-off on the “box. The floor plan looks like a hotel. The height of building is not in keeping with the character of the neighborhood. The façade is the same-old, same-old found in almost every new development. Is the function of the Commission to simply rubber-stamp every building that is proposed? It certainly seems to be the case. If you are going to serve on this Commission, make it worth your time and efforts. Demand the “highest quality design.” You would be doing all tax-paying residents a favor.

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