NORTHEAST PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Minneapolis City Council Attn: Council Member Kevin Reich – Ward 1 350 S 5th St, Room 307 Minneapolis, MN 554

Dear Council Member Kevin Reich,

On behalf of Northeast Park Neighborhood Association (NEPNA), we want to extend our support to the development at 1505 Central Ave NE by Hempel.

At our meeting, February 13, 2020, the development team presented to our Board the possible schematic design for this development. We were most impressed in their desire to attain Historical Designation. This property, as you are aware, has quite the history in our neighborhood and is part of our association logo.

We are eager to see this property take a new face and revitalize its lifeline in our neighborhood. The desire to create a space that is multi-purpose and for public use will bring the community into this, what is now, a secluded closed space with an undesirable looking privacy fence surrounding the property on the north and east sides.

NEPNA asks that you please support Hempel in their desire to seek historical designation, and further development of this project. We know it is important to you to have neighborhood support and this Board supports this project at this point of the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you should need further information, please may contact NEPNA Board Chair, Katie Kottenbrock, at info@nepark.org.

Sincerely,

NEPNA Board