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**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2020 6:30 PM  
**To:** Ringold, Jennifer B. <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** [External]Open time

Hi Jennifer,

I hope you're well.

Something was really off with my "open time comment". Here's the correct version. Would you mind using this instead?

Good evening, my name is Craig Wilson and I served as a representative of the Lowry Hill, Kenwood, East Isles and Bryn Mawr neighborhoods on the Southwest Service Area Master Plan Community Advisory Committee. At the beginning of the planning process each CAC member had a different position, vantagepoint and bias but over the course of a year and a half of listening to each other, and learning about various stakeholder needs, we grew together as a group to understand the complexity of the park system and competing needs of people using parks. We also received wonderful training from staff that enabled us to understand demographic, geographic and racial inequities that helped guide us in our decision-making process. If you want to work against systemic racism and inequity, you should trust the vetting of our CAC process. We put basketball courts and fields in places intentionally to create more equity in the system. Replacing basketball courts with tennis court and soccer fields with baseball diamonds contribute to systematic racism because of the people it benefits. Please trust our comprehensive and thoughtful analysis and "stick to the recommended plan" as supported by CAC members.

Thanks!

Craig



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**Subject:** [External]South West Service Area Master Plan - Flawed Budgets and Design Descriptions

**Importance:** High

Dear Commissioners,

I hope this finds you well. My purpose for writing is to ask that you do not advance the SW Service Area Master Plan at this time as it warrants further scrutiny. The master plan has substantial budget flaws as well as errors in project design descriptions.

One such example equates to an error of over \$800,000 of un-necessary expense for Park Siding Park. The future design description features container playground equipment, yet this neighborhood park already has such equipment in place and does not require this immense project cost. The equipment is well liked, in great condition, and is ADA compliant. Please see photos below showing this equipment that was installed approximately 5 years ago.

Another examples relates to St. Louis Triangle Park which correctly describes the future design desires for the area as a gateway plaza with seating and public art. However the budget does not adequately reflect the costs to accomplish such. I am further concerned about this neighborhood park because the Minneapolis 2040 Land Use map does not show this area as parkland but rather as Corridor 6 (commercial mixed use). I trust that there is no plan to dispense of this neighborhood park.

Additionally, it is surprising that not a single comment received during the public comment period has been incorporated to improve or modify the draft final master plan. We know this to be the case because the project manager and her team analyzed the comments and deftly summarized them in the form of master plan amendments. These amendments were presented to the planning committee yet none of them were adopted. The two amendments that were adopted came as new items introduced during the planning committee meeting and did not flow through the CAC process. Much appreciation for the fine analysis done by Colleen in summarizing the public comments, but it disingenuous to have a public comment period if leadership is going to ignore the feedback.

Lastly, it the SW Service Area Master Plan process has not benefited from the input of MPRB operations and maintenance staff expertise. It is imperative that the MRPB internal staff experts on trees, water quality, and other areas be involved in the development of all master planning documents.

The work of the CAC and project manager is greatly valued and appreciated. There is time to pause and allow for an internal review of the master plan to ensure it is as robust, accurate, and mindfully crafted as possible.

Sincerely,

Claire Ruebeck

Minneapolis, MN

Notes:

**Plaza with Gateway Art and Seating is inadequately budgeted:**

Park Name	Asset Type	Project	2020 Estimated Cost/Project	Notes
St. Louis Triangle	Landscape	Naturalized Areas: includes pollinator garden	\$ 2,391	
St. Louis Triangle	Other	Plaza with Gateway Art and Seating	\$ 34,456	Implemented in collaboration with City and non-profit groups
St. Louis Triangle	Other	Renovate walking paths	\$ 68,275	
St. Louis Triangle	Other	Miscl. signs, trees, furniture	\$ 15,000	Includes funds for flexible seating
St. Louis Triangle TOTAL			\$ 120,122	

**Park Siding Park Existing Container Playground Equipment:**











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**Subject:** [External]Trees on kings Highway

I just learned that you are considering cutting down trees on King's Highway. This is an environmentally unsound idea.

The U of M Extension says a single large maple, 27.9 inches at breast height, stored nearly 5,000 pounds of carbon. In ONE YEAR, it sequestered 846 pounds of carbon. This amount is equivalent to the greenhouse gas emissions from 3,491 miles driven by a typical passenger vehicle.

These trees are a much greater benefit than a bike lane. Please leave the trees alone. It is your job to protect the city's resources.

Covering even more of the city ground surface with concrete or asphalt is another big mistake. The city already has runoff problems.

Doing this would go against the values of the citizens on Minneapolis. It is concerning that you would even consider such a move.

Is this really a time to be spending that kind of money? If the city council does not get crime under control property values will drop and the population will drop leaving even less tax money. Removing those trees will also decrease property values.

Rebecca Ridgeway

Lifelong resident of Minneapolis who votes and actively campaigns

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