

Written Testimony:
Historic Use Variance Application
445 Smith Avenue

August 10, 2015

Hi Amy,

We live in the Little Bohemia area of St Paul off of West 7th Street, fairly close to downtown. We like what Tom Schroeder has done with the Stone Saloon and other historic limestone houses. We would definitely like to see historic preservation such as this continue to take place in downtown St Paul [rather than tear down all the old buildings and build huge hotels such as is taking place with the old hardware store].

We cannot attend the meeting in support of the Stone Saloon and other buildings to be preserved but hope that you will attend to this matter and support Schroeder's work to create an environment that is historic and continues to serve the community.

Sincerely,

Beth, Maryellen, Burke and Jay Murphy

387 Goodrich Ave

St Paul MN 55102

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Dear Amy Spong & Members of the Heritage Preservation Commission,

Please accept this email expressing my support for the Stone Saloon Project. I regret that I can't attend your August 13 meeting in person, because I am truly excited about this endeavor - and its potential to spark interest in bringing to new life other historical structures in our city. Please vote to designate the Stone Saloon as a Saint Paul heritage preservation site.

Tom Schroeder has a gift for seeing how Saint Paul's history can be reclaimed to enrich its future. Restoring the Anthony Waldman House to a functioning lager saloon creates a wonderfully unique attraction. Unlike a museum, where you can look but not touch, the Stone Saloon will be a fully operational re-creation that the public can tangibly experience. It will draw people and accolades from around the country; it's consistent with the vision of reinventing the Schmidt Brewery and surrounding neighborhood; and it will inspire others to undertake adaptive reuse projects in their own neighborhoods.

I am originally from Cleveland, Ohio, where in recent years passionate residents have breathed new life into the city's image and economy by reclaiming and restoring buildings in the Tremont, Ohio City, and Gordon Square neighborhoods, all of which are adjacent to downtown. The difference is incredible. Midwestern cities need to fully support people like Tom, who are joyfully willing to put years of sweat and hard work into lasting legacies that add value to our communities.

This is a fantastic project. Please give it your full support!

With thanks from a proud West 7th resident,

Kris Kautzman

408 Erie Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102

651.338.6076

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Dear Amy,

I am writing to express my support for the granting of a historic use variance to allow the Stone Saloon to re-open as a historically-themed, Civil War era beer-only neighborhood tap house and microbrewery.

St. Paul is in a unique position to allow for a unique experience of a location and space that has been meticulously restored.

The approval of this variance will do several things: It will provide a one of a kind experience only available in St. Paul. It will add to the livability of the neighborhood and city by providing a gathering place for neighbors and residents. The Stone Tap will attract visitors to a unique and historic neighborhood in the city while helping provide much needed tax revenues. It will also help spur further investment in historic structures elsewhere in the city by showing that there are valid uses of such a costly renovation.

I urge the Heritage Preservation Commission to approve the granting of a historic use variance for the Stone Saloon.

Sincerely,

Jeff Zaayer
1750 Saunders Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55116

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August 12, 2015

Greetings,

I am writing to express my support for the Stone Saloon project on Smith Avenue near the High Bridge. I cannot make it to the public meeting on August 13th, but I would like to express how excited I am to see the restoration of the building, and to urge the HPC to recommend the historic designation and use variance so the building can be opened as a tap house.

I grew up on the West End of St Paul, living twice in different residences within three blocks of the Stone Saloon. The quirky buildings of the neighborhood have always been part of my image of home. This building in particular stood out because it was so noticeably older, different, and interesting. I was delighted to see the work being done on it recently, and even more so when I heard it was being renovated to serve as a craft beer location. I have gotten to tour inside the building, which was really exciting after wondering about it for so many years. I admire the dedication that the restoration team has put into it. As a former resident of the neighborhood, an area which has gone thru some hard times, it is good to see that sort of care for our history, and hope for revival.

I currently live on the West Side of St Paul, not far off of Smith Avenue. I am really looking forward to being able to walk down the High Bridge on summer evenings to get a craft beer, and then walking home after having two. I am looking forward to bringing my friends and saying "this is where I grew up". I look forward to sitting in this particular building that I have been seeing for nearly four decades and relaxing and appreciating the hard work of dedicated craftspeople. Please recommend to the City Council the historic preservation and use variance.

Sincerely

Jen Crea

229 Baker St W

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Heritage Preservation Commission,

As a history buff and longtime resident (61 Cambridge St) I believe Thomas Schroeder is the kind of gentleman who makes our city a better place.

Your recommendation to the City Council for historic designation of his Stone Saloon and for a historic use variance will enable him to make history come alive in an authentic and inspiring setting.

I'd like you to know that Tom was very generous with his time earlier this spring when he shared the story of his 445 Smith Ave structure with the cast of the Fitzgerald Theater's Civil War Homecoming show (broadcast by MPR on April 14 & 15). It served to ground us in a sense of place and connect us to the past.

I regret not being able to attend your meeting today but I am making final arrangements as hundreds of Civil War reenactors, from around the country, are in town to enable thousands of Minnesotans to retrace the 1865 return of the 2nd Minnesota Regiment as part Civil War Weekend (Aug 15 & 16) at Historic Fort Snelling. Again, Tom has extended every courtesy.

I believe St Paul needs the Stone Saloon that Tom Schroeder envisions and encourage you to approve his reasonable request.

Respectfully,

Randal Dietrich
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Minnesota Historical Society
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Amy Spong
Executive Director, Heritage Preservation Commission
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Saint Paul, MN 55102

Montana Scheff
Chief Creative Officer, Whittier Advertising
785 Dayton Avenue (Residence)
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Re: Stone Saloon Designation & Variance

Dear Ms. Spong,

As a new resident of Saint Paul, and as someone who is also undergoing a major restoration project in the Cathedral Hill neighborhood, I so appreciate all the work and extreme attention to detail that Mr. Schroeder is putting into his vision for the Stone Saloon near Saint Paul's burgeoning West 7th commercial district.

Upon reviewing the extensive research that has been conducted, I believe that the building itself and surrounding structures do indeed warrant historic designation. I also support (and applaud) the granting of a "historic use variance" to allow the Stone Saloon to reopen as a beer-only neighborhood tap house and microbrewery for the following reasons:

- A return to the original use of the building makes it the highest and best use for the structure.
- The attention to detail, restoration of the building, and unique business model will make this a destination-worthy amenity for the neighborhood.
- Sets an example of adaptive reuse of our historic structures.

I am so thrilled to be a small part of the continued renaissance of Saint Paul. The Stone Saloon and Mr. Schroeder's vision for the property are precisely one of the many reasons I'm so proud to call Saint Paul home.

Sincerely,

Montana Scheff
Chief Creative Officer, Whittier Advertising
400 S 4th Street, Suite 401
Minneapolis, MN 55415

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Dear Ms. Spong,

I am writing to the Historic Preservations Commission in support of the effort by Tom Schroeder and others to designate the Stone Saloon and four other small limestone house as historic, and to grant the "historic use variance" they request.

As a long-time resident of a historically designated building, I appreciate the commitment by current and future owners that enables and maintains that designation, and I've also seen and heard the impact such buildings have on a community.

As I sat in a unit here at Lauer during the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Home Tour, or acted as one of several hosts during the West End Garden Tour, or simply when I am out sweeping my sidewalk - I've heard the comments from visitors and neighbors. They appreciate and value the commitment it takes, they are impressed with the appearance and the effect of the historic building on the neighborhood, and they are curious about the history of the building. It provides an opportunity for conversation, and increases the overall impression that our community is friendly, outgoing and cares!

I understand that not every building can be or should be designated as historic, but I have also watched as Tom and his colleagues have worked with great care and attention to the Stone Saloon and other stone houses. These have value both in their structure and in their history and need to be designated to maintain that structure and history. You and the HPC monitor and maintain that status and do it with care and thoroughness - to that I can cheerfully attest!

A final point - historic designation and the granting of a "historic use variance" to the Stone Saloon will have, already has had, a positive impact on attitude and activity - the business activity along West 7th and on Smith and West 7th is remarkable - it has increased significantly with positive businesses **and** positive activity - coffee houses, medical services, restaurants, exercise studios, galleries, hair salons, and ,yes, another brewery! Now I know that this increased business activity has come about because of a lot of hard work by others, but the obvious effort put into the Stone Saloon and other limestone structures broadens and deepens the impact that I described earlier, reflecting once more a community that pays attention and cares about itself! Prospective businesses pay attention to that kind of effort and its impact.

Thank you for your attention, and for conveying my message to the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission.

Kind regards,
Kathleen

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Amy,

As a High Bridge neighbor, I support the Stone Saloon and what they are doing for the neighborhood.

Thank you
Bill Nosan
829 Ottawa Ave
St. Paul, MN 55107

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Hi Amy,

Because of my work schedule I cannot attend the hearing for the Stone Saloon, but I want you to know that I support it.

I am asking that the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission recommend to the City Council:

- historic designation of the Stone Saloon.
- granting a "historic use variance" to allow the Stone Saloon to re-open as a historically-themed, Civil War era beer-only neighborhood tap house and microbrewery.

I believe the Stone Saloon will help to bring our city's history to life in an engaging way, increasing interest in preserving historic buildings.

Thanks!

Renee Valois
2014 Cleveland Avenue North
Saint Paul, MN
651-631-0499

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Dear Mr. Dana,

As the chair of the Heritage Preservation Commission for the City of Saint Paul, I most strongly urge you to approve the historic designation of the "Stone Saloon" (445 Smith Avenue) along with 4 other limestone structures. I also strongly urge you to then grant an historic use variance to allow the Stone Saloon to re-open as an historic, neighborhood taproom, micro-brewery, and "intellectual salon."

I am a life long resident of the Twin Cities, and a ~23 year resident of St. Paul. For the last 15 years, I have lived on the West Side, just over the High Bridge from the Stone Saloon. Not only am I a resident, I am an amateur historian, and a local booster of the region. A house is nothing without it's foundation, and a city is nothing without it's history. I have passed the Stone Saloon a couple of times a day for 15 years, and have been intrigued by it's story. It stands out from it's neighbors not just because of the size and architecture, but also because of the medium with which it was built. To say that it has captivated me would be an understatement.

Platteville limestone is as much a part of this region as the Mississippi River itself. Early soldiers and residents of Fort Snelling, and early settlers of Mendota and Pig's Eye used what was available to them to build their homes, churches, and businesses. Most of those were made of wood and are lost to us. A handful of those buildings were built with a stone made from the mud of an ancient sea in the region. Some of these have survived. Then, to know the genealogy of those structures, that is rare indeed. And to have one of these stone buildings brought back to it's original use, well that is just profound.

With the daily traffic over the High Bridge, The Stone Saloon is perfectly poised to capture the attention of the commuting public. Then, with it's prime location next to the river, I feel it will captivate others as it did me. Actually, it already has. Visitors and neighbors have asked me about it. Then, by tying that "eye catch" back into the history of the region by resurrecting it's original function, I am certain that this will generate an intense interest in not only the structure itself, but the history of the neighborhood and the greater city. Yes, I really do think that re-opening this highly visible, highly accessible structure for it's original purpose will benefit historical interest in the region and assist preservation efforts for future projects.

Having a taproom like the Stone Saloon will be a complement to the area. Of course, it's architecture and location make it stand out. However, it's focus on historic German lager will give it a niche unoccupied by other establishments, and directly ties into the immigrants who settled the region. In addition, it's small size helps set it apart. People will be drawn to it for all of these reasons, but I expect it's atmosphere to be more like the salons of the Enlightenment or the coffee houses of Vienna at the turn of the last century or even like "Cheers...[a bar] where everybody knows your name" than like the atmosphere at other taprooms, pubs, or bars. I think this because the space and the history will nudge it's patrons in that direction. They will be inspired by their surroundings to imbibe, yes, but also to contemplate and to connect. Isn't this what architecture and history are supposed to do?! Well, the Stone Saloon easily does both.

I appreciate the task in front of you. Please approve the Stone Saloon, and it's sister limestone structures, for historic designation. Then, please grant an historic use variance so the Stone Saloon can re-open as a tap house and microbrewery. You will be doing St. Paul a great favor. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Most sincerely,

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Hi Amy,

This e-mail simply serves to memorialize my support for the Stone Saloon. I read about Tom Schroeder's work on the StarTribune website. I think this sounds like a neat idea that would benefit a struggling area. The beer brewing community in the Twin Cities is still in the nascent stage and this sounds like a really unique destination.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

All the best,

Ryan Kaatz

Can you please provide your address?

Thanks,

Sure. 1852 Yorkshire Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55116. I'm in Highland, but my friend lives near the planned brew house.

-Ryan

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Laurie Swanson
2186 Pinehurst St. Paul.

I cannot attend the meeting to show my support for the Stone Saloon, But I **fully support** it. This is the kind of thing that is making that part of the city great again. I was going to buy a house in that neighborhood a few years ago but it still seemed a little rough..... what a wonderful transformation is happening thereand oh how I wish I had bought that house!

- the historic designation of the Stone Saloon (and four other small limestone houses); and
- the granting of a "historic use variance" to allow the Stone Saloon to re-open as a historically-themed, Civil War era beer-only neighborhood tap house and microbrewery.

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Dear Ms. Spong:

I am writing to support the efforts of Mr. Tom Schroeder to obtain historic designation status and a "historic use variance" for his "Stone Saloon" property at 445 Smith Avenue North in Uppertown. These actions are warranted by the overall historic integrity and significance of the property, the appropriateness of the goal to re-create the building's historic use, and the contribution the project will make to the neighborhood and the city. Mr. Schroeder has made a considerable investment in the project and has been mindful of the need to protect and enhance the integrity of the property. In my opinion, this is a project worth supporting.

Sincerely,

Roger Brooks

Former chair, St. Paul Historic Preservation Commission
Former chair, Preservation Alliance of Minnesota
Former Midwest Chair, Board of Advisors, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Hi Roger, Hope you are well,

Can you please provide your address for the public record?

Thanks,

Hi Amy:

It's 1671 Pinehurst Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116. 651-690-2648.

If you want me to re-send the original email, modified, let me know.

Roger

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I am writing in regards to the upcoming meeting regarding the Stone Saloon as I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow, 8/13.

I am an amateur historian and have studied architecture for many years. I have watched Tom through all stages of his endeavor to preserve and bring back the history of this part of St. Paul. He has gone to great lengths to ensure that every detail has been attended to, and in keeping with the history of the structure, and also the brewing process.

I fully support his endeavors, and know that given his personality and goals, he will go to great lengths, now and on into the future to ensure the historical accuracy of the property, and of the brewing operations. I have no doubt that he has had the well being of the neighborhood and community in mind and as a priority since day one, and will act in an active and proactive manner to ensure that the neighborhood experiences only improvements because of the Saloon and brewing operation's presence.

Thank you,
Rose Jensen
5987 Highview Place
Shoreview, MN 55126

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Hello Mrs.Spong,

I would like to voice my support for the Stone Saloon.

I have been a Saint Paul resident and am particularly fond of the West 7th area. An area on the up and up featuring the new Bad Weather Brewing tap room (right across the alley from Stone Saloon!).

I've had the pleasure to visit the Stone Saloon and it is a magnificent way to introduce a whole new generation to a love for local history. As a young person myself, I know others my age will love getting a heritage beer in the most 'old-school' tap room in town and those interactions will spark interest in local history in general! Not to mention a great place to energize and organize existing history lovers!

For me, the historic designation and the historic use variance go hand in hand: without the use variance, there is no need for the historic designation. It would be like fixing up a model T without an engine.

Please recommend to the City Council to designate the Stone Saloon as a historic space and to grant a historic use variance.

Sincerely,

Eric R. Sannerud

Please provide your address.

Thanks,

I live at 16501 Buchanan St NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304

Used to live at 1815 Thomas Ave, Saint Paul

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Dear Ms. Spong, allow me to express my support of the Stone Saloon. I lived in the Irvine Park area (in the Panama Flats Rowhouses, built in 1888) for twelve years. I live in Minneapolis now, but retain a fondness for St. Paul and the historic buildings there. I am not acquainted with the owner but I've been following the progress of the Stone Saloon and it's painstaking, authentic restoration since I first heard about it a year or so ago. I think it's just the unique sort of thing to make the neighborhood even more special and honor the city's history at the same time.

Please recommend the City Council add the historic designation to the building and grant the historic use variance for the tap house and microbrewery.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
Andrea Myers

Andrea,
Please provide your address,

Thanks,

My home address is
52 Russell Ct
Mpls MN 55410

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Dear Historic Preservation Commission,

My name is Bruce Ye, and I am a BIM Modeling Supervisor at Martinez Geospatial, a laser scanning company which did the laser scan of the Minnesota State Capitol. I graduated in Architecture with a Bachelor of Art at the University of Minnesota. In 2013, I worked for John Yust, AIA, the architect who has been in charge of the current renovation of the Stone Saloon. I helped Mr. Yust to generate a few drawings and renderings of the saloon to study the site massing of the project. Mr. Yust is an experienced architect and has passion on historic preservation, especially for this project. He will only bring good to the neighborhood because he lives nearby the stone saloon and he is part of the neighborhood. Together with the owner Thomas Schroeder, they share the same vivid and historic vision and form a strong team to create such a unique and historic place for the community. This idea not only preserves this historic building but brings back the unique understandings of a past time to the public. I am proud to be a small part of this project. I hope you would support this project. It will prove itself to be a successful sustainable model for historic preservation and to be a nice place for the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bruce Ye

Home Address:
514 Huron Blvd, Apt 3
Minneapolis, MN
55414

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Dear Amy,

I am writing to express our support for the renovating and re-opening the Stone Saloon as a tap house and microbrewery.

From reading the website blog and touring the building, it's clear that the work to date has been a labor of love on the part of people who want to preserve St. Paul's history and share it with future patrons. We think that it a worthy goal and one that we hope you will support.

Best regards,

Connie Dickson and Stephan Weingarten
1466 Rocky Lane
Eagan, MN

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Dear Historic Preservation Commission,

My name is Anthony Alan Rodriguez, and I am an Architecture Student at the University of Minnesota. In 2013 I worked for Greg Bemis, a brick mason, and helped build a new brick chimney at the Stone Saloon using hand made brick and soft lime mortar. These experiences have been very important to me on the path of becoming an architect. I have learned about class A chimney codes, proportion of banding and corbeling. It was an excellent experience in understanding historic preservation and I am proud to have played a small part in the project. I support this project and encourage the Commission to do so as well.

Sincerely,
Anthony Alan Rodriguez
263 16th AVE SW
New Brighton MN 55112

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Amy, I support the Stone Saloon and hope you do too. Thanks,

Chris
202 Crestwood, Stillwater, MN 55082

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August 13, 2015

Hello Amy-

I am writing to urge you to support the historic designation and variance request for the Stone Saloon project. I learned of the project through a recent Star Tribune article which was quite informative and very interesting.

I grew up in St. Paul, and last year my son bought a rather neglected house on West 7th Street. He is working diligently (with some help from his father and I) to restore it and make it a comfortable home. Throughout this process my husband and I have come to love this particular area, and are strongly considering a return to St. Paul after nearly twenty years in Afton. I believe that this project enhances the appeal of West 7th by providing a social venue with deep roots to the community, and preserving an important part of Minnesota's heritage. I do not know Mr. Schroeder, but I'm quite impressed with the scope of his efforts and have no doubt the Stone Saloon will become a landmark venue.

Minnesotans value their history, and the wonderful limestone buildings in St. Paul add a richness through their character and presence. Please vote to forward this project. I wish I could attend the meeting tonight, but will be there in spirit!

Kind Regards,
Julia Welter
15045 45th Street South
Afton MN 55001

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August 14, 2015

Amy,

I'm writing to express my support of Tom Schroeder's restoration and future plans for 445 Smith Ave. (The Stone Saloon)

As a stone carver/mason I've had the privilege of working on many historic projects, and I produced the window sills for 445 Smith Ave. I felt that a lot of research and effort had gone ensuring the integrity of the design.

Too many historic buildings fall into disrepair, often close to the point of demolition. 445 Smith Ave is a case in point. I feel strongly that in the interest of the preservation of older buildings throughout the state, we need to support those prepared to fund such projects in anyway we can.

I look forward to your comments at the public hearing on Thursday.

Yours sincerely,
-Kay

Kay Owen

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Ms Spong,

I wanted to drop you a note to express my support for the Stone Saloon project coming up for your review this Thursday August 13.

I've lived in Minnesota my entire life with the exception of a stint in the military stationed in England.

After 3 years in England you come to appreciate all the old architecture and the vast history these old buildings represent.

Wouldn't it be nice if we too could save our old building.

I think we could, if there were some way that the owners could restore these structures without having to go bankrupt in the process. Or tearing them down to make room for a parking lot or other business.

By granting Stone Saloon (and other sites) a historic use variance you would be giving owners of these historic site the ability to financially afford to restore them to their former glory.

Please approve the Stone Saloon's request for a historic use variance this Thursday.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brad Turbes
11560 195th St W
Lakeville, MN 55044
952-913-8728

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Hi Amy,

I wanted to send this short email to express my full support for the Stone Saloon. I strongly believe the work that Tom Schroeder is doing with this historic place will add value to the historical legacy of the city.

As a regular visitor to MN, I plan to make this saloon a meeting place for my brothers-in-law when visiting family. We all appreciate history and a good beer.

I truly appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Warm regards,
Santiago Davila
1550 Clarendon Blvd
Arlington, VA 22209

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Dear Mr. Counts,

Please consider this email in support of tomorrow's Heritage Preservation Commission hearing to grant the Stone Saloon a Historic Use Variance. I grew up less than a block from the building and after college lived within a block of the structure until I was 28. I renovated an 1870's house at 151 Goodrich Ave. (<http://www.yusthaus.com/project/yusthaus> - also about a block from the Stone Saloon) for over 2 years, returning the structure to it's original glory by restoring the wooden clapboard siding, original floors, original decorative wood trim and detailing, etc... I have also helped my parents, who have lived in the neighborhood since the early 1970's, with multiple 19th century home restoration projects, all keeping with the history and character of one of the most historic neighborhoods in Minnesota. My Dad always insisted on the most historically accurate decisions for these buildings - like real wooden shingles - even if it meant more maintenance and money in the long run.

While growing up I also witnessed my parents unrelenting dedication to this historic neighborhood. As past executives of the Fort Road Federation they fought redlining initiatives, trucking routes, etc... which if successful would have torn the neighborhood apart and led to more degradation of the historic homes in the area.

My Dad, John Yust, is the architect of the Stone Saloon, he is a former employee at the Minnesota Historical Society, and probably done more 19th century restoration design work and advocacy than any other architect in the state. His efforts in support of Tom Schroeder mean the Stone Saloon is in the safe hands of a bona fide historic preservation dream team.

My work has subsequently led me to New York and San Francisco which are places dense with historic structures and preservation efforts. I can safely say that this project and its authenticity will put many of them to shame. I mention the project to each new colleague and friend I connect with in my travels and have only ever received a response of "How soon can I visit?". I believe this speaks to the reach this project will have beyond Minnesota.

Please grant this variance, there are few words to describe how much this project means to the neighborhood, to historic preservation in MN, and to all the people who have unflinchingly poured so much time, money, sweat, craftsmanship, and historical research into the building.

Sincerely,
Charles Yust
380 Frederick St.
San Francisco, CA 94117

And up until the beginning of July I owned the house about a block away at:
151 Goodrich Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55102

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Spong, Amy (CI-StPaul)

From: Robert Van Nelson <robertvannelson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 4:24 PM
To: Spong, Amy (CI-StPaul)
Subject: RE: Support for Stone Saloon

My address is:
1215 west 31st street
Minneapolis, mm 55408

From: amy.spong@ci.stpaul.mn.us
To: robertvannelson@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Support for Stone Saloon
Date: Thu, 13 Aug 2015 20:26:47 +0000

Can you please provide your address. This will not make it into the public record if received after 3:45 pm. We are preparing for the meeting now.

Thanks,

 **Amy H. Spong**
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From: Robert Van Nelson [<mailto:robertvannelson@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:43 PM
To: Spong, Amy (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Support for Stone Saloon

Amy,
I am writing in support of the Stone Saloon receiving an Historic Use Variance to develop the property at 445 Smith Avenue as a historical interpretive center and microbrewery/taproom.

I believe that it is a great opportunity to draw attention the history of the city of St. Paul as well as strengthen its connection to the modern era.

<http://m.startribune.com/business/320960021.html>

Best regards,
Robert Van Nelson

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Spong, Amy (CI-StPaul)

From: Frank Trnka <franktrnka1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 3:54 PM
To: Spong, Amy (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Re: Support for an Historic Use Variance for the Stone Saloon

2520 28th Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Sorry to not have included it in my letter.

Thanks.

Frank Trnka

On Thu, Aug 13, 2015 at 3:35 PM, Spong, Amy (CI-StPaul) <amy.spong@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Hello Frank,

Can you provide your address? For public record purposes.

Thanks,



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Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2015 11:19 AM
To: Spong, Amy (CI-StPaul)
Cc: Schroeder, Thomas S. (tom.schroeder@FaegreBD.com)
Subject: Support for an Historic Use Variance for the Stone Saloon

Dear Members of the Heritage Preservation Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for providing an Historic Use Variance for the Stone Saloon and also the historic designation for the Saloon and the other 4 limestone buildings in the proposed historic district.

Both the Stone Saloon and the Martin Weber House at 202 McBoal St. were built by my stone mason great-great-grandfather, Jacob Amos, who was also a Union Captain in the Civil War. One building was built before the Civil War and the other after.

I have been a participant in two tours of the Stone Saloon and can attest to the intense interest, both in the history and restoration of the building and in the chance to one day taste a lager beer brewed in 1850s style and be able to sit and drink it in a location that will be such a re-creation of the atmosphere of that time, something that other microbrew pubs in the area cannot offer - the saloon equivalent of the Gibbs Farm Museum perhaps?

Since the proposed historic district, I have taken several groups of friends and relatives on walks through the neighborhood to visit the 5 stone houses. People are immediately impressed not only with the history of those buildings, but also the chance to see the neighborhood and many of the other old buildings still standing at an up-close walking pace. The re-opening of the Stone Saloon for its earliest use will exponentially increase its exposure to the public and their knowledge and appreciate of these precious limestone buildings.

Jacob would be proud. His descendants are eager to someday toast the HPC—and City of St. Paul—in the Stone Saloon.

Regards.

Frank Trnka

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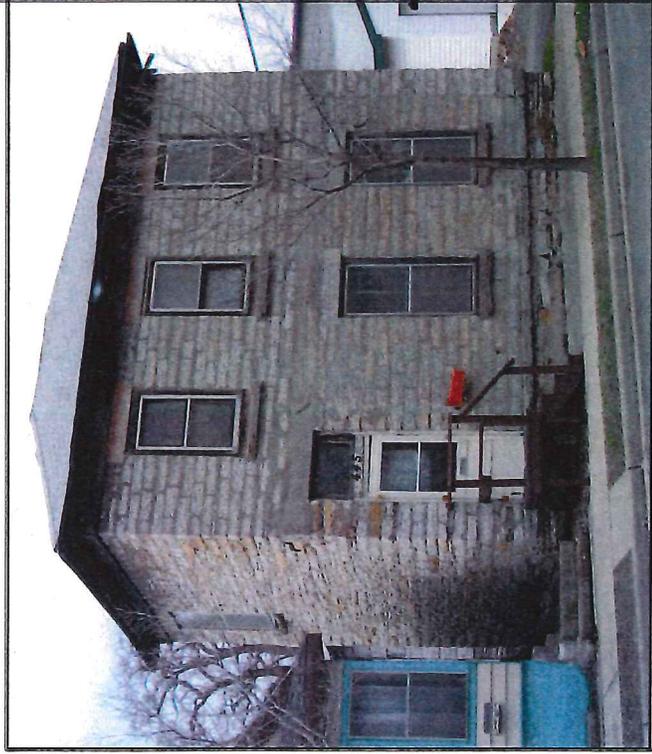
save our **NEIGHBORHOOD** by saying **NO**
to any type of Beer Brewing for sales or consumption
at the **OLD STONE HOUSE** located at
445 Smith Avenue North, St. Paul, MN 55102
Building capacity - 60 to 75 people???
Hours of operation - 11:00 pm or later???
Patio for smokers and drinkers - 60 to 75 people???
Parking???

Robert L. Brown	431 N. Smith Ave
Don Kreidler	430 Smith Ave
Mitchell Peck	428 Smith Ave
Paul Knopf	247 Goodrich
Jayellen Banki	233 Goodrich Ave
Fai Gantkoree	425 N. Smith
Brian Brown	431 Smith
Mosh Capant	232 Goodrich
annette s. o'keefe	235 Goodrich Ave
Jennifer Gabel	235 Goodrich Ave
Richard [unclear]	999 Smith Ave N
Anna M. Kobelt	444 Smith to N.
Jeff Golden	4215 7th St NE

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Anthony Waldman House/Stone Saloon (1857)
2011 and 2015

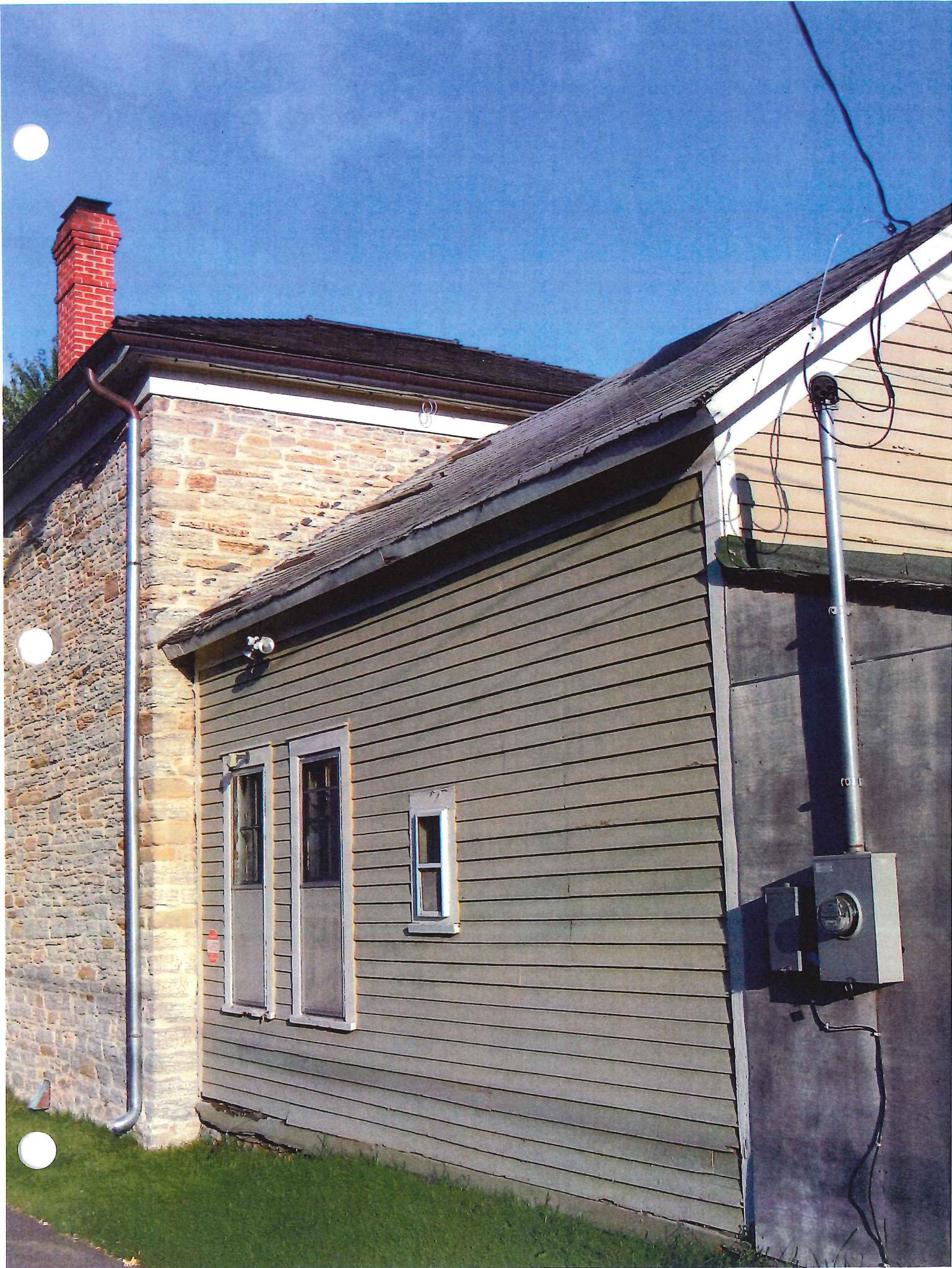


445 Smith Avenue North
(near bottom of High Bridge)







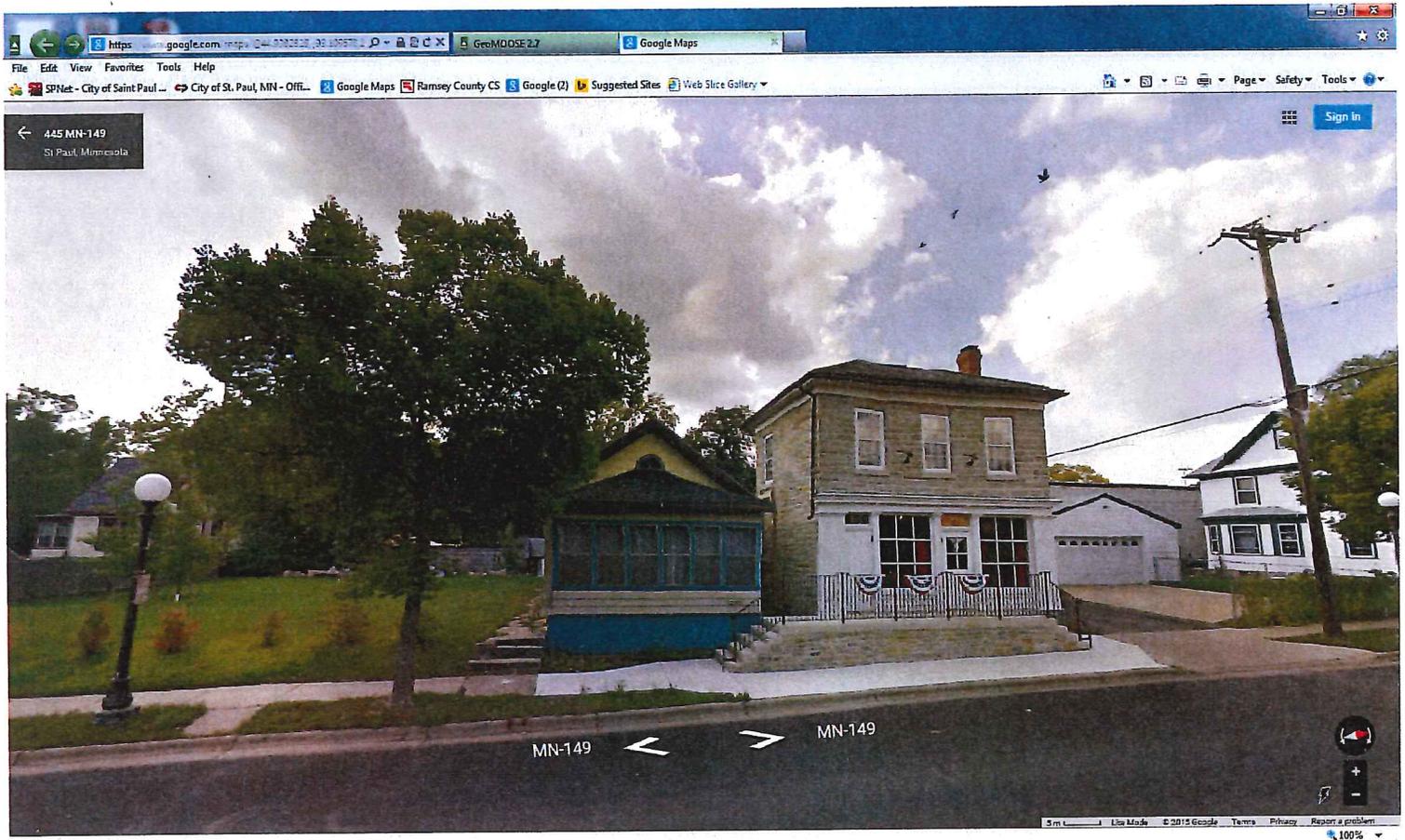


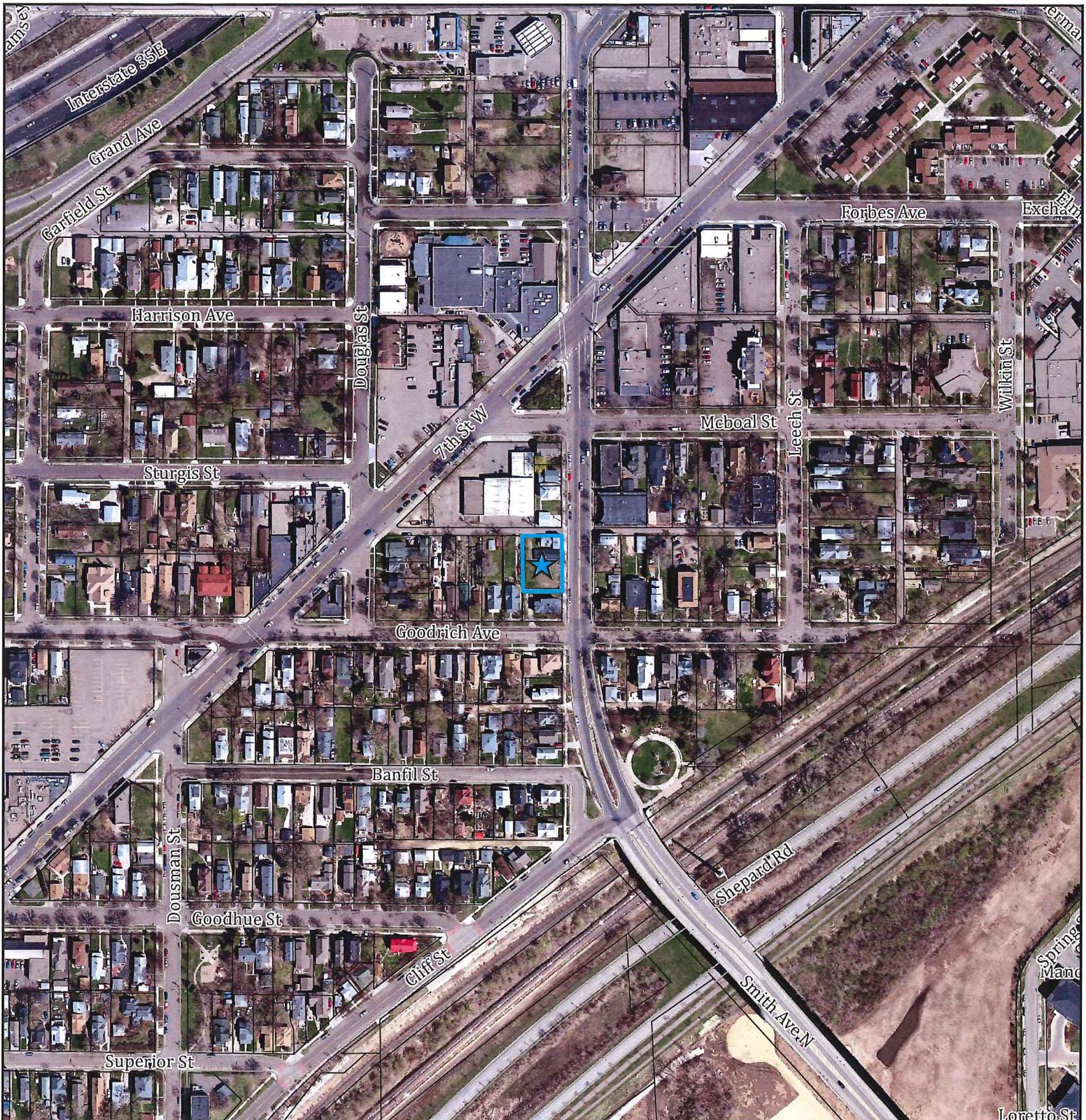












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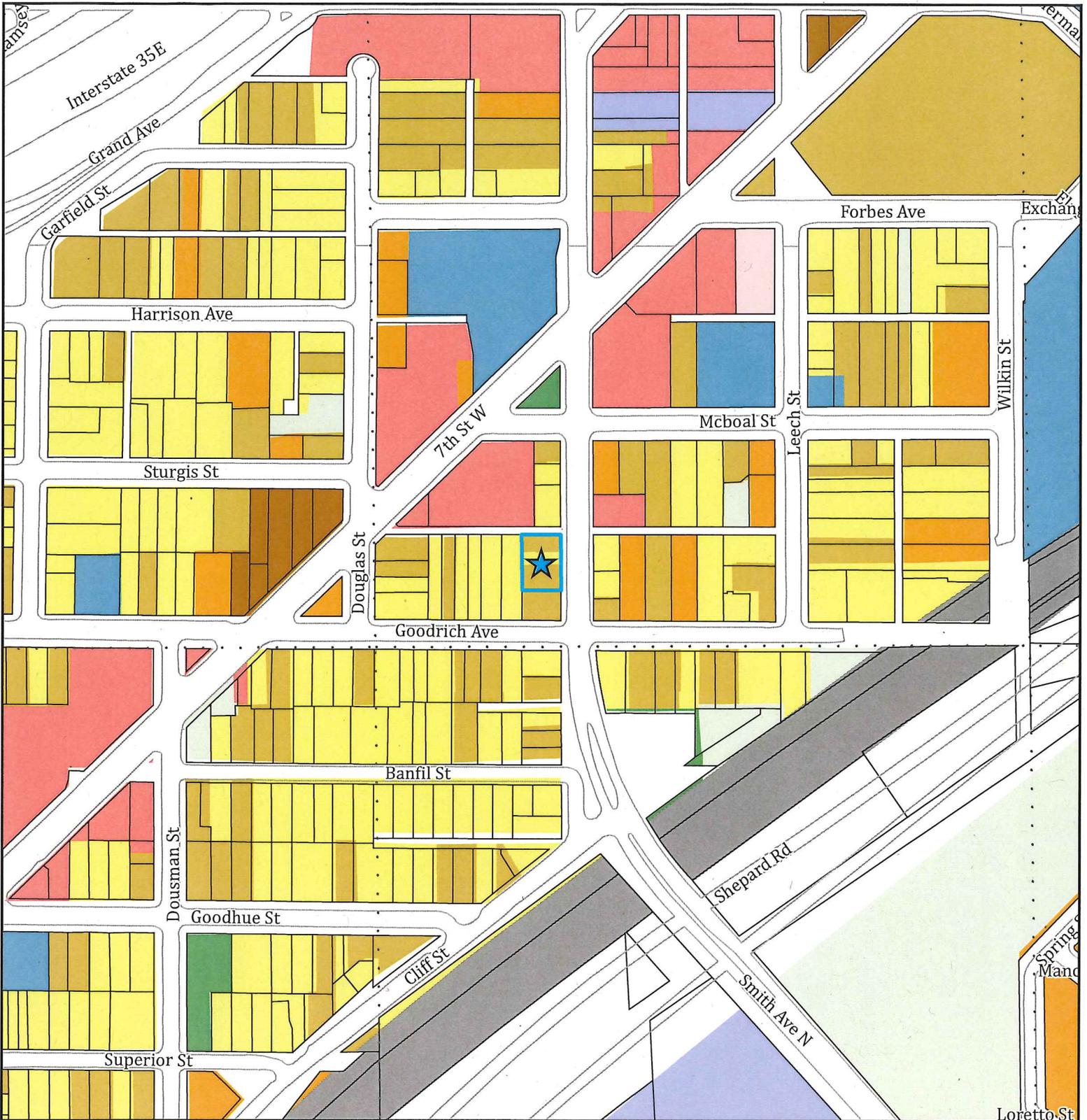
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PLANNING DISTRICT: 9

ZONING PANEL: 15





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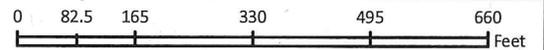
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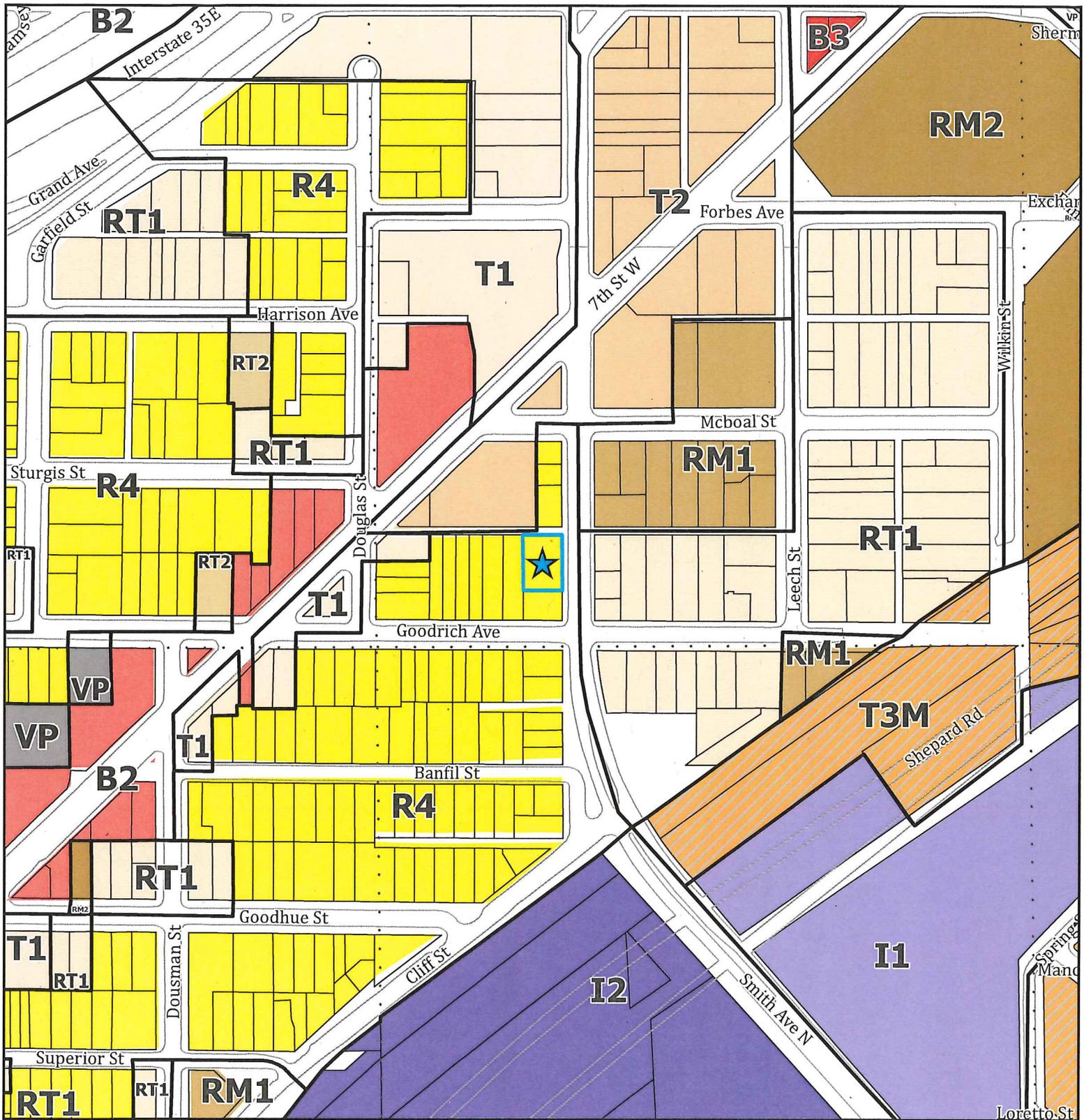
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Land Use

- Single Family Detached
- Single Family Attached
- Multifamily
- Office
- Retail and Other Commercial
- Mixed Use Residential
- Mixed Use Commercial and Other
- Industrial and Utility
- Institutional
- Park, Recreational or Preserve
- Railway
- Undeveloped
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Zoning

R4 One-Family

RT1 Two-Family

RT2 Townhouse

RM1 Multiple-Family

RM2 Multiple-Family

T1 Traditional Neighborhood

T2 Traditional Neighborhood

T3M T3 with Master Plan

B2 Community Business

B3 General Business

I1 Light Industrial

I2 General Industrial

VP Vehicular Parking

Subject Parcels

Section Lines

