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Dear Landmarks Commissioners:

I am the Co-Chair for the Marquette Neighborhood Association's Preservation and Development Committee.

The Brandon Cook proposal for 817 Williamson Street seems to have stirred up anxieties from stalwart preservationists. This was not the case at Alder Rummel's online meeting about the project on April 23rd when most attendees favored the project.

I recognize that there are aspects to the Cook proposal that do not conform to the codes for historic districts. The Marquette Neighborhood Association's discussion on the project concluded with the hope that Landmarks would make recommendations for adjustments the developer can make and that the project returns to us for new consideration. Our vote to not support the project does not mean we are unwilling to consider a reformed version of it.

I look forward to your evaluation as well as working with Mr. Cook on this further.

Thank You,

Jack Kear