

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Dwight Konrad and I live at 605 SE 15th Ave. I went to my Buckman neighborhood meeting last night to find some disturbing news about proposed zoning changes that would certainly affect the neighborhood. I have watched the Washington HS project from it's inception from my kitchen window and have been affected by noise and parking issues. This project alone will have a huge impact on our neighborhood and I would like to see what happens before we start rezoning and making radical zoning changes for the corner of Stark and 14th and the heart of Buckman between Stark and Belmont and 14th and 20th Avenues.

It seems like there are plenty of options for infill apartments that are currently zoned for commercial and residential along the SE bus lines and up and down 11th and 12th to keep the developers busy for a decade or two. It would be a shame to start tearing down some of the historic housing stock and putting up monolith apartments in this fantastic family neighborhood before it becomes necessary. I understand we need to plan for strong growth and inner SE is going to change over the years. It already has. That is part of progress, but let's try to keep the basic feel and livability of these close in neighborhoods by smart growth and not over zealous zoning changes.

In my judgement there is a need for:

- Apartments that offer parking.
- Family sized and affordable apartments, not just studios and 1 BR's that start at \$1000 and up.
- Parking permits to prevent people who don't use there cars more than once or twice a month from plugging up our neighborhoods. On my street the residents have to walk a block or two to get to there home every day.because cars park on our street and stay there for weeks at a time.
- Zoning that shapes a livable neighborhood and doesn't favor a bunch of 4 story buildings that are not on buslines or major streets.

Our neighborhood association is a good group of very concerned citizens and we will be involved in these changes and watching very closely as the proposed changes evolve. It seems like a complete turnaround from last year when Buckman was very close to becoming a historic designated neighborhood to all of a sudden changed to the hit list for tearing down the beautiful old buildings that make this the great neighborhood to live in.

My vote it to solidify the definition of the zoning codes, which seem to be in flux, and then stand pat without making more radical changes for a few years until we

see the impact of the WA HS project and the 14th/Morrison area, along with the planned apartments along Belmont and Morrison from 20th to 11th.

Sincerely,  
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