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To Whom it May Concern:

In regard to the ComeUnity Hub project, it has been determined by the Board of the Benton Park West Neighborhood Association (BPWNA) that the location at 2622 Cherokee Street is not the best choice for the proposed ComeUnity Hub project as this location is outside the boundaries of Benton Park West.

The Board appreciates the ideas and enthusiasm and agrees that improvements to Cherokee Street and Gravois Park will improve Benton Park West indirectly. However, the perspective is that as the money was for direct improvements and/or projects in Benton Park West, then any project funded should be in a central location in Benton Park West for all residents to use and enjoy.

When considering the impact on residents, the BPWNA Board reviews the scope of the proposed project or business. In this case the perspective would be to benefit the majority of Benton Park West residents. At the proposed location, the majority of residents would not benefit.

The BPWNA's mission challenges us to "advocate for recognition, renewal, and sustainability of Benton Park West's unique human and physical resources," the location leaves us with concern that the ComeUnity Hub project would not directly further the growth of the neighborhood.

The Benton Park West Neighborhood Association supports projects which create community, but can not support the location of this Community Hub project.

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