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For the Neighborhood Summit, to be held tomorrow – pls also share with Tim Cooley, requesting written comments...in lieu of Bethel representation at this gathering.

By the nature of who we are – a large 155 year old central city Lutheran church, whose membership is county wide at least; and by what we do – reaching out, reaching in: mission focus further reaching than a city wide scope – we steadfastly feel that our ‘neighborhood’ assignment should be that of the Downtown Core, where the other institutional entities reside, rather than that of the Mansion Hill Neighborhood.

By the nature of Bethel Lutheran Church presently being considered a cog in the Mansion Hill Neighborhood wheel, at the very least we feel strongly that Bethel should have both a voice heard and vote in the neighborhood planning. We don’t – as 93% of other owners in this neighborhood presently don’t. That’s unfair for any neighborhood, and needs reconsideration.

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