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KARE  
122 West Main Street, Suite 2  
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May 2, 2007

Re: Old Elementary School

Dear KARE:

This letter addresses several issues regarding the City's process to demolish the Old Elementary School and KARE's involvement in that process. Regarding the public forum questions presented at the April 25<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the City has this response. The Old Elementary School site is a prominent piece of property and any development of the property should be to the benefit of the entire community and approved by the City Council. Therefore, there is not a sale price on the property without an approved development plan and financing to carry out that plan. Also, KARE is requesting additional evaluations and discussions regarding the use of the building through the City's architect. The City has provided KARE and the general public with information regarding these evaluations and is not interested in continuing debate on the matter.

The City has expended resources to discuss historic preservation feasibility, reviewed other restoration projects and analyzed financing options including tax credits, and housing funds. The City has explored the possible use for affordable housing, commercial, public and combinations thereof. The City has sought and received advice for utilizing government grants, bonds and investment capital. The City Council has read the reports, listened to all sides of the issue, and asked the citizens to vote. The City Council's decision after all the research is to demolish the building and consider the site for a new library.

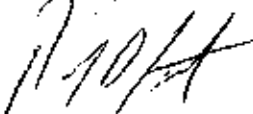
On another matter, the KARE organization has claimed many items in the Old Elementary School for preservation and reuse. KARE needs to have all items removed from the property by May 22, 2007. Any items remaining after May 22, 2007 become the property of the successful demolition/salvage bidder.

And lastly, KARE has stated that they have begun a legal process and completed an injunction to prevent the demolition of the building. As a public entity, the City has a responsibility to protect the interests of the citizens and has notified our legal counsel of KARE's threats of litigation. Therefore, please direct any further discussions regarding demolition of the Old Elementary School to our attorneys at the following addresses:

Goodman & Guzinski, Mr. Joe Guzinski, P.O. Box 277, Rochester, MN 55903-0277.  
League of Minnesota Cities, Mr. Brian Gaviglio, 145 University Avenue West, St. Paul, MN 55103-2044.

If you have any questions regarding any of these matters please contact me.

Sincerely,



Randy Lenth  
City Administrator

cc: Mayor and City Council  
City Atty. Joe Guzinski  
LMC Atty. Brian Gaviglio

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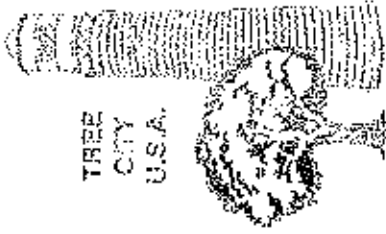
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