Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in opposition to the planned development near the Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center on Mt. Washington (PLUM Item No. 19-1613, Environmental No. ENV-2016-3713-MND-2A). First of all, why have I not heard of this before? There have been no mailings, no emails, and no opportunity for community input that I’ve seen or heard. I’ve been told the developer took steps to conceal this project; if that’s so, that alone should be enough to cancel this ill-conceived development. With no outreach or information, I have no idea if this will include affordable housing or just be another architecturally ugly structure with sky-high rents. If that’s the case, it should absolutely be canceled. If it is supposed to have affordable units, why have we not been told? Mt. Washington is one of the last livable places in this city. The quiet neighborhoods, abundant greenery from mature trees, and laid-back environment would be destroyed by this development. The months of noise, dust, and toxic emissions from machinery and trucks would compromise health and well-being of the entire area, especially the kids who use the Recreation Center. I know the streets on the hill: They are far to narrow and winding to accommodate major construction traffic. Kids use these streets, most of which do not have sidewalks) to walk to and from school every day. This will put them at risk and cause completely unnecessary stress and worry for parents. I urge you to cancel this project. And in the future, have the courtesy to inform your constituents, give them a chance to comment, and stop putting the interests of big money over the needs of the community.