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Robin Hutcheson,

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Director Hutcheson,

I am writing on behalf of Docomomo US to share our interest in Peavey Plaza, an exceptional Modern landscape that is unlike any found in the US, and how the upcoming project will follow the recommendations that were produced in the Historic Structures Report.

In case you may not be familiar with our mission, Docomomo is an international organization founded in 1988 in The Netherlands. Docomomo is composed of national committees in more than 70 countries around the world, invested in the conservation of architectural and landscape design culture by working in partnership with other international organizations, national and local governments, and regional and national associations. The name “Docomomo” stands for the **d**ocumentation and **c**onservation of monuments, sites and neighborhoods of the **M**odern **M**ovement. It promotes the exchange of knowledge about this important legacy which extends from the planned city and the iconic monument to the house next door.

Docomomo US is familiar with Peavey Plaza, because our Minnesota Chapter, which has a strong and active presence in the area, has long since recognized this site as a significant part of Modernism in Minnesota. Todd Grover, a well-known preservation architect in Minneapolis, is on our National Board of Directors

and has been actively involved in advocating for Peavey Plaza for many years. In 2014, Docomomo US awarded our Advocacy Award of Excellence to the Cultural Landscape Foundation, the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota and Docomomo US/Minnesota for their work in saving this important landscape ([http://docomomo-us.org/2014\\_modernism\\_america\\_awards\\_winners](http://docomomo-us.org/2014_modernism_america_awards_winners)). Those actions have given us the opportunity and impetus to reexamine the potential that can be offered at this site and bring us to where we are today.

We understand the recent Request for Proposal for “Historic Preservation Architectural and Landscape Architectural Services for Peavey Plaza” received wide interest from across the nation, and that Coen + partners, a landscape architecture firm from Minneapolis was selected for this project. The RFP indicated that the upcoming phases of the project will draw on the recently completed Historic Structures Report (HSR) as a baseline for proposed work. This is very encouraging as Mr. Grover, who was a part of the Public Engagement process during the development of the HSR, has noted that the report was done in a thorough and methodical manner that both balanced the needs of the community, the site, and the significant landscape design. We hope that this balance continues into the design phases of this project as we are excited to see the sensitive revitalization of Peavey Plaza.

Please let us know if we can be of any assistance, but do know that Mr. Grover has been invited to the Stakeholder Progress meetings and he is excited to see the progress of the design in the upcoming months.

Sincerely,



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President