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Subject: Comments regarding most recent plans for The Ideal apartment development (Drake and S. Park St.)

Although I do not wish to speak at the upcoming Urban Design Commission meeting, I would like to go on record on opposition to the overall height of the proposed building being proposed for the current Ideal Body Shop height. Even with the grade change on Drake St. heading west away from S. Park St., I feel permitting this building to remain 5 stories tall as far west from Park St. as the current design calls for is too high to fit in with the surrounding buildings in the neighborhood and sets a dangerous precedent for future development in the area.

I feel a four story cap and/or faster drop to a three story structure at the west end of the building would fit into the neighborhood much better than the current (and previous) designs proposed. This would conform with UDD7 guidelines recommending heights up to one story higher than most of the surrounding structures (mainly 2- and 3-story buildings).

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