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Hello Ken,

I received some information for the proposed apartment complex for Inwood and wanted to voice my concerns as I'm not sure if I will be able to find child care for the evening of the Planning Commission meeting on 11/13.

First question is, is this a senior living complex? It isn't 100% clear in the proposal.

My concern is the look of the building looks to be sterile and more "institutional" like. Perhaps "modern" is another word that can be used. In looking at the area and the existing architecture (aside from the school), it isn't fitting, nor warm or welcoming. It isn't what my neighborhood or Lake Elmo is all about. Instead, Inwood and Lake Elmo have a sense of "home" and "tradition". This is why I chose to live here, raising my young family.

If this is a senior living complex, having parents nearing this stage in life, the proposed design would not be appealing to them whatsoever. They would not want to call a "box" home or be proud to show off their new home. They might as well move into a nursing home to get the same institutional feeling.

I hope my opinion will be heard and taken into consideration. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing feedback.

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