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**To:** Paula Smith  
**Subject:** Case: Fieldstone Apartments, 25-0916 - comment for Design Review

Paula - Please pass these comments along to the Design Review Board.

I support the staff report recommendations listed here:

*Site Plan and Landscape Plans: Approve with the following conditions to be shown at time of Detail*

*Design Review:*

- 1. Provide additional fence openings to provide better pedestrian connections to 9th Avenue.*
- 2. Provide additional architectural elements to at least one of the pedestrian connections providing for a clearly defined courtyard entry into the site.*

The layout and design of this space should encourage walking and cycling. People who live here should be able to reach the street without a long circuitous route through the buildings or parking areas. The purpose of their trip, by foot or bicycle, is not important. We cannot predict why people will choose to not use a car. A bus route is available not far from these homes. There are many employment sites within walking distance of this development.

In addition to providing fence openings, these access points should be explicitly required to be ADA accessible with clear access routes to the buildings. These openings should be stipulated to not include a gate. (Once a gate is in place, it could be closed, locked, and therefore essentially NOT be an opening.)

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Karen Messmer