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Thank you for sending out the public notice regarding the HRA at 8th and 8th. I live at Hamilton Street and have seen lots of development within the last twenty years. Although I recognize that housing is needed and not readily available, I did not see where this would be affordable housing, especially if family friendly units.

Thirteen parking spaces is ridiculous and there needs to be more. How will parents move their children, from family-friendly units, to their baseball and dancing classes? I currently do not have any visitors between May to October as there is not a parking spot to be found on Hamilton, or the surrounding area, due to park activities. In fact, I have had to give up my underground spot and park blocks away to assist my elderly parents visit on many occasions. There needs to be more parking to assist those that love the park, and those that live by the park.

I also believe that electrical wiring should be underground. It has been mentioned before, but bonding, or consideration (been brought up when three new buildings were constructed on Hamilton). Not only would it alleviate poles on the street, but provide more parking and stability to the electrical grid.

Lastly, the height of 40 ft is quite a variance and is almost at the same height of the low rise buildings across the street. Maybe there should be a review of those low rise on 8th, and on Hamilton to see about increased densification with an OCP amendment for gradual densification from the 20 storey high rises, to increase density, and then the construction of townhouses (which I assume will become standard practice going forward).

Thank you for your time,
Therese Nielsen