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Hello Peggy,

Here are the comments on behalf of the Greenbush Neighborhood Association. I waited as long as I could hoping for more neighbor feedback, so I hope it's not too late. Thanks! Caitlin

The Greenbush Neighborhood Council believes that the developer/stakeholder relationship has a dynamic nature and that any changes to the City's development approval process should consider the interests of both groups equally.

When substantial or intense competing interests are involved, a developer's level of open communication, willingness to truly consider stakeholders' concerns, and genuinely working with neighbors is very important for a trustful and positive relationship. We understand that developers have their own interests to look after. However we value the current level of consideration neighborhood associations have in the City's development approval process.

Our major concerns with any proposed changes to the process are developers renegeing on agreements to the detriment of the neighborhood and a decrease in transparency.

Some neighbors in the more commercial areas of Greenbush are concerned by what they feel is a lack of notification about proposed commercial changes in the area (e.g. new establishments opening, not just liquor applications and/or change in conditional use permits). One Emerald Street neighbor writes, "I find expecting us each to birdog all the related city agencies an anti-democratic solution and a collective waste of time that could better spent in more valuable neighborhood or municipal endeavors."

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